

SECTION E – COUNTED THREAD, COUNTED CROSS STITCH & EMBROIDERY

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WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS ARE WELCOME

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON, PER CLASS ALLOWED

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Please read the General Rules for the Home Arts Department, which apply, to all Sections.
2. All work must be completed in the current year.
3. Embroidery – hand held needlework only, no machine embroidery.
4. All pictures & samplers must be framed with braided picture wire, securely fastened with screw eyes to the frame for hanging & the back enclosed with paper.
5. ORIGINAL means designed and executed by exhibitor. ADAPTATION means exhibits copied from a picture, print, poster, etc. Photograph or article the exhibit was adapted from must accompany the exhibit.
6. Picture pairs shall be considered as one entry.
7. Afghans should measure 45" to 60" wide and not more than 80" long, including the fringe.
8. All special awards given in this section will be \$25.00.
9. Measurements of needlework items are of the design and not the frame.
10. Sorry, due to space limitations, we cannot accept any piece over 36" high or wide.
11. BASIS FOR JUDGING: Workmanship, choice & placement of design, choice of fabrics & colors and their value in relation to use & design in the exhibit.

AWARDS, All Classes

1st Place \$10.00
2nd Place \$8.00
3rd Place \$6.00
4th Place \$4.00

CANDLEWICKING

E1 Any item

EMBROIDERY

E2 Stumpwork, any item
E3 Embroidery, any item
E4 Ribbon, any item
E5 Youth, 6 - 13, any item
E6 Youth, 14 - 18, any item
E7 Chicken Scratch, any item
E8 Swedish/Huck, toweling (2)
E9 Swedish/Huck blanket, wall hanging, pillows
E10 Japanese Embroidery, any item
E11 Free Hand, any item
E12 Redwork, any item
E13 Seniors over 65, any item
E14 Felt item with blanket stitch finish up to 36"
E15 Punch needle – any item
E16 Colonial or French Knot – any item

STAMPED DESIGN

E17 Picture, up to 20 x 30
E18 Pillow cases (2)
E19 Table Linens
E20 Bibs, two (2)
E21 Baby blanket, crib cover, etc.
E22 Miscellaneous item, no picture

CREWEL

E23 Any Item Made With Wool
E24 Special Award – FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER

COUNTED THREAD COUNTED CROSS STITCH

(Pictures, Purchased designs only)

E25 Up to 4 x 4
E26 Over 4 x 4 up to 5 x 7
E27 Over 5 x 7 up to 8 x 10
E28 Sampler, Aida only, up to 20 x 30
E29 Sampler, mostly cross stitch up to 8 x 10
E30 Sampler, mostly cross stitch over 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E31 Sampler, mostly cross stitch over 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E32 Sampler, variety of stitches, up to 8 x 10
E33 Sampler, variety of stitches, over 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E34 Sampler, variety of stitches, over 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E35 Poetry/verses, up to 8 x 10

E36 Poetry/verses, over 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E37 Poetry/verses, over 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E38 For children up to 20 x 30
E39 Birth announcement, up to 15 x 18
E40 Birth announcement, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E41 Wedding announcement, up to 15 x 18
E42 Wedding announcement, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E43 Landscape, up to 15 x 18
E44 Landscape, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E45 Fruits/vegetables up to 20 x 30
E46 Flowers up to 8 x 10
E47 Flowers 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E48 Flowers 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E49 Water, bay or marine theme, up to 15 x 18
E50 Water, bay or marine theme, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E51 MD landmarks, State Flower, Bird or Map, up to 20 x 30
E52 Buildings, up to 8 x 10
E53 Buildings, 8 x 10 up to 20 x 30
E54 Animals, up to 8 x 10
E55 Animals, 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E56 Animals, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E57 People, up to 15 x 18
E58 People, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E59 Patriotic, up to 20 x 30
E60 Other than listed, up to 8 x 10
E61 Other than listed, 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E62 Other than listed, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E63 Christmas theme, up to 8 x 10
E64 Christmas theme, 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E65 Christmas theme, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E66 Holiday theme, up to 15 x 18
E67 Holiday theme, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E68 Angels, up to 20 x 30
E69 Fantasy, up to 20 x 30
E70 Special Award – FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER

MISCELLANEOUS

E71 Picture, adaptation, up to 20 x 30 list changes or provide picture
E72 Picture, original design up to 20 x 30
E73 Picture, stitched over 1 thread 25 count or higher up to 4 x 4
E74 Picture, stitched over 1 thread 25 count or higher 4 x 4 to 8 x 10
E75 Picture, stitched over 1 thread 25 count or higher 8 x 10 to 20 x 30
E76 Perforated paper, any item
E77 Bead work, any item consisting mostly of beads
E78 Counted thread/counted cross stitch afghan, baby blanket
E79 Wall hanging, table linens
E80 4 Coasters
E81 Baby bibs, two (2)
E82 Guest towels, hand or dish towel, bread cloth (2 items)
E83 Shirt, tote, collar, sweater, purse

MISCELLANEOUS CONT.

- E84 Pillow
- E85 Bell Pull
- E86 Boxes, trays, baskets
- E87 Christmas stocking
- E88 Holiday decoration, any item – no framed picture
- E89 Home accessory, any item
- E90 Stitcher’s accessory, any item
- E91 Youth, 6 – 13 years, any item
- E92 Youth, 14 – 18 years, any item
- E93 Seniors 65 to 74, counted thread/cross stitch, any item
- E94 Seniors 75 to 84, counted thread/cross stitch, any item
- E95 Seniors 85 and over, counted thread/cross stitch, any item
- E96 Miscellaneous item other than pictures
- E97 Original design other than framed piece
- E98 Special Award – **FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER**

DRAWN THREAD/PULLED THREAD

- E102 Picture/sampler up to 20 x 30
- E103 Combination of drawn thread/pull thread and cross stitch, any item
- E104 Miscellaneous item – other than picture

HARDANGER

- E105 Picture/sampler up to 20 x 30
- E106 Combination of hardanger & cross stitch, any item
- E107 Miscellaneous item – other than picture
- E108 Special Award – **FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER**

BLACKWORK

- E99 Picture/sampler up to 20 x 30
- E100 Combination of blackwork and cross stitch, any item
- E101 Miscellaneous item – other than picture

**E109
CONTEST**

**COUNTED THREAD
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& EMBROIDERY**

**Theme: Patriotic item to commemorate the 250 Birthday of
the United States of America**

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
\$20.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00

**E110
CONTEST**

**COUNTED THREAD
COUNTED CROSS STITCH
& EMBROIDERY**

Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy

Stitch a Christmas ornament or holiday toy that includes some form
of embroidery,
stitchery, counted thread, cross stitch, crewel, etc.

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
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SECTION E - NEEDLEPOINT

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2. Needlepoint entered in classes E111-E160 must be executed on Mono, Interlock, Penelope Canvas, or Congress Cloth.
3. Needlepoint stitched on plastic canvas must be entered in classes E161-E188.
4. All pictures must be framed with braided picture wire securely fastened with screw eyes to the frame for hanging. Backs must be covered with paper.
5. ORIGINAL means designed and executed by the exhibitor. ADAPTATION means exhibits copied from a picture, print, poster, etc. Photograph or article the exhibit was adapted from must accompany the exhibit.
6. **Measurements of needlepoint items are of the work and not the frame.**
7. **Sorry, due to space limitations, we cannot accept any piece over 36" high or wide.**
8. **All special awards given in this section will be \$25.00.**
9. **BASIS FOR JUDGING:** General appearance and workmanship neatness, stitch tension, canvas coverage, and choice of stitches appropriate for the design. Judges will be asked to mark the back of the entry tag with comments for the benefit of the exhibitors.

AWARDS, ALL CLASSES

1st Place \$10.00
2nd Place \$8.00
3rd Place \$6.00
4th Place \$4.00

MISCELLANEOUS CANVAS WORK (cont.)

E150 Seniors 75 and older, any item
E151 Youth, ages 6-14, any item
E152 Pettipoint, any item using canvas
E153 Stitcher's accessories
E154 Miscellaneous item
E155 Door stops
E156 Holiday any item
E157 Special Award– **FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER**

CANVAS WORK – FRAMED ITEMS

E111 Purchased design primarily using one stitch, up to 8 x 10
E112 Purchased design primarily using one stitch, 8 x10 to20 x 30
E113 Purchased design using four or more stitches, up to 15 x 18
E114 Purchased design using four or more stitches, 15 x 18 up to 20 x 30
E115 Original design, up to 20 x 30
E116 Design worked from a graph, up to 8 x 10
E117 Design worked from a graph, 8 x 10 up to 15 x 18
E118 Design worked from a graph 15 x 18 to 20 x 30
E119 Kit design, up to 20 x 30
E120 Adaptation, up to 20 x 30
E121 Bargello, up to 20 x 30
E122 Patriotic, up to 20 x 30
E123 Painted canvas with stitch guide
E124 Painted canvas without stitch guide
E125 Item stitched as a class project, up to 20 x 30

CANVAS WORK, PILLOW

E126 Pillow, purchased design
E127 Pillow, original design
E128 Pillow, worked from graph
E129 Pillow, bargello

MISCELLANEOUS CANVAS WORK

E130 Original design, any item not framed
E131 Bag or purse
E132 Belt
E133 Furniture (bench, stool, chair, etc.)
E134 Home accessory
E135 Wall hanging or rug
E136 Table accents – trays, tea cozies, etc.
E137 Bell pull
E138 Boxes
E139 Baby items
E140 Miniatures for doll house (rugs, cushions, etc.)
E141 Any item stitched on Congress cloth
E142 Silk gauze, any item
E143 Shaped stuff dolls and animals, etc.
E144 Pulled or open canvas work
E145 Holiday, any item
E146 Longstitch, any item
E147 Christmas stocking
E148 Stand-up
E149 Seniors 65 and older, any item

E158- Contest TRADITIONAL NEEDLEPOINT

Theme: **Patriotic item to commemorate the 250 Birthday
of the United States of America**

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
\$20.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00

E159 - Contest TRADITIONAL NEEDLEPOINT

**Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy
Stitch a Christmas Ornament or Holiday Toy on canvas.**

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
\$20.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00

AWARDS, CLASSES

1st Place \$10.00
2nd Place \$8.00
3rd Place \$6.00
4th Place \$4.00

PLASTIC CANVAS NEEDLEPOINT

- E160 Framed pictures, under 8 x 10
- E161 Framed pictures, 8 x 10 up to 20 x 30
- E162 Original design, any item
- E163 Tissue box square
- E164 Tissue box rectangle
- E165 Tissue box – other than square or rectangle
- E166 Baskets
- E167 Boxes – non tissue
- E168 Wall hangings or door hanging
- E169 Brick cover
- E170 Totebag or purse
- E171 Baby item
- E172 Christmas item
- E173 Other holiday item
- E174 Three dimensional item
- E175 Musical item-any design with musical theme or button
- E176 Children, 14 and under, any item
- E177 Teens, ages 15 - 18, any item
- E178 Seniors, 65 to 74, any item
- E179 Seniors, 75 to 84, any item
- E180 Seniors 85 and over, any item
- E181 Miscellaneous item
- E182 Mobiles
- E183 4 Coasters
- E184 14-count plastic canvas, any item
- E185 Special Award - **FAIR USE ONLY – DO NOT ENTER**

E186 SPECIAL NEEDS ENTRANT

This category is open to anyone with physical or mental disabilities who need support with activities of daily living (ADL). Any item, any technique listed in Section “E”

**E187
CONTEST**

PLASTIC CANVAS

Theme: Patriotic item to commemorate the 250 Birthday of the United States of America

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
\$20.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00

**E188
CONTEST**

PLASTIC CANVAS

Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy

Stitch a Christmas ornament or Holiday Toy using plastic canvas.

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
\$20.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00