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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



**YOUR KIT CONTAINS:**

- Assorted color yarn
- Printed plastic needlepoint design
- Frame
- Length of ribbon
- Plastic embroidery needle

**NOTE:** For your convenience, projects are individually bagged!

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- Scissors

**EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:**

- 1 Individually bagged project with the supplies listed above

**AGE GROUP: 8 and up**  
**PROJECT TIME: 60 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The color coded needlepoint canvas makes stitching this design easy! We found it was best to work with one color section at a time and complete that before changing to another color. In other words, you should stitch all of the yellow first, wherever the color is located on the canvas. Then once that color is done, choose another color and follow the same process.

We stitched our fox design using the Random Long Stitch. That is a stitch usually used to fill in shapes with randomly placed short and long straight stitches which makes it perfect for a project like this one. You may use a different stitch if you prefer.

**Basic Instructions:**

1. Cut a length of yellow yarn. Thread the needle and tie a simple overhand knot in one end of the yarn, leaving the other strand loose.

**NOTE:** If you need more of the same color yarn, when you have a little yarn left on the needle, simply tie a new length on to the piece threaded on the canvas (tie as close to the back of the canvas as possible).

3. When you are done stitching one color, on the back of the canvas, simply tie on the next color to the yarn you have threaded in your needle. Keep stitching!
4. When you have completed the stitching, tie off the final piece of yarn on the back of your canvas by making an overhand knot. Cut off excess yarn.
5. Press the finished canvas into the plastic frame front piece (with the triangle piece on the top of your frame/canvas) and then snap the back frame piece on. The canvas should be sandwiched between the front/back pieces of the frame.
6. Thread the ribbon piece through the triangle shape at the top and tie a knot. Use the ribbon to hang your finished needlepoint canvas!

**To stitch the Fox design using the Random Long Stitch:****To get started:**

Starting in the left corner, come UP through the corner hole in the canvas. Cross over the desired number of canvas holes (most of our sample was 3-4 holes) and then thread needle DOWN through the 3 or 4th hole.

Come UP at 3-4 canvas holes to the right of the completed stitch you just did. Bring your needle over to the left 3-4 holes and go DOWN in the hole next to the last stitch you completed. Continue this two-step stitch technique until you have completely worked the entire design area.

If you need more of the same color yarn, when you have a little yarn left on the needle, simply tie a new length on to the piece threaded on the canvas (tie as close to the back of the canvas as possible).

**Basically, the stitching pattern is:**

UP then count 1, 2, 3, 4 to the right, then DOWN then count 1, 2, 3, 4 to the right then UP then back left 1, 2, 3, 4 then down. There will be long runs of yarn on the back side of your design but that is OK. For areas like the mouth or highlights in the eyes, just stitch following the pre-printed canvas design.

## Fun! Facts • Woodland Animals

- Eastern chipmunks have pouches in the sides of their mouths for storing food. When the pouches are full they can be nearly as big as the animal's head.
- The moose is a good swimmer and can dive up to 18 feet under water.
- Owls can turn their heads as much as 270 degrees, and a group of owls is called a parliament.
- Foxes share some similarities with cats, like retractable claws and vertical pupils.