

# Needlepoint necklace shows mom your love

Mother's Day calls for a very special gift. And what could be more heartwarming than something stitched by you? This needlepoint necklace takes about four hours to complete, and will show your love more than words ever could. Here's how to stitch one.

Materials will include a five-inch square of 14 gauge interlock needlepoint canvas, a tapestry needle, yarns or flosses. "Cloisonne" gold or silver thread for needlepoint, and some polyester fiber fill for stuffing the pendant.

I worked my mother's pendant with caramel, honey and champagne colored flosses, plus gold Cloisonne. But that's my mother for you—choose your colors to suit your mother.

The initials were cross stitched in Cloisonne; the basketweave around them was worked with two stands of No. 5 pearl cotton; and the Hungarian stitch diamonds were stitched with six strands of stranded embroidery floss. The long, diagonal stitches which will form the back of the pendant were stitched with needlepoint wool. Or you can ignore flosses and stitch the necklace with wool.

Work out your mother's two initials on graph paper. Each letter should be eight threads high and six threads wide. Position the initials as dia-



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grammed, and cross stitch them with one strand of Cloisonne.

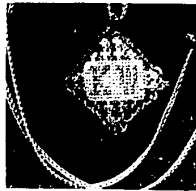
Next work the Hungarian stitch diamond around the initials, using two colors of yarn or floss as diagrammed. Fill in the rectangle remaining around the initials with bas-

ketweave of wool or two strands of pearl cotton.

Stitch the four corners of the square with long, diagonal stitches, as diagrammed. Use a thread or wool that won't be harmed by friction. This will be the back of the pendant and will rub against clothing.

Work one row of continental stitch around the outside of your square. Use the same thread that you used for the long, diagonal stitches.

Your finishing touch will be a back-stitch diamond worked with one strand of Cloisonne between the Hungarian stitch and the long, diagonal stitches of the four corners. Follow the diagram if you're an expert stitcher and want loops on the edge of your pendant; work this diamond outline in turkey knot. Excellent directions for this stitch can be found in



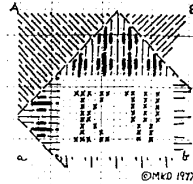
Katharine Treys' "Encyclopedia of Canvas Embroidery Stitch Patterns"

To finish the pendant, cut away excess canvas, leaving four unworked threads on each side of the square. Fold raw edges to the back, creasing on the row of continental stitch.

Fold the square in half, right sides out. Corner "A" will meet corner "a"; "B" will meet "b." Your needlepoint will look like a square ended canoe. Stitch corners A and a together with an overcast or satin stitch. Sew through both layers of canvas at every other hole, working toward the fold. Your overcast stitches will cover the row of continental stitches. Repeat with side B-b.

Now tack corner A-a to B-b with one or two stitches. Overcast from this center to one of the two remaining folds, sewing the seam together.

Push polyester stuffing through the remaining open seam, and shove the fiber fill to the corners of the little pillow. Keep stuffing until the pendant is as rounded as you like. Overcast the remaining seam.



Sew a small ring to the top of your diamond. Thread approximately two feet of silk or macramé cord in a compatible color, through the ring. Knot the ends of the cord so that they won't fray. And you have the makings of a very Happy Mother's Day!

## Youth group moves center to Berkley

The American Youth Hostels, Metropolitan Detroit Council, will move from its present location at 14335 W. McNichols, Detroit, to larger facilities at 3024 Coolidge, south of Twelve Mile, in Berkley.

The new location will house growing Detroit Council activities.

The council is a member of the American Youth Hostels, Inc. (AYH), a national, nonprofit organization that provides programs of outdoor activi-

ties and recreational travel to persons of all ages. Programs include hiking, bicycling, canoeing, skiing, sailing, horseback riding and camping in the United States and other countries.

The AYH sponsors youth hostels across the country which provide low-cost sleeping accommodations to members traveling under their own power—on foot, or by bicycle, canoe, skis, or horseback.

The purchase of a two-story building in Berkley by the Detroit Council was made after a two-year search for possible relocation sites. A recent survey by the council showed that membership is growing, especially in the northwest area.

An anonymous contribution of \$5,000 by an AYH member greatly helped in the purchase of the larger quarters.

The new facility will allow us to have more than one meeting on the same night," said Phil DeBlock of Detroit, a member of the council's executive committee and chairman of the office relocation committee.

Renovation and redecoration are now underway. An open house will be planned in May or June for the public to visit the office and learn more about AYH activities and membership.

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