

Needlepoint Project – Guidelines

References: *To the Point about Needlepoint*, by Edith Long and Sara Schlintz, Cornerstone Library – NY; this book has listed stitches as easy, medium, and hard; includes a 100 different stitches

A New Look at Needlepoint, by Carol Cheney Rome and Georgia French Devlin, Crown Publishers Inc. – NY

Needlepoint Basics:

- **Never** use rippers. Pull stitches out one by one.
- Always count the string, **not** the holes
- Numbers on chart – the odd numbers are always up, even numbers are down
- Mark canvas with hard lead pencil or needlepoint marking pen
- One or more colors can be used on each stitch
- **Never** have a knot on any work. Weave each end in 2”.
- Use blunt end needlepoint needles, sometimes called tapestry needles
- Always put masking tape on sides of canvas.

9 – 11 year olds or beginners

- Quickpoint – a form of needlepoint which is particularly suited to beginners. A larger mesh canvas is used (5 squares per inch), but the results are very satisfactory for the young needlepointer.
- A design, no larger than 10” by 10” is recommended
- For plastic canvas, suggested projects are: Christmas ornaments, key chains

12 – 14 year olds or juniors

- Transfer an easy design unto canvas and complete.
- For plastic canvas, suggested projects are: tissue holder (Kleenex box on plastic), box, wall hanging (quilt designs on plastic)

15 – 19 year olds or seniors

- A complex or difficult design
- Additional activities can include using more novelty stitches, making own (original) pattern, and adapting patterns and ideas to fit own needs.
- For plastic canvas, suggested projects are: game set such as checkers, holiday wall hanging, baby mobile, calendar

These are **only guidelines**. Member’s project should be based on skill and experience. A more difficult project should be selected each year to continually grow skills.

A sample list of stitches which can be learned

Bargello	Leaf
Binding	Long Armed Cross
Brick	Milanese
Byzantine	Mosaic
Cashmere	Parisian
Chain	Pavilion
Chequer	Plait
Cross stitch	Rhodes
Diagonal	Rice
Diagonal cross	Satin
Diagonal Gobelin	Scottish
Diamond eyelet	Smyrna
Double brick	Star
Enroaching gobelin	Stem
Fern	Straight Gobelin
Flame or Florentine	Tent
Flat	Vandyke
Hungarian	