

Châtelaine Design : Mandala Garden - Lavender Bosquets

Instructions for working

Center the design on your piece of evenweave or linen.
Start stitching the cross stitches first and use 2 plies for all cross stitches. Then add the backstitching :

Surrounding the pond with the Gold Metallic. Use the braid as it comes from the cardboard.

Stems and foliage of the flower with one ply of DMC 934, as well the outlines of the corner ornaments.

The flower itself is combined from long stitches with two plies of SNC 112.

The ironwork gates are stitched with one ply of the black DMC.

Special Stitches :

Work **Algerian Eyelets** surrounding the pond and use one ply of the DMC 3776. Pull each "leg" taut so you open up a center hole, you can even poke a little bit to loosen the fabric threads there, use the blunt end of your stitching needle as a helper.

Stitch the green **Rhodes Stitches** with one ply of DMC 470.

Work the smaller square **Rhodes Stitches** using one ply of the SNC 112.

Add **Algerian Eyelets** with the Gold Metallic in the corners. Again pull taut to open the shared hole in the center.

Finally sew on the beads with a thread which matches the color of the fabric.

