



Christmas ornament 2021

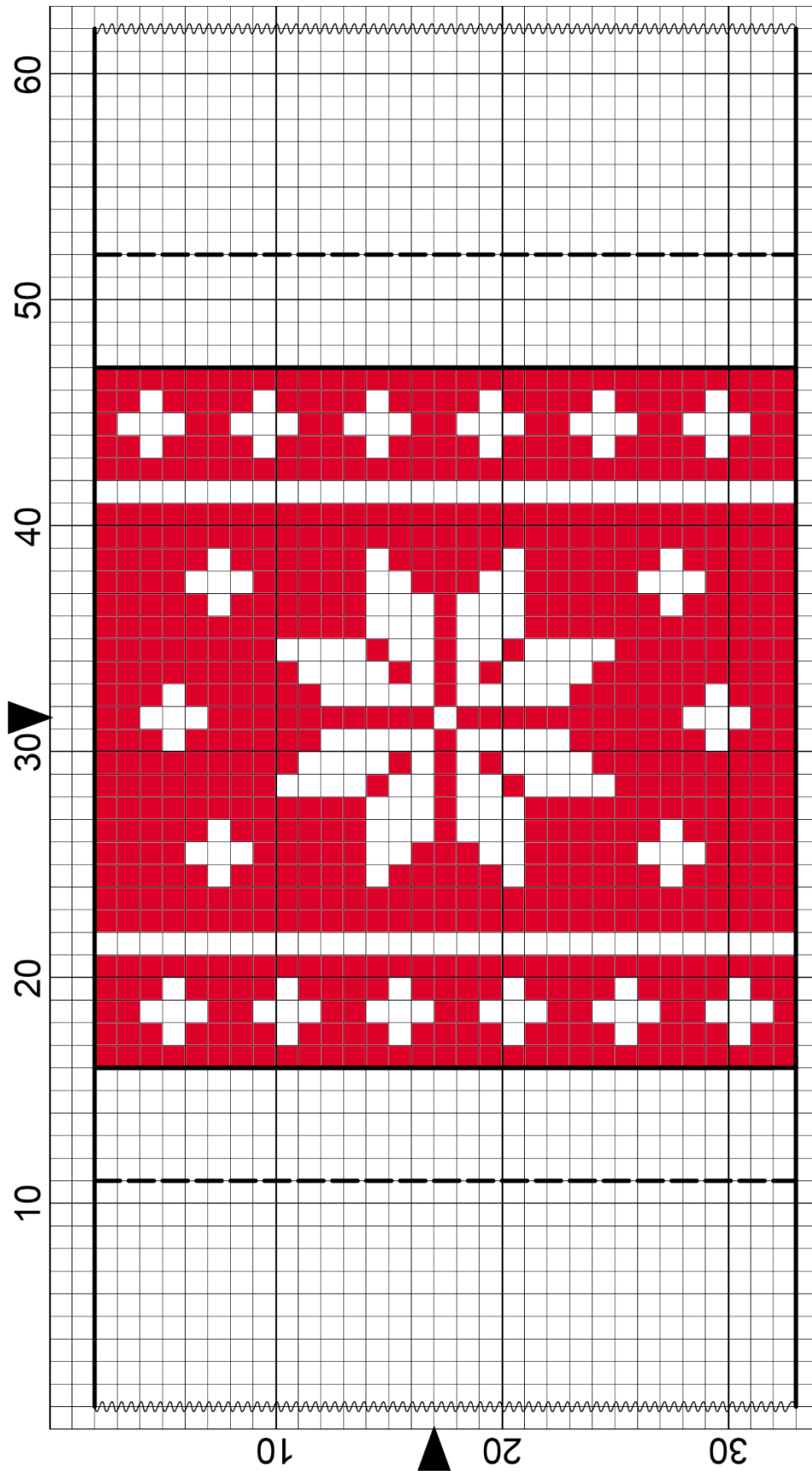
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This is a pretty little stitched ornament that is perfect for using up leftover linen scraps and those variegated threads I know each of us stitchers have tucked away in our stash, waiting for just that one 'perfect' project.

I used DMC coloris 4519, but it can just as well be stitched in a solid shade, or different colours.

Are you short on time? Stitch only the *white* parts – Star, crosses and lines, this would look lovely on coloured linen (or natural linen with white threads).





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For the roll shown in the photos I used 28 ct linen, and about one skein of DMC coloris 4519. If you are using 28 ct linen I would suggest having a piece that is at least 18 x 12 cm. For stitching up I used a thin crochet thread (100% mercerized cotton), you'll want to use a good, sturdy thread for the stitching up as there is a little bit of tension on the linen when you fill the roll with polyester stuffing.

Start by stitching the cross-stitch design, then from the sides count 5 stitches (10 threads) and pull out 2x thread. Now count 10 stiches (20 threads) and cut, finish off by unravelling about 4 threads.

Trim your embroidery to about 0.8cm/1cm, fold and start sewing by weaving your needle between 2x threads – see photo.





I started stitching from the middle as this gave me the chance to finish off the ends the way I wanted, but you can stitch it up as you prefer; take extra time on the ends as this is what will give your ornament a nice, strong finishing touch.



Close up photo of the end, note how I 'strengthened' it by adding some extra stitches just below the unravelled ends.

Stuff your little roll, and finish it off with a ribbon, or yarn.

For more photos see blog post: <https://roland-designs.blogspot.com/2021/10/christmas-ornament-2021.html>