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FLORENTINE FUN – EAC/ACB-OWNED PROJECT

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED - CANVASWORK

by Catherine "Kit" Gates

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Discover the timeless beauty of Florentine embroidery, a technique with roots reaching back to the 13th century. Known variously as Bargello or Hungarian stitch, its bold geometrics and rhythmic colourwork flourished in fourteenth-century Florence, where exquisite examples still grace the galleries of the Bargello Museum. This sampler brings that legacy into the present with flowing patterns and striking movement. Work it in the designer's palette or choose your own colours, then finish it as a pillow, framed piece, tray insert, or bag panel. It's a vibrant way to stitch yourself into a centuries-old tradition.

Project Details

Techniques: canvaswork

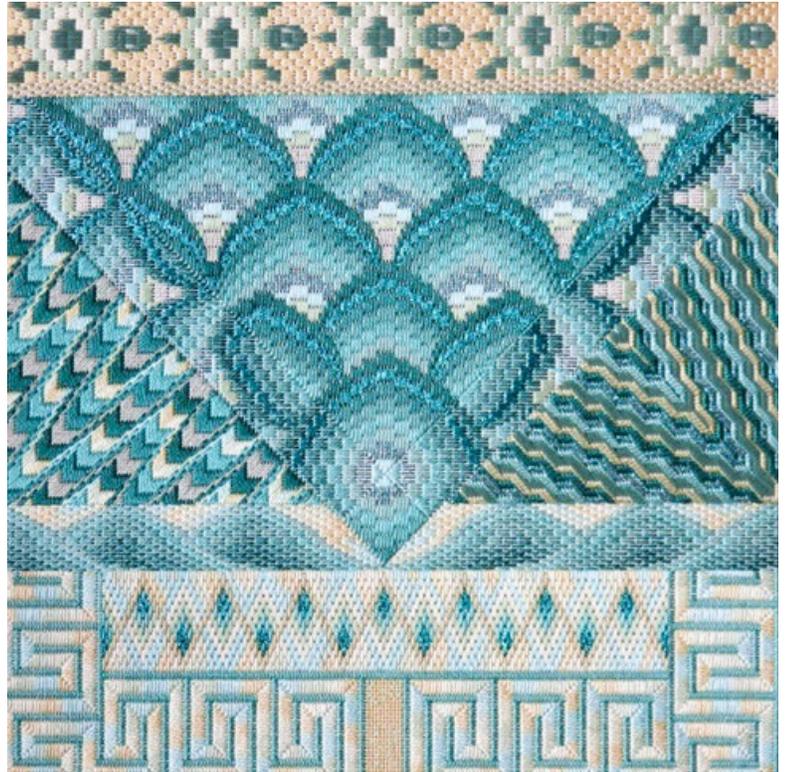
Stitches Used: Florentine stitch, four-way Florentine, basket weave

Kit: none

Supplies Needed:

- 46 cm x 46 cm (18" x 18") stretcher bars and tacks
- 46 cm x 46 cm (18" x 18") #18 mono canvas in eggshell
- #22 & #24 tapestry needles
- laying tool
- embroidery scissors
- threads*
 - #5 pearl cotton
 - Rainbow Gallery Fyre Werks
 - Rainbow Gallery Petite Very Velvet
 - Kreinik #8 or #12 braid
 - stranded cotton floss

*** You are encouraged to use threads from your own stash and let your creativity roam free! But should you prefer to stick with the designer's picks, a full list of threads is provided in the instructions**



A vibrant, modern sampler inspired by centuries of Florentine artistry

About the Artist

Catherine "Kit" Gates has been a devoted member of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada for more than 40 years. A former Home Economics teacher and past president of the Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild, she also served as the EAC/ACB's course registrar and canvaswork counsellor in the 1990s. An award-winning stitcher with a love of colour and pattern, Kit designed *Florentine Fun* to share her enthusiasm for lively, engaging needlework. She remains an active and inspiring presence within her guild community.

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