

# BLACKWORK SMALLS – EAC/ACB-OWNED PROJECT

## BASIC - BLACKWORK

### by Maureen Spira

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Discover the magic of blackwork through a collection of elegant, easy-to-stitch “smalls.” Each piece begins with a simple motif that blossoms into intricate beauty, stitched in classic black or a dark colour of your choice with a touch of metallic shimmer on 25-count Lugana. With clear finishing guidance for every item, you'll enjoy creating a pin cannoli roll, scissor keep, scissor fob, needle book, and a tidy little pouch to hold your favourite tools. A perfect introduction to blackwork, and a delightful set to treasure for years to come.

### Project Details

**Techniques:** blackwork

**Stitches Used:** running stitch, double running stitch or modified double running stitch (running backstitch), upright cross stitch, buttonhole stitch, ladder stitch

**Kit:** none

### Supplies Needed:

- 25 cm x 147 cm (10" x 54") 25 count Zweigart Lugana in antique white
- 25 cm x 50 cm (10" x 20") cotton fabric for the lining, such as muslin
- 13 cm x 20 cm (5" x 8") felt
- DMC stranded cotton in 310 (black) or a dark colour of your choice
- DMC #12 pearl cotton in 310 or 712
- DMC Diamant in 3852 or Kreinik #4 braid in 002
- 10 cm (4") embroidery hoop, bound
- small amount of fibrefill
- #24 & #26 tapestry needles
- #8 or #9 embroidery needle
- embroidery scissors
- graph paper
- sewing machine and thread for finishing



*A lovely first step into the art of blackwork embroidery*

### About the Artist

**Maureen Spira** is a long-time member of the Lakeshore Creative Stitchery Guild, where she warmly welcomed new stitchers and introduced many to the beauty of Blackwork and other techniques. Guided by her belief that embroidery should be both expressive and useful, she created *Blackwork Smalls*—a collection of charming, practical pieces designed to be stitched, enjoyed, and put to work. Maureen continues to attend the Guild when she can and remains a valued and encouraging presence in her stitching community.

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