Les Cygnes A La Fleur

The name for this design was given to me by a French stitching friend, Veronique. I dedicate this design to my French stitching friends and to my fellow members of the Swan Sampler Stitchers. We are connected through our love of needlework.

This stitched piece was designed to fit in a Nantucket pin cushion basket from Old Colonial Designs. You can also frame this design, put it on a box or tin lid, or make it into a small pillow or pin cushion. The possibilities are endless.

Enjoy!! Ellen

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Model Information
Linen: pin cushion basket: 36-count rue green (#707, Zweigart)
3-inch tin: 32-count rue green (#707, Zweigart)
Recommended amount of linen to buy:
Pincushion basket: 9 x 9 inches (36-count)
Tin cover: 7 x 7 inches (32-count)
Stitch count: 31 x 31 stitches

General Directions
Each square on the chart represents two linen threads.
Unless otherwise specified, stitch this project in cross stitch over two linen threads using two plies of embroidery thread.
The tent-stitch areas may have up to four individual stitch symbols in each chart square.

Special Directions
Flower. Tent stitch the sepal (the green covering at the base of the flower) with two plies of Desert Mesquite thread.
Swans. Stitch in closed herringbone stitch using one ply of Toasted Marshmallow thread. Make a colonial knot for the eyes using two plies of Black Coffee thread.

Stitch Diagrams

Closed Herringbone
Steps 1-2 create a short stitch necessary to begin a row.
Steps 3-6 establish the pattern which is repeated across the row. Steps 13-14 show how to create the short stitch needed to end the row.

Tent Stitch

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Credits
Linen: Zweigart; Juan Toggi, Ltd., 262 Old New Brunswick Rd., Unit E, Piscataway, NJ 08854
Threads: Crescent Colours; PO Box 91533, Tucson, AZ 85752; phone/fax: 520-744-0195; http://www.crescentcolours.com/; Also available through Hoffman Distributing Company, Inc.
Nantucket Pin Cushion Basket: Old Colonial Designs; P. O. Box 704, Marshfield, MA 02050; http://www.oldcolonialdesigns.com/
Finisher: Liz Kedner: Ruffles and Flourishes; www.picturetrail.com/rufflesfinishing;
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