

Bookmarks



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Supplies:

- Paperclip
- Plastic canvas 10 X 70 squares
- Five feet (5') solid colored yarn
- Twenty feet (20') variegated yarn
- Scissors
- 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 solid colored yarn to the eye of the paperclip needle. Or, thread a tapestry needle with the yarn.
2. Overstitch the edge of the canvas:
 - A. To overstash, begin at the bottom left corner and push your needle through the top of the plastic canvas as in **Fig. 1**. 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. 1**. 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 (**Fig. 1**).
 - D. Repeat step 2C (**Fig. 2**) until you come to a corner. In each outer corner, make two (2) stitches (**Fig. 3**). Continue until the entire bookmark is over stitched.
 - E. Your result should look like **Fig. 4**.
3. Trim the remaining yarn to approximately one half inch (1/2"). You will secure this tail with your next stitches. Discard any yarn still attached to the needle.
4. Tie your variegated yarn to the needle.



- A. Catch' the tail of your yarn before it slips through. Hold the tail against the canvas until your next stitches have secured it as in step 2B above. Be sure to secure the tail of the solid colored yarn as well.
6. Push your needle through the top of the canvas in the square diagonally down and to the left of your last stitch **(Fig. 5)**.
 7. For the next stitch, find the square diagonally up and to the left of your last stitch **(Fig. 6)**.
 8. Pull through and find the square diagonally down and to the right. You will have made a 'V' with your stitches **(Fig. 7)**.
 9. Travel to the square diagonally up and to the left (a square you've already stitched in as seen in **Fig. 8**) and repeat steps 5-8 until the row is completed **(Fig. 9)**.
 10. Begin your next row two squares above your last stitch **(Fig. 9)**. Continue making 'V's using the above method. When done correctly this stitch creates a pattern of 'X's on the front and a chevron pattern on the back as seen in **Fig. 10** and **Fig. 11** respectively.
 11. Continue until the end of the canvas.
 12. When you are running short on yarn or have reached the end of the canvas, it is time to end this thread. To end a thread, leave enough yarn to pass the needle through the back of your stitches as in **Fig. 12**. Cut away any excess yarn.

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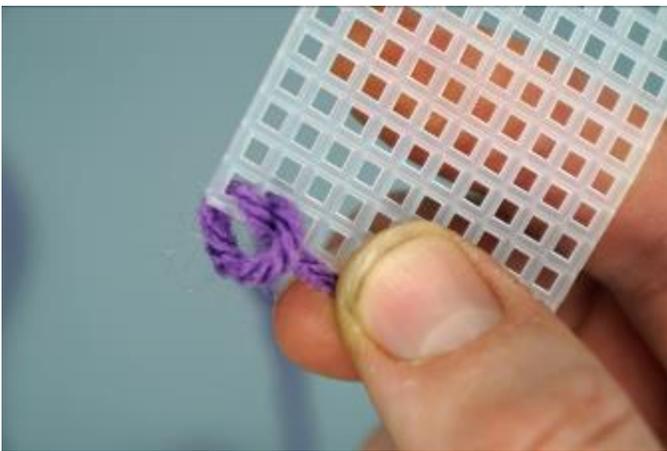


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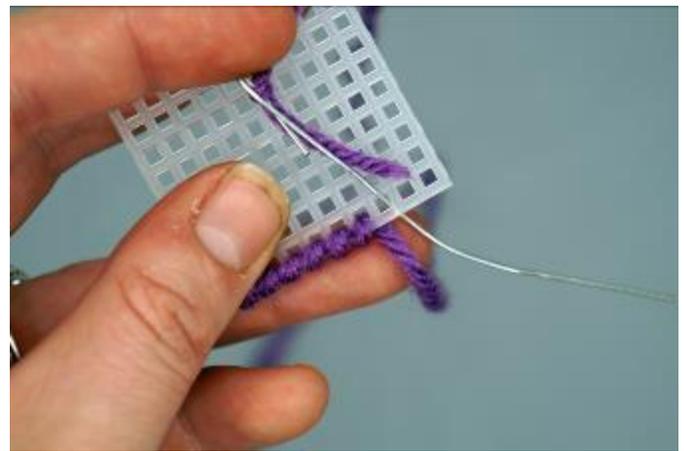


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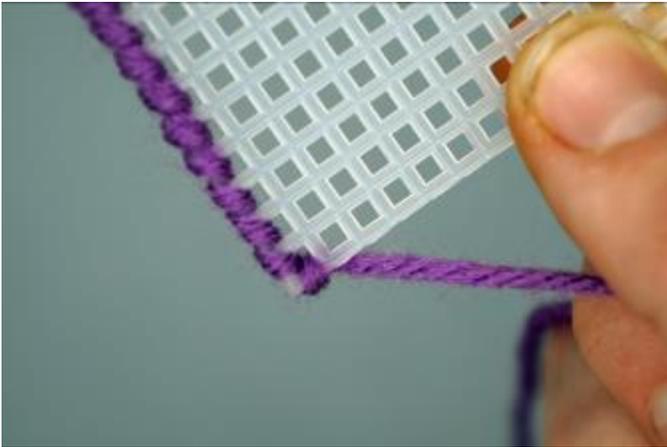


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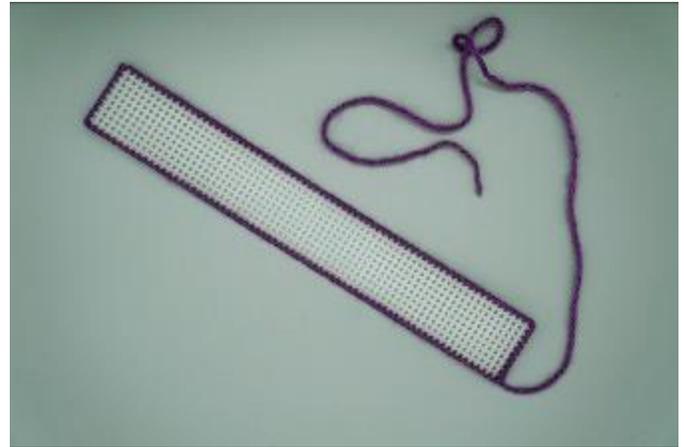


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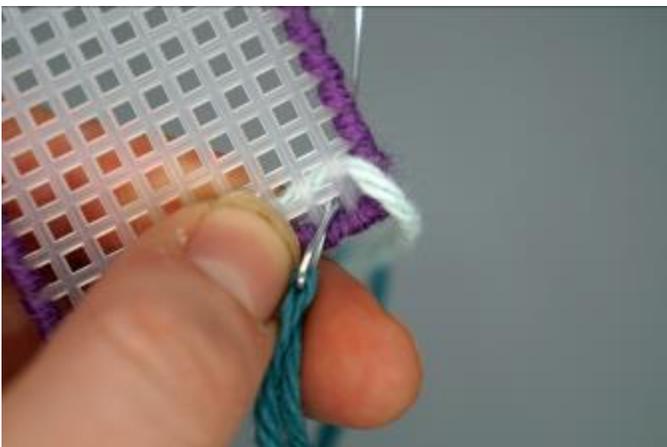


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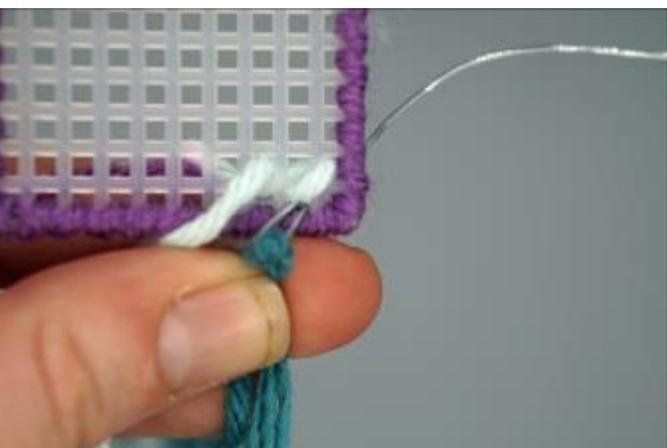
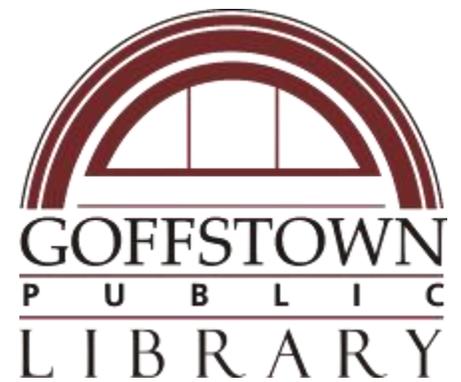


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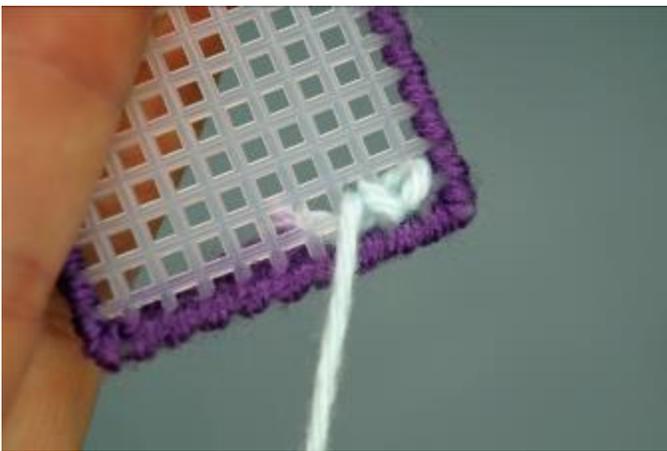


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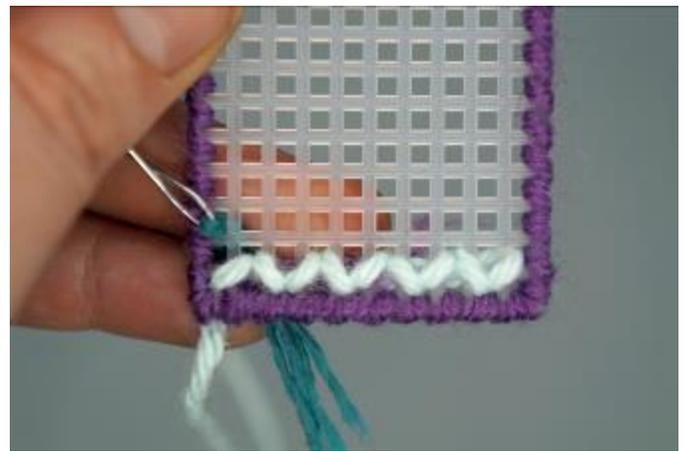


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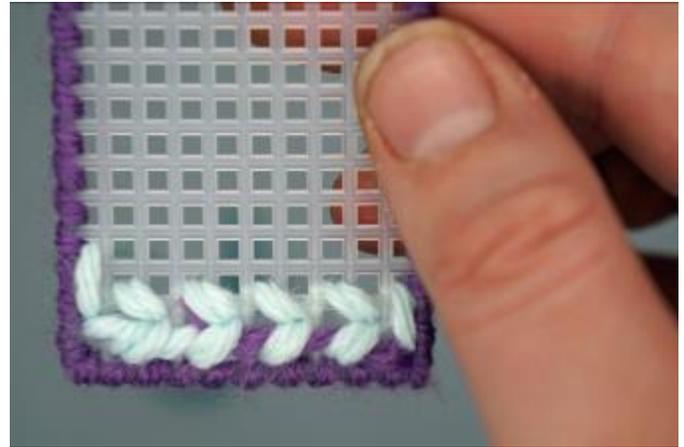


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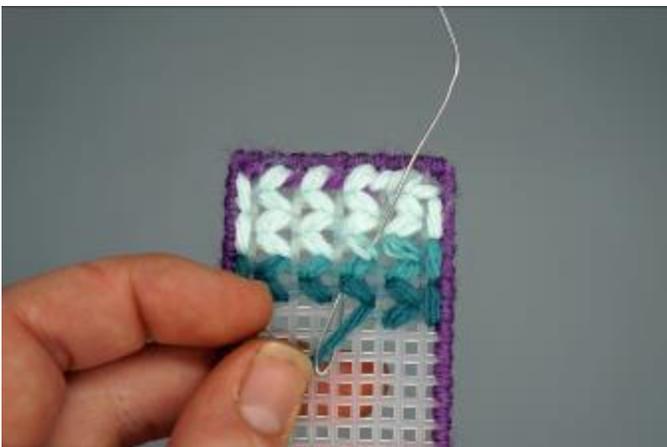


Figure 12