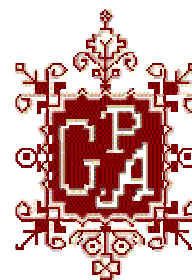


# Christmas in Williamsburg 2014

## *A Biscornu by Giulia Punti Antichi*

A complimentary design for needle art lovers attending the

*Annie's Needle Arts Festival Dec. 4-8, 2014*



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### Stitching materials:

- **Fabric:** 5x10 in (two squares 5x5 in)
- **Threads:** one skein each of the following DMC stranded cotton threads 304, 3031, 3345, 3347

### Materials for finishing:

- polyfill for stuffing the biscornu
- one round pearl button + one round flat button
- one skein of Satin DMC Floss #S321 or a pre-made red tassel
- 20 in polyester red cording
- fiberfill

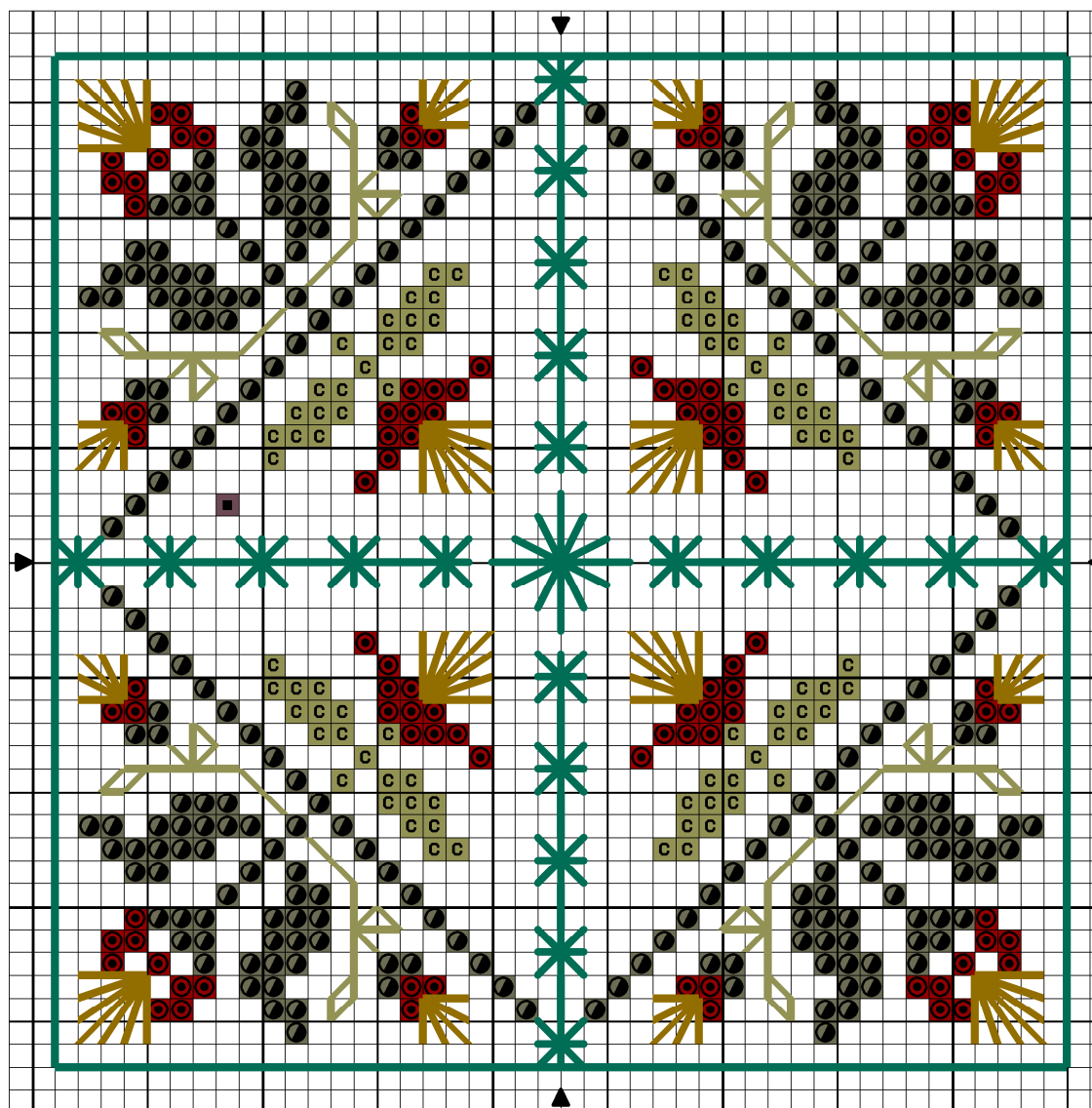
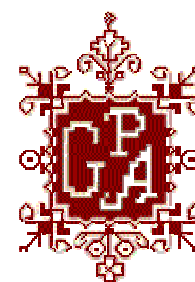
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# Christmas in Williamsburg 2014 - Biscornu front



Cross Stitch with two plies in:

<b>C</b>	Insect green	3347
	China red	304
	Dark Mocha brown	3031
	Dark Hunter Green	3345

Smyrna Stitch with one ply of Petrol Blue 3808

Diamond Eyelet with one ply of Petrol Blue 3808

Diagonal Satin Stitches with one ply Ochre Brown 3829

Backstitch branches with one ply of Insect Green 3347

Backstitches between Smyrna Stitches with one ply of Petrol Blue 3808

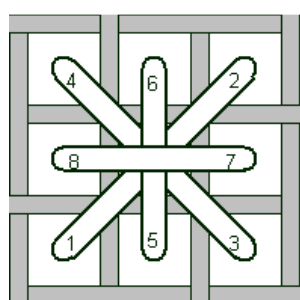
Backstitch edges with two plies of Petrol Blue 3808

Stitch Count 44 x 44

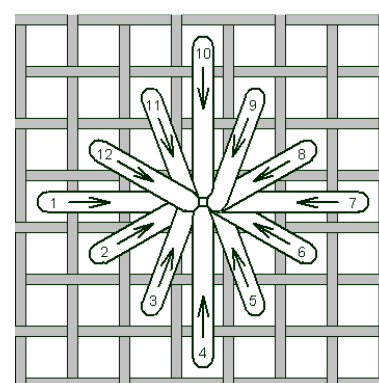
Note: Fabric: 5x10 in 32-count Antique White linen from Wichelt

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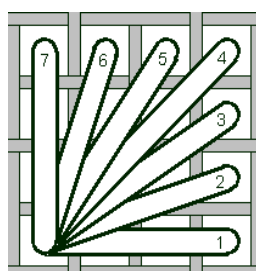
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Smyrna Stitch over two

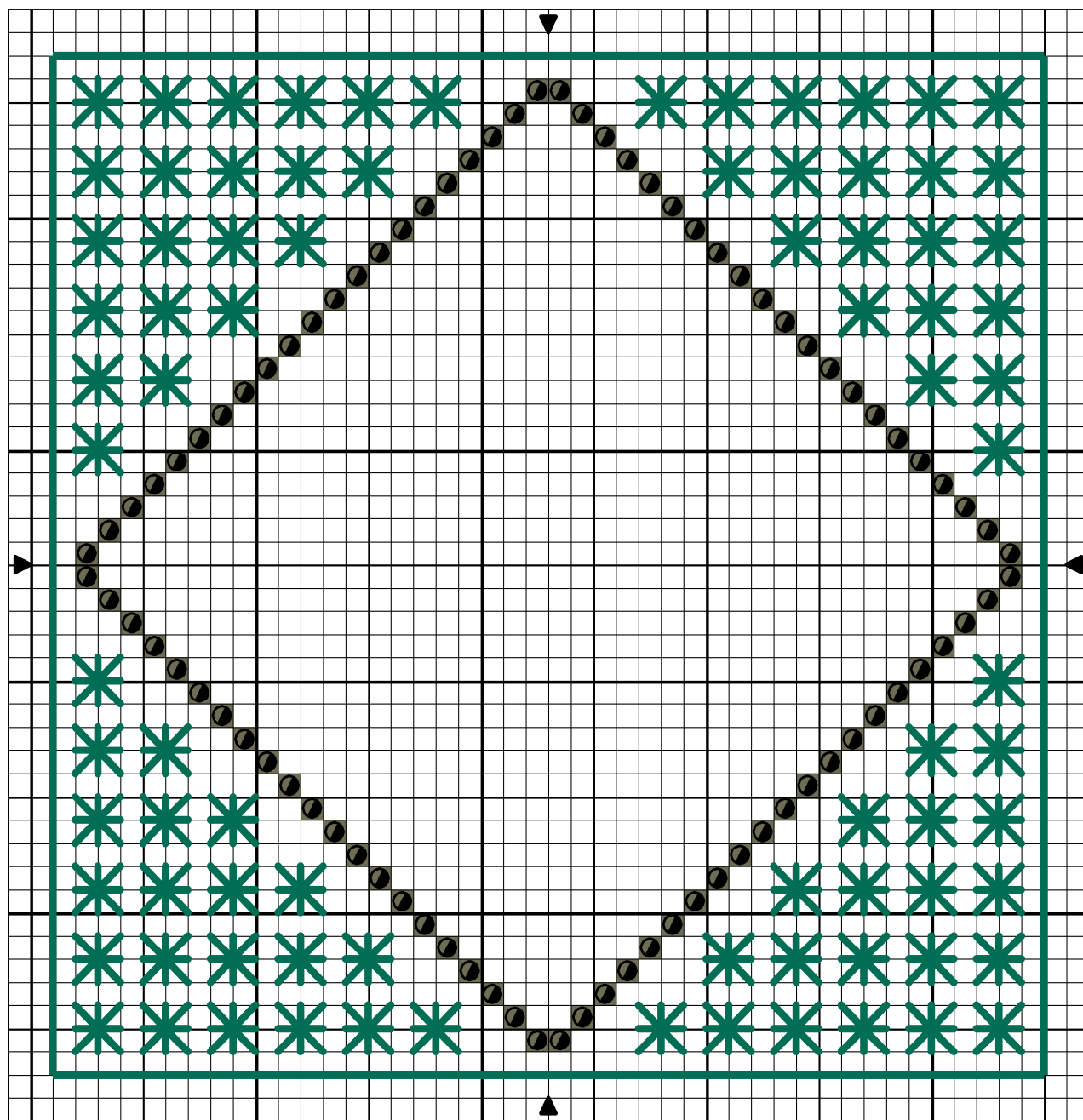


Diamond Eyelet over six



Diagonal Satin Stitch


# *Christmas in Williamsburg 2014 - Biscornu back*




DMC

Smyrna Stitch with one ply in Petrol Blue 3808

Cross Stitch with two plies in:

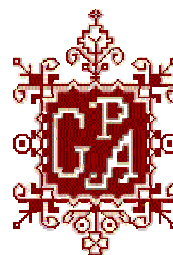
 Dark Hunter Green 3345

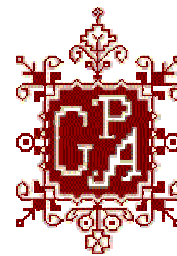
Backstitch in two plies along edges:

 Petrol blue 3808

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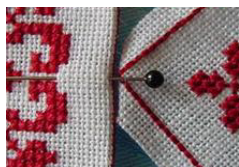




## *Finishing the biscornu*

### **Finishing Instructions:**

Once you have stitched the two sides of the biscornu, leave a  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$ " selvage of fabric along the four sides, from the outer edge of the backstitched line. These two fabric squares will be used to assemble the biscornu. Next, fold the fabric along the backstitched line, towards the back of the stitched piece.



Mark the center of square or face 1 with a pin. Align two threads of Petrol Blue and secure them with a knot to the back of square 2 along the stitched area or the backstitched line. Bring the threaded needle up through the backstitched corner.



Make the first stitch, by passing the needle beneath the center back stitch, marked by the pin, on side 1. Move needle and thread to the left of the corner on side 2.



Repeat this process by passing the thread under the second backstitch at the left of the corner on side 2, and under the backstitch at the left of the center backstitch on side 1. You will repeat this process, whip-stitching the sides together, by taking a stitch under each backstitched thread at once. Please remember to move always to the left of the just completed stitch.



If you have stitched the biscornu in a correct way, every corner of the second square will always be sewed to the centre of one side of the first square. Please note that the biscornu, will not have the form of a square any longer, but rather an octagonal shape.

Once you have joined the first six sides of your octagon, start stuffing the biscornu with polyfill. Keep filling it with small amount of fibrefill while completing the stitching for the seventh and eight sides. Sew the round pearl button to the front side of biscornu, right in the center, at the same time as you attach the second flat button to the center of the back side. Go back and forth several times through buttons and pull the thread thigh to create a ditching in the center of biscornu.

Complete the finishing by folding the cord in two, making a first knot and securing it to one corner at the back of biscornu. Pass the folded cord behind the flat round button at the back and then to the opposite back corner where the tassel will be also sewn.

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