

Snowflakes



So much for a white winter!

If you're disappointed with the lack of snow outside, make a little of your own.

Supplies:

- Two (2) pieces plastic mesh canvas cut into squares, nineteen holes by nineteen holes (19x19)
- Fifteen feet (15') of yarn
- Five (5) beads
- One (1) paper clip
- [Pattern](#) by MoneySavingMom.com
- Glue
- Scissors

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 the paperclip needle as in **Fig. 1**.
2. Use the pattern to cut 'petals' into the two (2) pieces of plastic mesh canvas. To do so, count the number of holes in the pattern. Count the same number on the canvas. Use scissors to cut on the outer edge of the last desired hole. In other words, always leave the holes completely enclosed by plastic canvas. Your result will look like **Fig. 2**.
3. In one piece of canvas, cut a hole in the middle, represented by a dashed line in the pattern. The easiest way to do this will include folding the canvas in half (**Fig. 3**). Your result should resemble **Fig. 4**. The snowflake without a hole will be referred to as Snowflake A. The snowflake with a hole will be referred to as Snowflake B.
4. Begin stitching on Snowflake A, starting in the middle. Following the pattern (the blue lines represent your yarn), push your needle through the plastic canvas (**Fig. 5**) and secure with a knot. Continue to stitch the middle square.
5. When completed, bring the needle to the closest petal, and begin stitching the veins by following the pattern (**Fig. 6**).
6. When finished, instead of traveling with your needle to the next petal, overstitch the outer sides of the canvas as in **Fig. 8** until you come to the next petal.
 - To overstitch, push your needle through the bottom of the plastic canvas and pull through. For your next stitch, again push your needle through the bottom 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. 7**). In each outer corner, make two (2) stitches.



7. Repeat until all four petals are stitched. Secure with a knot and cut.
8. Next, begin stitching Snowflake B, starting in a petal. Stitch the veins as shown in the pattern, securing with a knot. See **Fig. 9**. Continue to stitch the first petal.
9. As with Snowflake A, to avoid traveling with your needle overstretch the outer edge of the canvas until you come to the next petal. Continue until all four petals are stitched.
10. Travel with your needle to the edge of Snowflake B's center hole. Overstretch the inner edge of the center hole as in **Fig. 10** When finished, secure with a knot.
11. The completed snowflakes will resemble **Fig. 11**.
12. Place a dot of glue in the middle of Snowflake A to attach a bead (**Fig. 12**). Repeat to decorate the four (4) petals. Allow to dry.
13. Place the Snowflake B on top of Snowflake A and turn forty-five degrees (45°). Gently pop the petals of Snowflake B into the space between Snowflake A's petals as in **Fig. 13**.
14. Fashion your paper clip into an 'S' shape. Thread the snowflake onto the paperclip's bottom bend and pinch the paperclip together to secure (**Fig. 14**).

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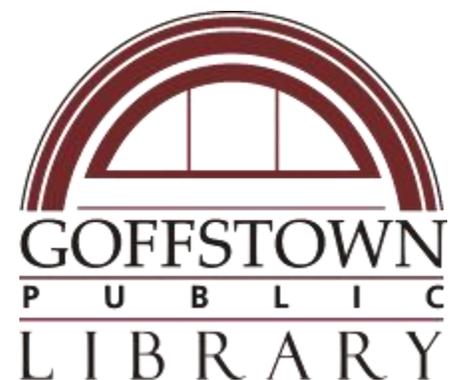




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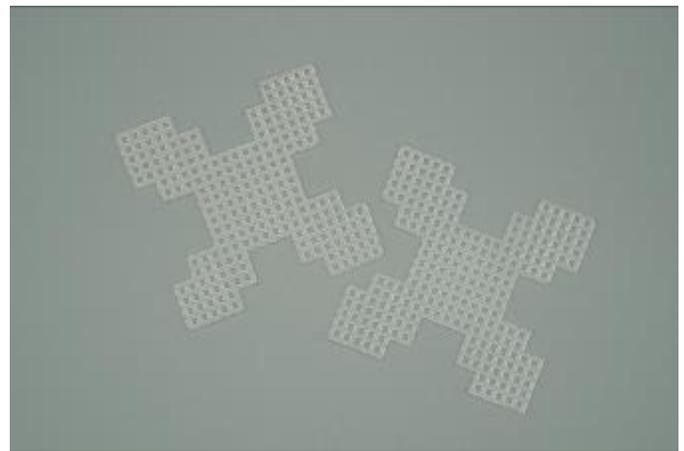


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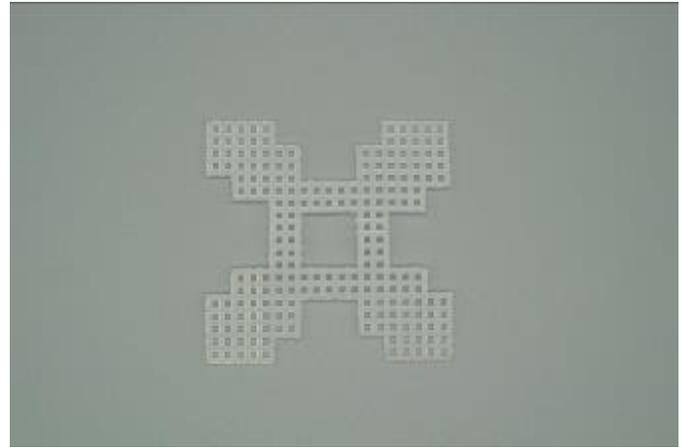


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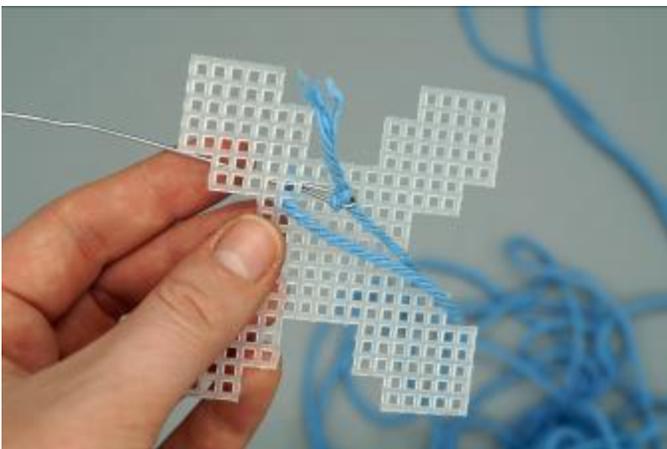


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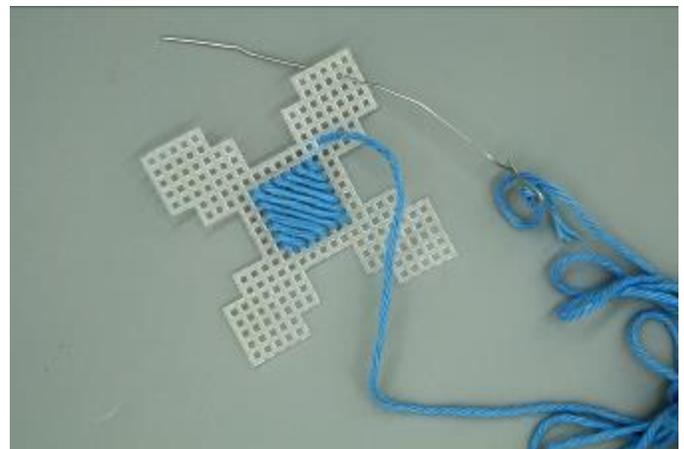


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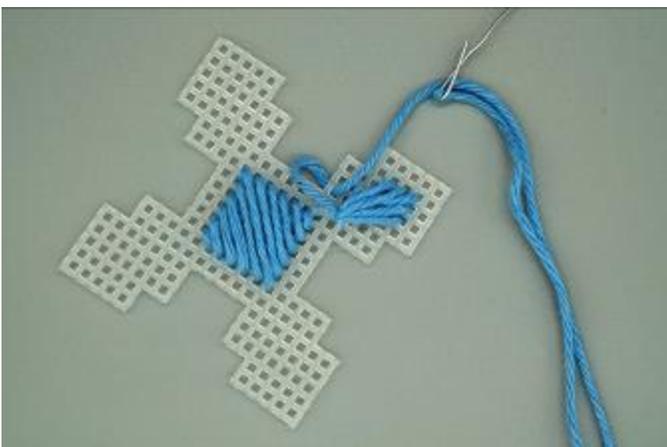
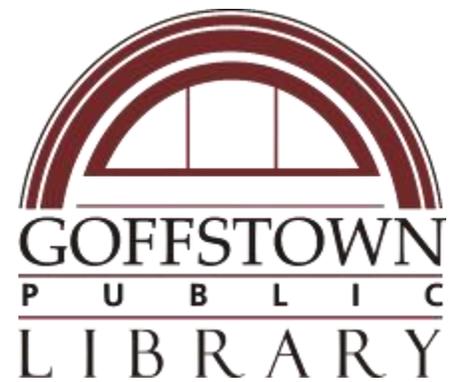


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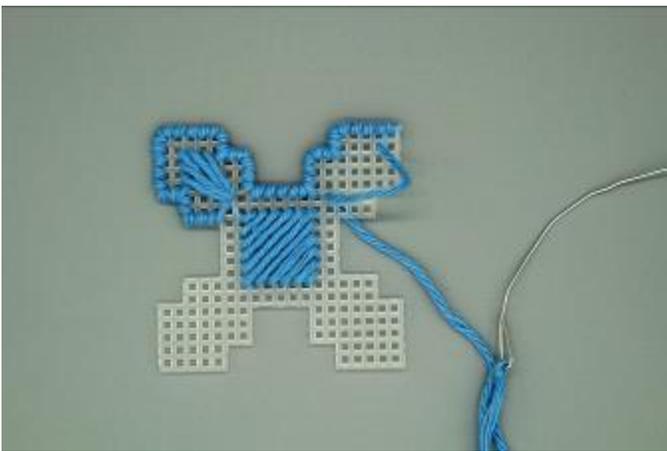


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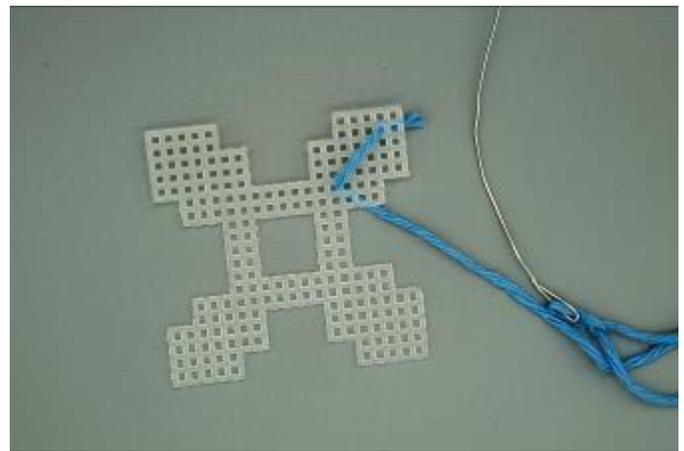


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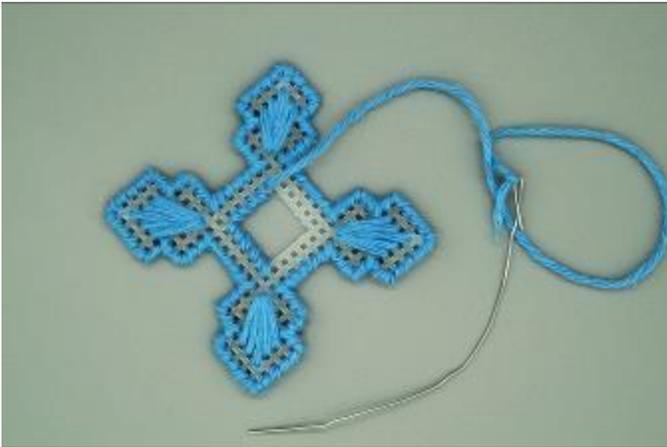


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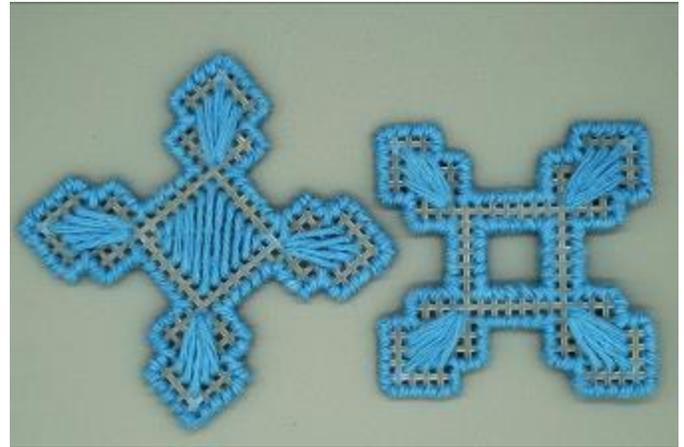


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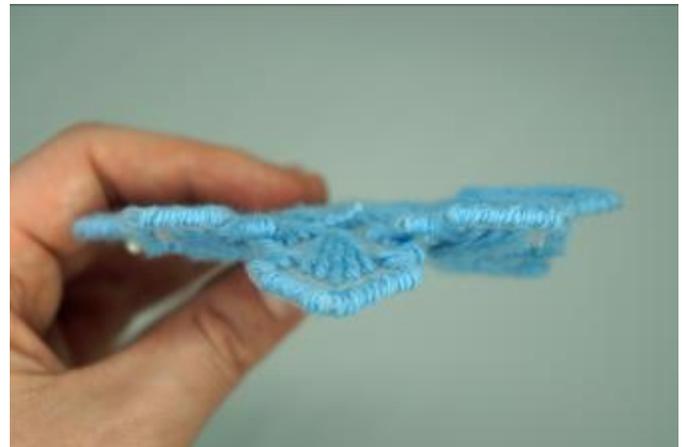
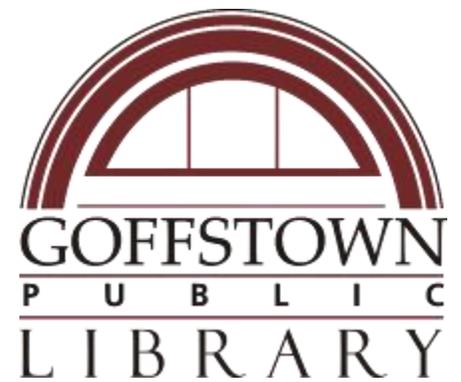


Figure 13



Figure 14



Pattern

