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**PRECIOSA Rocailles**

331 19 001; 11/0; 8/0



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EMBROIDERED NEEDLEWORK CANVAS WITH CROSS STITCH

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*Liven up your Easter decorations with delicate handcrafts made with Czech seed beads in the PRECIOSA Terra Intensive Lining colors! Try out our tutorial for hens and chicks embroidered on a ribbon that is sure to make you happy. Add the magic of tradition and your own creativity to Easter decorations!*

## Materials and tools:

PRECIOSA Terra Intensive Lining (R)

### The hen

331 19 001; 11/0 nebo 12/0;  
08A18 rusty brow; 160x (R1)



331 19 001; 11/0 nebo 12/0;  
08A98 red; 8x (R2)



331 19 001; 8/0;  
08A86 yellow; 1x (R3)



### The chick

331 19 001; 11/0 nebo 12/0;  
08A86 yellow; 84x (R4)



331 19 001; 11/0 nebo 12/0;  
08A98 red; 4x (R2)



331 19 001; 8/0;  
08A19 dark brown; 1x (R5)



- needlepoint canvas ribbon (width: 5,3 cm;  
a mesh with ca 58 holes every 10 cm);  
no. 120 tailor's thread (Amann Group Aspö,  
the hen - dark brown, the chick - yellow);  
a thin needle; scissors; a ruler



Difficulty: ●●●●●

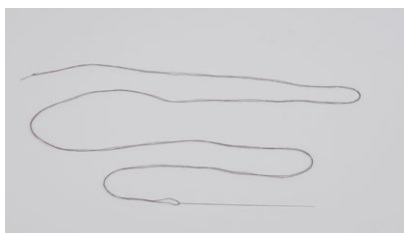
Technique: embroidery, cross stitch

## Procedure:

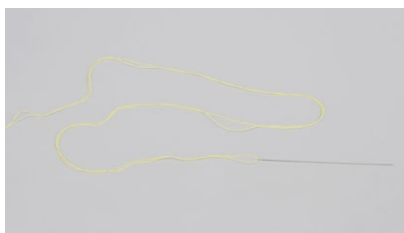
### Step 1

You need 2m of thread for the chicken and 1,5m of thread for the chick. String them into the eye of a needle. Slide the needle to the middle of the thread.

The hen: 2m of thread



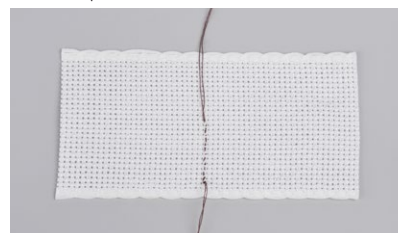
The chick: 1,5m of thread



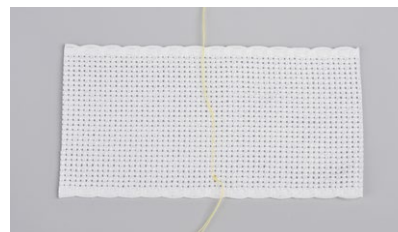
### Step 2

Start in the middle of the width of the ribbon and thread the needle through the back outer layer of the needlepoint canvas in the direction towards the edge of the ribbon. Make sure you sew through at a place that is in the centre of the future embroidered body. Create a loop of embroidery thread at the height of the third hole from the edge around and above the thread from the needlepoint canvas. Thread it through twice with the needle and tighten it.

## The hen / back

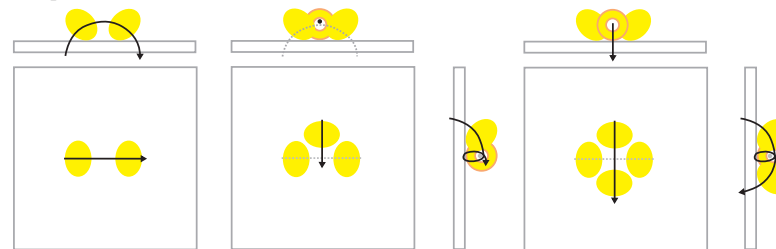


## The chick / back



## Step 3

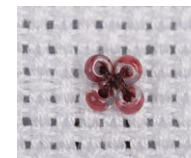
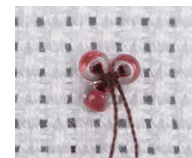
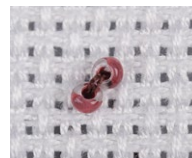
Sew a cross onto a square, whose corners have empty holes. Pass the thread from the back to the front of one hole. String 2x R. Thread the needle diagonally through the adjacent hole from the front to the back. Thread the needle through an empty mesh hole from the back to the front. String 1x R. Shift the R to the needlepoint canvas. Guide the embroidery thread above the thread between the previous two R. Pass the thread through the upper thread on the front of the needlepoint canvas. Complete the loop above the thread between the R. Hold the R and tighten the embroidery thread. String 1x R and thread the needle through the last empty hole in the corner of the square.



## The cross / the hen / back

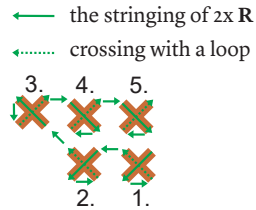


## The cross / the chick / front



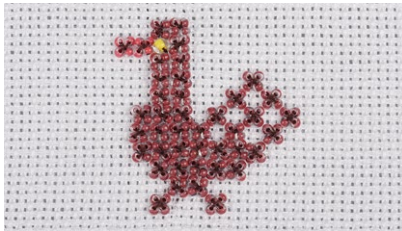
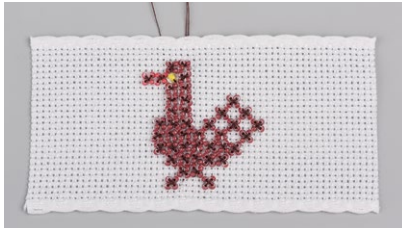
#### Step 4

Sew through the holes of the neighbouring crosses using the shortest „path“. The sewn-through neighbouring crosses should lie next to one another. Think out the embroidery „path“ in advance. If the crosses are more distant from one another, guide the embroidery thread along the back by sewing through the needlepoint canvas thread (similarly to in Step 2).

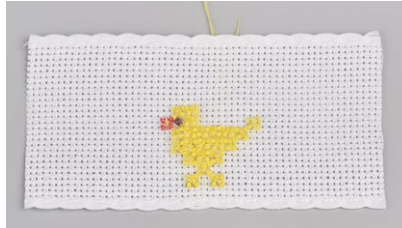


An example of the embroidery approach

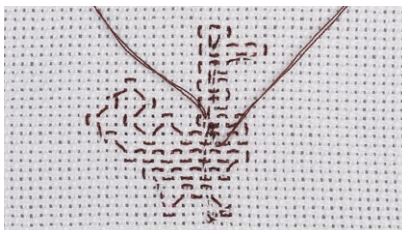
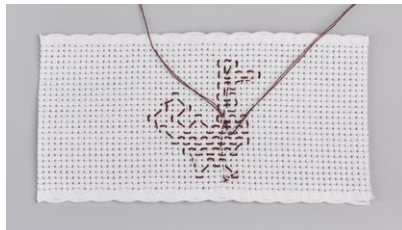
The hen / front



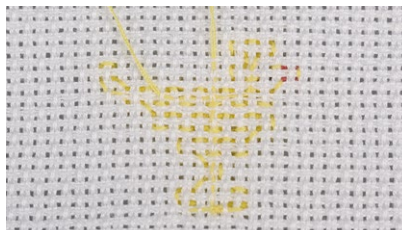
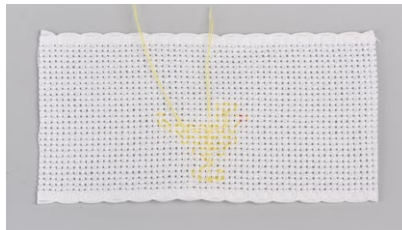
The chick / front



The hen / back



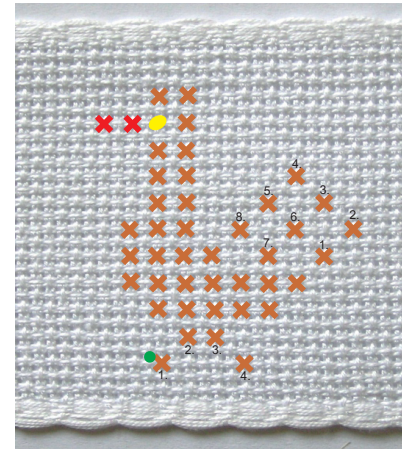
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#### The hen

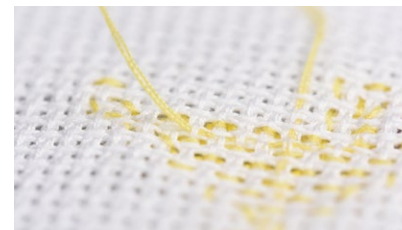
Start at the left-hand leg in the upper left-hand corner. Create a cross from **R1**. Pass to the 2<sup>nd</sup> row and create both crosses using **R1**. Create a cross of **R1** for the right-hand leg. Occasionally pass the needle through the thread of the needlepoint canvas to the right-hand cross of the 3<sup>rd</sup> row. Create five crosses from the **R1** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row. Create seven crosses from **R1** in the 4<sup>th</sup> row. Create the tail out of **R1** from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> cross. Occasionally sew through the needlepoint canvas on the back. Create four crosses from **R1** in the 5<sup>th</sup> row. In the 6<sup>th</sup> row, sew three crosses from **R1**. Continue with the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> rows, always sew two crosses from **R1**. In the 10<sup>th</sup> row, sew through the needlepoint canvas to the back to the outer cross of the beak. Sew two crosses from **R2**. Sew on 1x **R3**. Sew one cross from **R1**. Complete the hen by sewing through the two **R1** crosses in the 11<sup>th</sup> row.

- The beginning



#### Step 5

After sewing a hen or a chick, create a loop at the back around and above the needlepoint canvas thread. Pass the needle through it twice and tighten. Pass the thread through to the back under the needlepoint canvas threads at the site of the body. You can do so vertically or horizontally. Tighten the initial and end parts of the embroidery thread.



#### The chick

Start at the left-hand leg in the lower left-hand corner. Create an **R4** cross. Pass the needle through the back of the needlepoint canvas in the direction towards the second leg. Create a cross of **R4**. Create a cross of **R4** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row. Sew three **R4** crosses in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row. Sew five crosses from **R4** in the 4<sup>th</sup> row. In the 5<sup>th</sup> row, sew through the initial 2x **R4** at the outer right-hand cross. Create the tail from one **R4** cross. Return to the outer cross in the 5<sup>th</sup> row and complete it. Sew a total of six crosses in the 5<sup>th</sup> row. Create the tail from **R2** crosses in the 6<sup>th</sup> row. Sew on the eye from 1x **R5**. Sew a cross of **R4**. Complete the chick by sewing two crosses from **R4** in the 7<sup>th</sup> row.

- The beginning

