"Still Stitching" with Susan Greening Davis

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So, What's a "Scissor Fob"?

A scissor fob, you are thinking. What in the world is that? How can it relate to needlework gadgets? Do I need one? Do I already have one and don't know it? Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm…….

A Scissor fob is one of the sweet little "doo-dahs" that once you have one you wonder how you got along without it (or them, as I have over 200!!). They are a soft of pincushion, that has a ribbon or cording attached to a corner or side. This slips onto one side of a scissor ear. (Have you ever heard that term before? It is one of the finger rings!).

This pincushion is just the most perfect place to place your needle when you are cutting your next length of thread. Then, you ALWAYS know where the needle is! Plus, they are so cute. They can be stitched in any medium you choose, quilted, counted thread, crocheted, knitted, needlepoint, embroidery…now you can see why I have so many of them!

They are usually about 2 to 3 inches square but I have long slim ones, round ones, cubed ones, it goes on and on. The most exciting thing about them is that they can be made to suit your fancy. Color selections of thread, fabrics and stitches are part of the fun in making them. Remember, to stuff them with a appropriate filler – sawdust, emery, or wool fill are some of the best.

Here is an easy counted cross-stitch pattern. You get to select your color of fabric, thread and ribbon.

"FUN FOB"

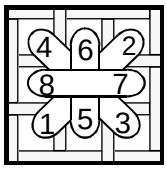
Supplies: 2 – 6" pieces of #28 linen
Floss is your color choice
12" ribbon, ¼"
Stuffing

**On back piece of fabric:

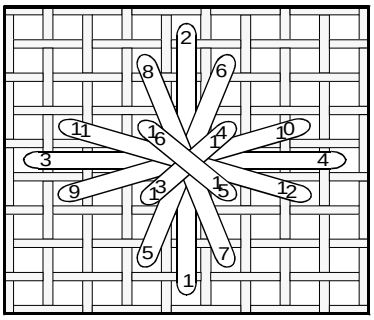
1. Backstitch a square the same size as front piece.
2. Join the two pieces together by tucking in the raw edges. You may need to trim them about ½" beyond the backstitching. Begin this work with a small hidden knot. When you get to the top attach the ribbon and don't forget to stuff the fob before you finish the whipping around. End off with a small knot that can be hidden in the work.
3. Secure to your favorite pair of scissors

**On one piece of fabric:

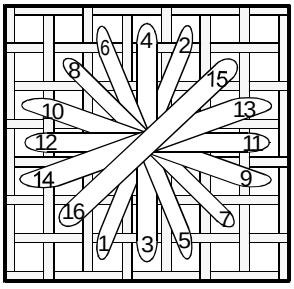
1. Find the center and count down 4 naked threads. Be sure you are by a vertical thread. This is #1 on the Double Straight Cross. Use 2 separated lengths of floss, your color choice.
2. Round Rhodes: 1 length of floss. There are four of them, one on each side of the Double Straight Cross. Top One: Count 1 thread to the left of #2 on the Double Straight Cross. The Round Rhodes connects to this stitch. Turn your fabric 90 degrees, repeat, and do this on all four sides.
3. Smyrna Cross: 1 length of floss. Top Right: Count 2 naked threads from #6 on the Double Straight Cross. Bottom Right: Begins 8 naked threads below #1 on the top Smyrna. Top Left: 8 naked threads to the left of #1 on the first Smyrna. Bottom Left: Down 8 naked threads from #1 on the Smyrna above
4. Backstitch: 2 lengths of floss – there are 12 naked threads beyond the Round Rhodes. Do a square of backstitches. Go over 2 threads each.



Smyrna Cross



Double Straight Cross



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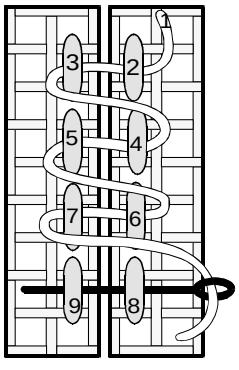

Joining Backstitch

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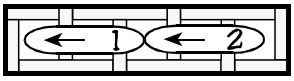

Backstitch over 2

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