

Gift Tags



Playing Santa's helper this year?

Stand out from the pack and reduce holiday waste with these handstitched, reusable gift tags.

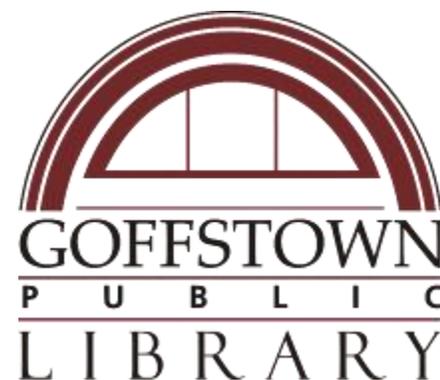
Supplies:

- Paperclip
- Two (2) Plastic canvas' 10 X 19 squares
- Two (2) lengths yarn about four and a half feet (4.5') long
- Two (2) lengths of ribbon about six inches (6") long
- Several sequins
- Two (2) pieces of cardstock about three inches by one and a half inches (3" X 1.5")
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- White craft glue
- Tapestry needle (optional)



Instructions:

1. Straighten the paper clip. Bend one end over itself, forming a small loop, reminiscent of an eye of a needle. Tie your yarn to eye of the paperclip needle. Or, thread a tapestry needle with the yarn .
2. Position your canvas rectangle with a short side facing your belly button (**Fig. 1**).
3. Trim the rectangle into the shape of a gift tag. To do this, from the upper left corner, count three squares down, make a mark. Then, from the upper left corner, count three squares over, make a mark. Your result will look like **Fig. 2**. Then use scissors to cut the canvas diagonally between your two marks (**Fig. 3**).
4. Repeat with the right side: count three squares over, then three up, mark, and cut. Your project should look like **Fig. 4**.
5. Trace the plastic canvas onto the cardstock (**Fig. 5**). Trim the card stock into the shape of the canvas and set aside (**Fig. 6**).
6. Overstitch the edge of the canvas:
 - A. To overstitch, begin at the bottom left corner and push your needle through the top of the plastic canvas as in **Fig. 7**. Pull through.



- B. 'Catch' the tail of your yarn before it slips through. Hold the tail against the canvas until your next stitches have secured it. To secure a trailing end, as you stitch, make sure your stitches cover the thread like in **Fig. 8**. It usually only takes one (1) stitch to secure a tail, but several (3-4) covering stitches are a good idea.
- C. For your next stitch, again push your needle through the top of the plastic canvas, in the hole directly to the right of your previous stitch—causing the yarn to lay over the outer edge of the canvas as in **Fig. 9**.
- D. Repeat step 6c until you come to a corner. In each outer corner, make two (2) stitches (**Fig. 10**). Treat the diagonals like corners, make two (2) stitches (**Fig. 11**). Continue until the entire canvas is overstitched.
- E. Your result should look like **Fig. 12**.

7. Add a design to your gift tag.

A. For the *Snow* design:

- End the thread you are working with. To do this, pass the needle through the back of your stitches as in **Fig. 13**. Cut away the remaining yarn.
- Position your needle at the star in Pattern 1, on the bottom side of the canvas. Push your needle through the top of the plastic canvas. 'Catch' the tail of your yarn, as in Step 6b.
- Continue stitching per Pattern 1. Take care not to skip around — traveling with the yarn will result in lines visible from the front of the pattern.
- When finished, end this thread. Pass the needle through the back of your stitches. Cut away the remaining yarn. Your end result will look like **Fig. 14**.

B. For the *Christmas Tree* design:

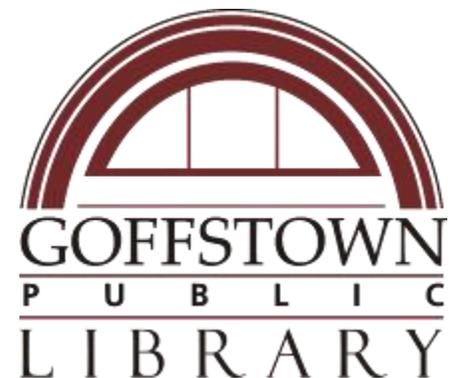
- End the thread you are working with. To do this, pass the needle through the back of your stitches as in **Fig. 15**. Cut away the remaining yarn.
- Tie a knot in the end of the yarn. Position your needle at the star in Pattern 2, on the bottom side of the canvas. Push your needle through the top of the plastic canvas.
- Follow the arrows on Pattern 2, starting with the blue arrow. Dashed lines represent traveling on the bottom of the canvas.



- When finished, end this thread. Pass the needle through the back of your stitches. Cut away remaining yarn. Your end result will look like **Fig. 16**.
8. Affix sequins to the gift tag using glue (**Fig. 17**). Let dry.
 9. Affix cardstock to the back of the gift tag using glue on the edges (**Fig. 18**). Let dry
 10. Fold the ribbon in half. Thread the folded ribbon through a hole at the top of the gift tag (**Fig. 19**). Pass the loose ends through the loop (**Fig. 20**). Pull. Your finished product should look like **Fig. 21**.
 11. Repeat steps 2-10 with the second gift tag.

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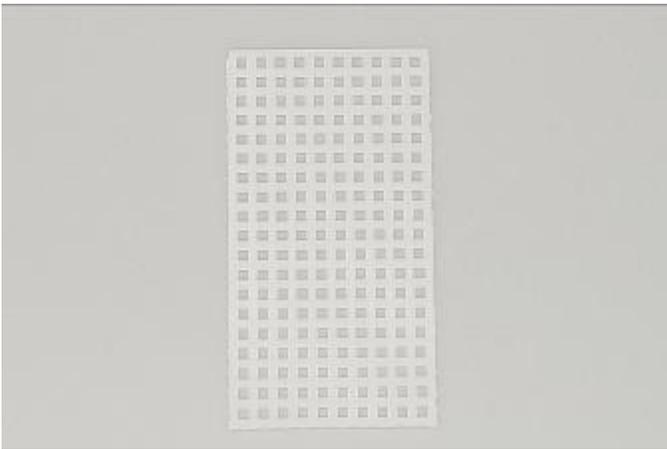


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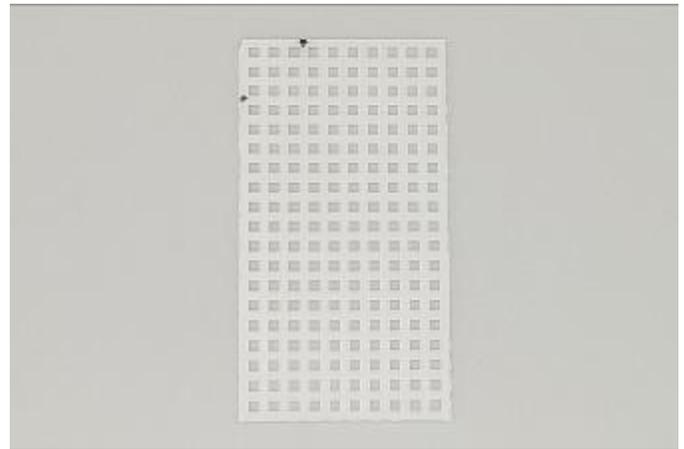


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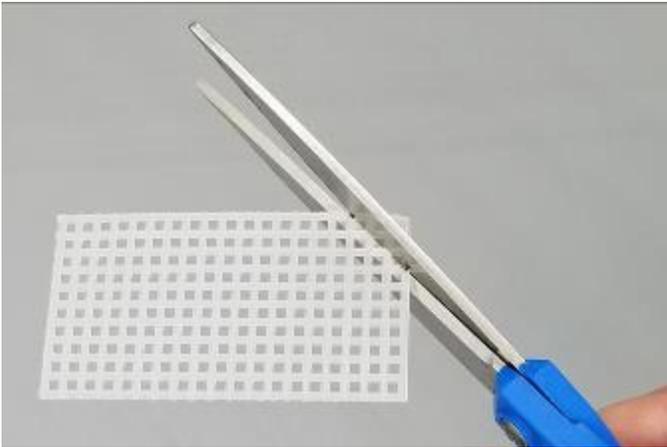


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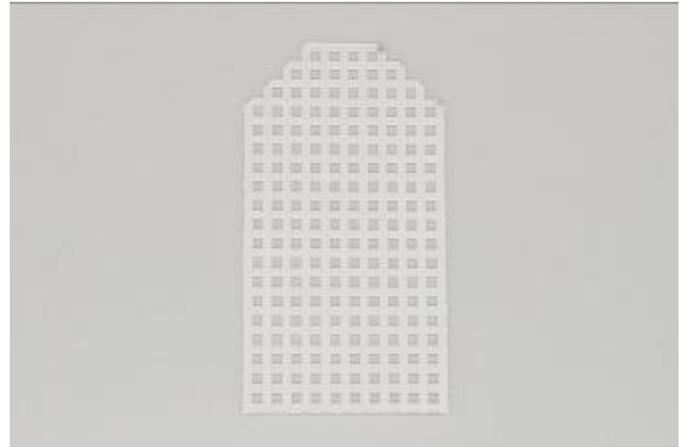


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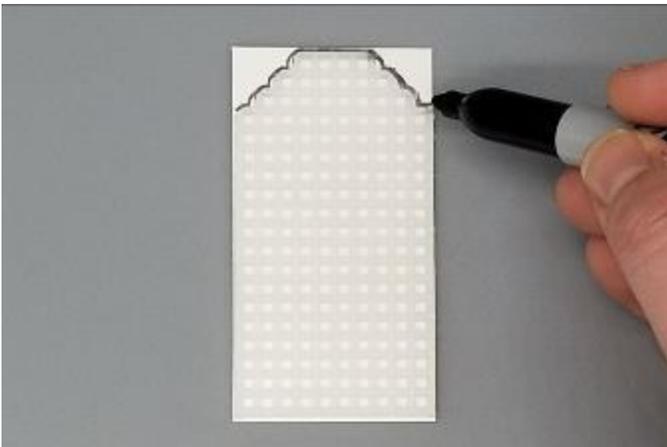


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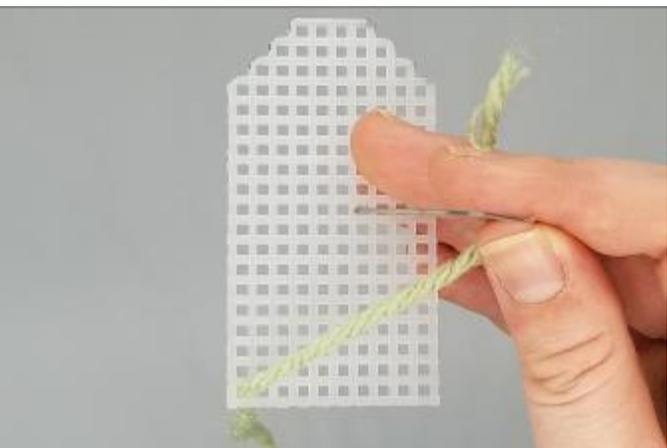


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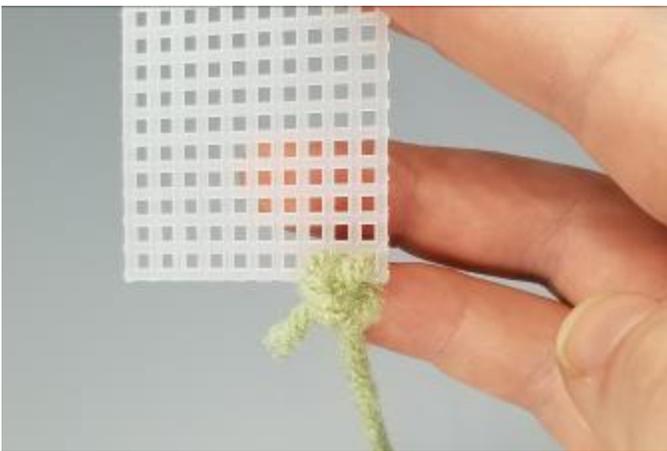


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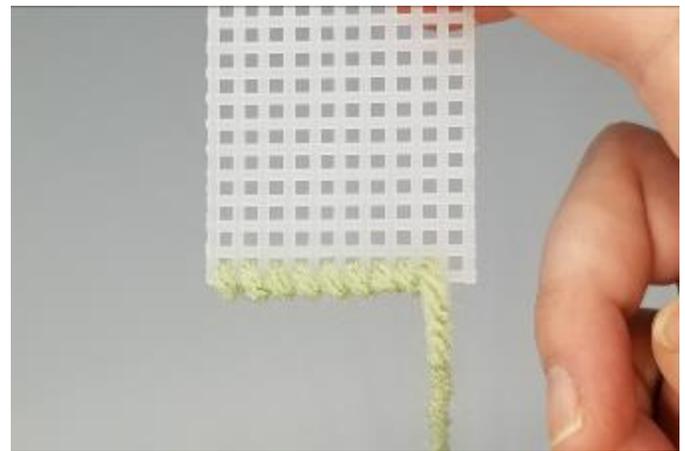


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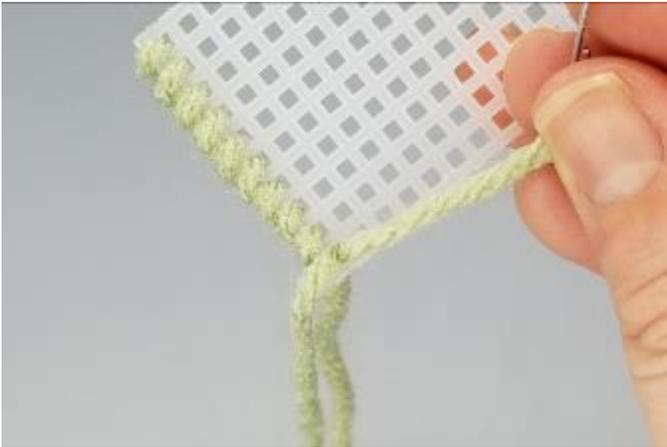


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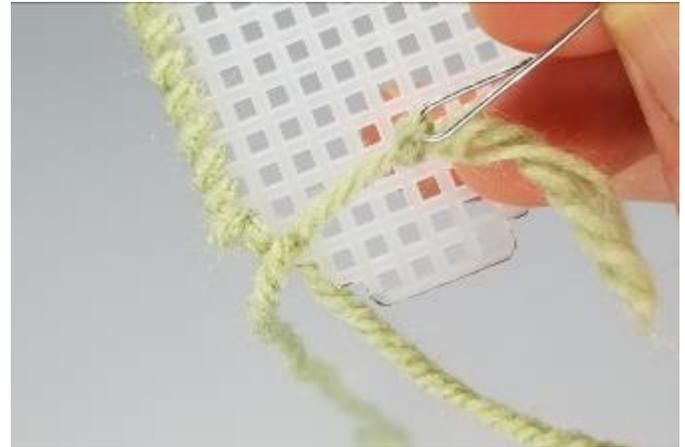


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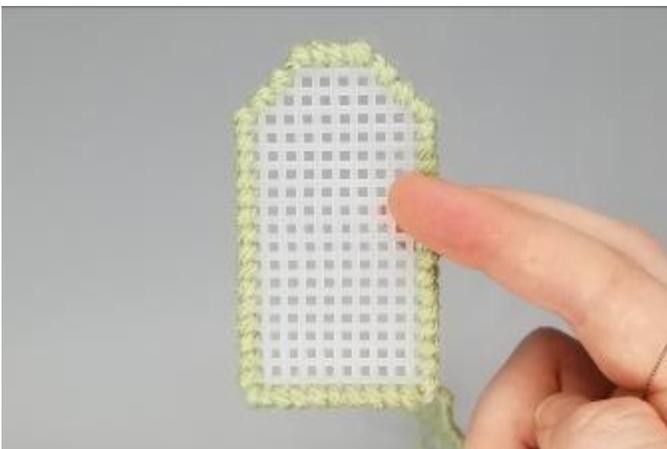


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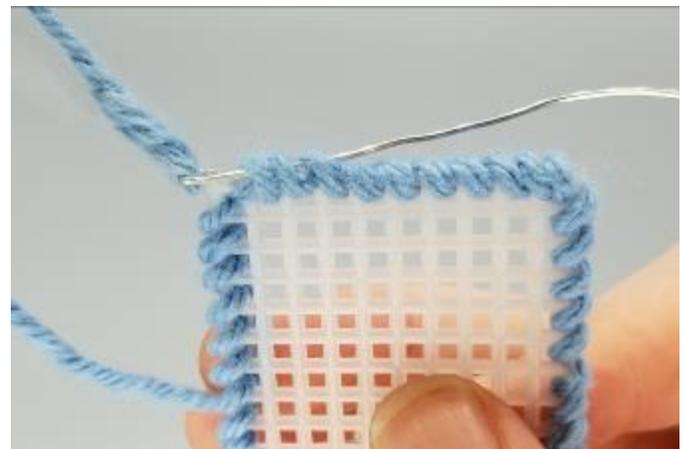


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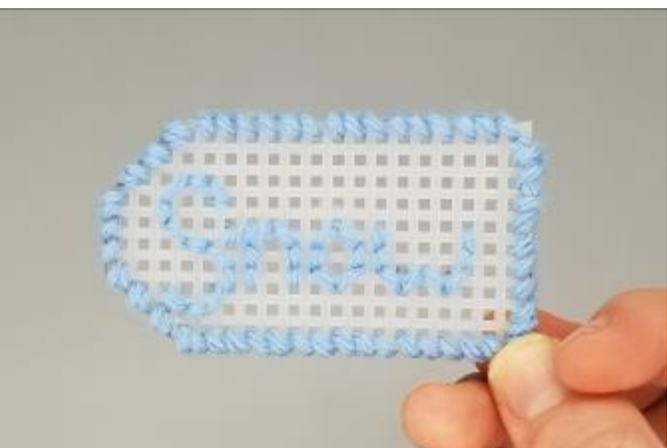
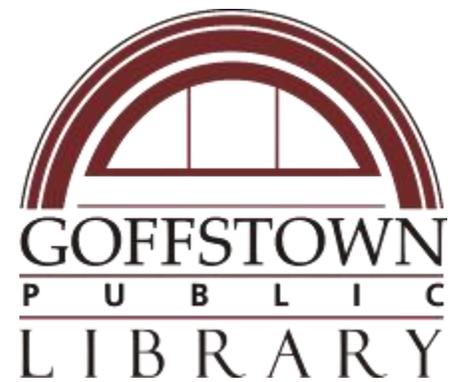


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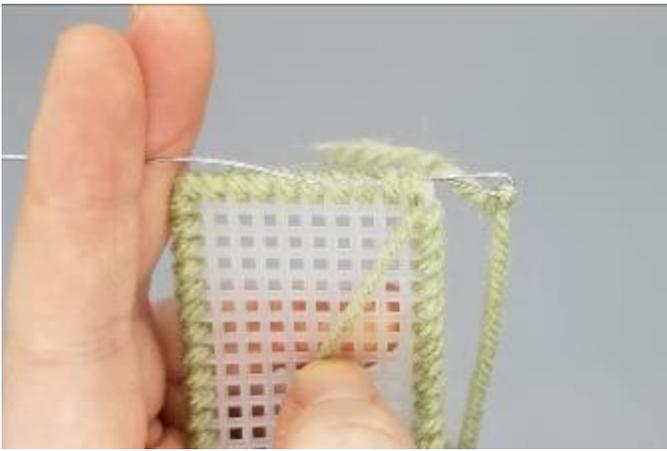


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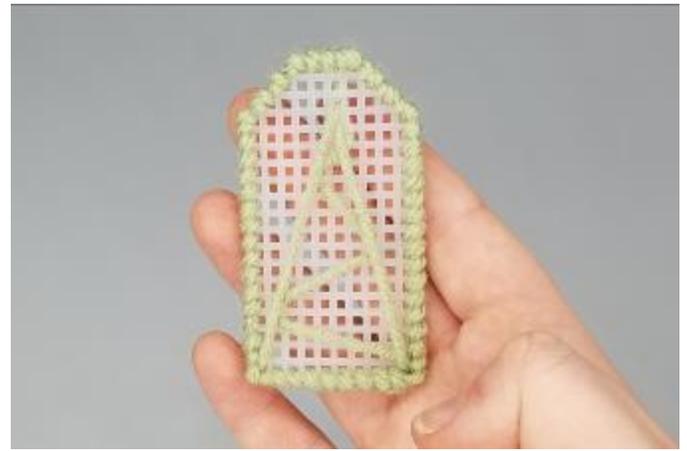


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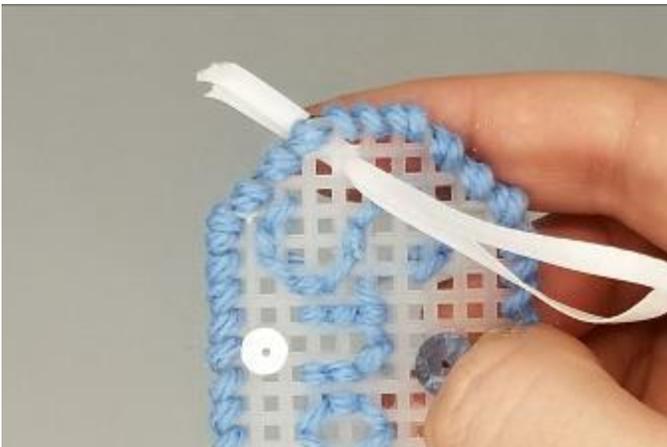


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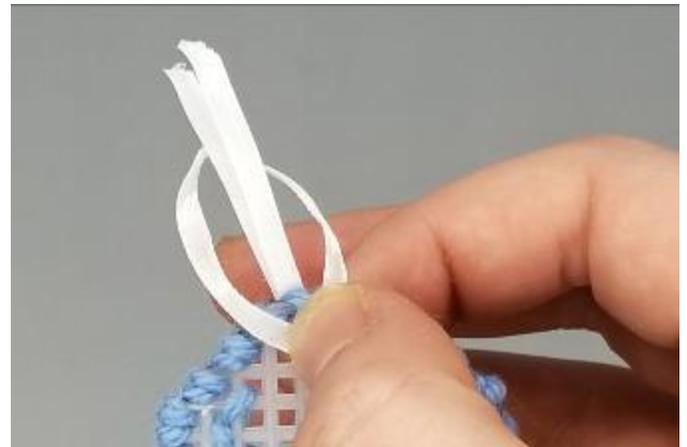
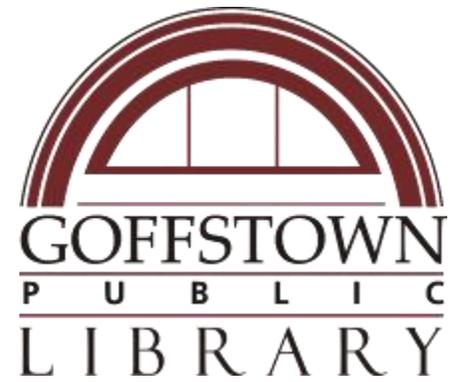
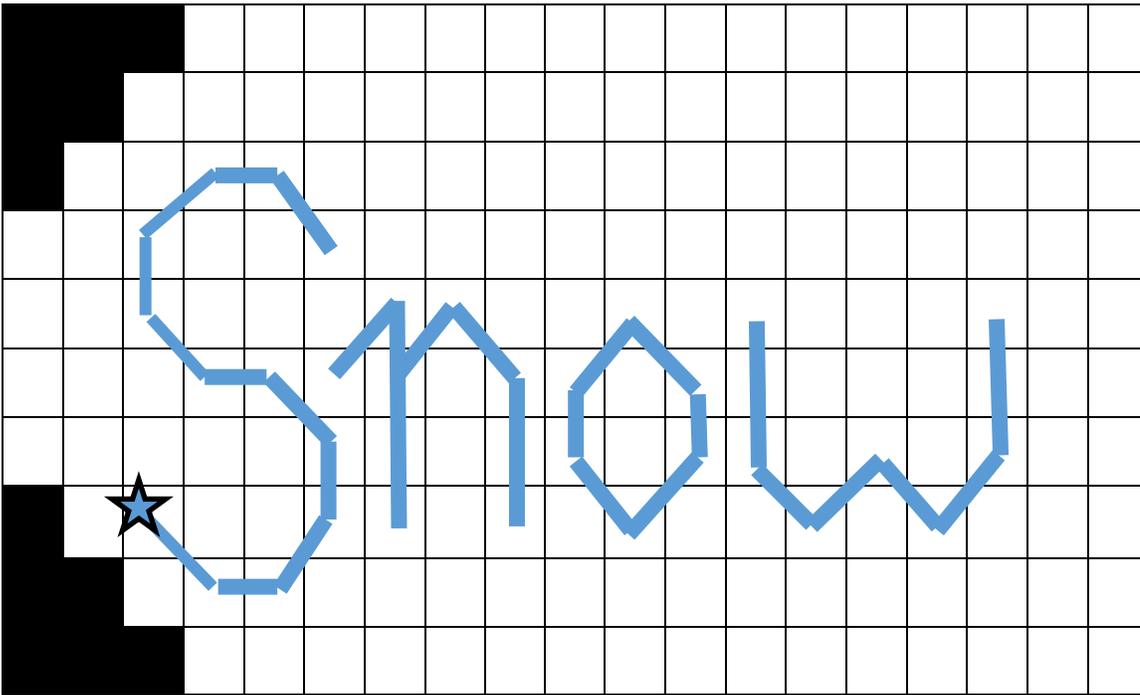


Figure 20



Figure 21





Pattern 1

