

Christmas ornament 2015

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A pretty little Hardanger ornament that will stitch up real quick. Why not use metallic embroidery floss for the star? You could also make sets of them to give away as gifts.



Design Area:

All measurements given are if the ornament is stitched on 28 ct linen (11 threads per cm)

Christmas ornament 26 x 22 stitches 1,8' x 1,5' / 4,7 x 4 cm

- Kloster blocks and blanket stitches are worked in DMC perle cotton size 8
- Cross stitch is worked with 2 strands of DMC embroidery floss, Christmas red 666.
- Be sure to take your time, count twice, and only cut along the red lines when you are finished with the whole embroidery.
- Use a pretty little ribbon, cord, or thread to hang up your ornament.

<u>Tips</u>

This little ornament can also make a pretty medallion for decorating Christmas cards.



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Hardanger is a traditional Norwegian whitework embroidery technique that is called after the western region of Norway dominated by the Hardanger fjord.

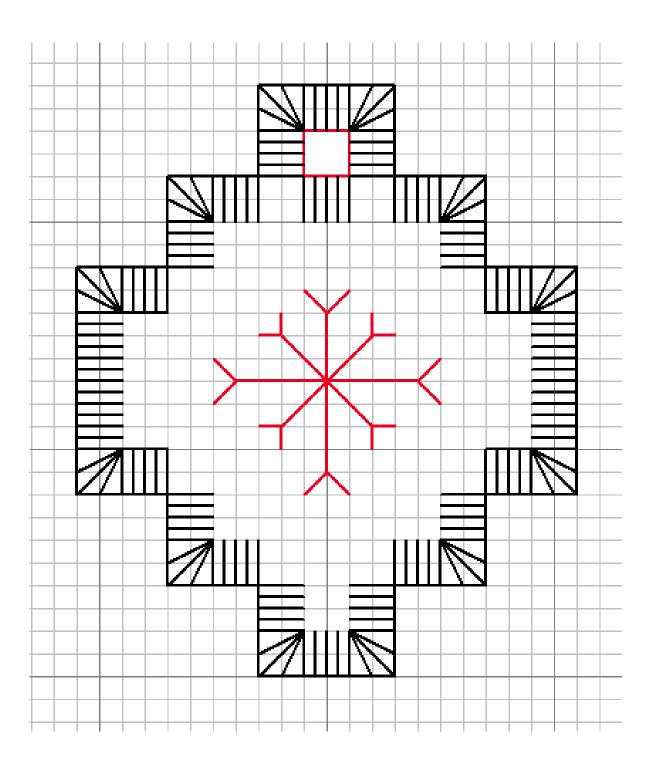
Hardanger is best described as geometrically patterned embroidery, with cutwork. Originally done all in white linen threads on linen cloth, it is now often stitched on even weave fabric with cotton pérle threads.

Some Norewegian bunads (traditional costumes) feature hardanger embroidery on the aprons and shirts.



Women wearing a bunad with Hardanger embroidery on her apron.

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Tip for blanket stitch.

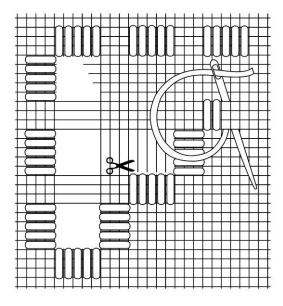
Work left to right.

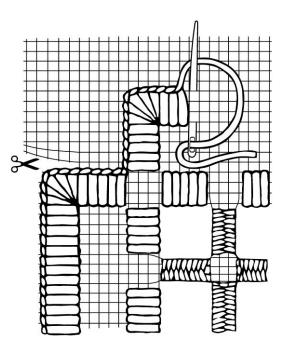
Start on the top, by passing the needle through 1 fabric thread on the right, then 4 threads down on the other row, (under, and up - see picture) Then catch the lose thread behind the needle, pull gently.

This will create s neat and attractive blanket stitch edge.

Left handed persons simply work it the other way around, right to left.

Use a sharp, pointy scissor to trim off the excess fabric.





Kloster blocks

Blanket stitch