

BARGELLO TREE DESIGN

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Stitched on 25 count Light Blue Lugana



Stitched on 18 count White Congress Cloth



Stitched on 14 count Gray Mono Canvas

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Materials:

To fit a card with an oval or rectangular opening or finish as an ornament.

- Pale blue canvas, congress cloth, Linen or Lugana—25 count, 3-1/2" x 4-1/2" (9 cm x 11.5 cm); 18 count, 5" x 6" (12.5 cm x 15 cm), 14 count, 6" x 7" (15 cm x 18 cm)
- Marlett viscose/rayon floss—use 2 strands
1031—dark green, 897—medium green, white and a small amount of grey

Cotton floss could be substituted, but it does not give the work as much visual impact as the Marlett does. DMC Rayon or Satin thread could be substituted and would have as much visual impact as the Marlett.

Instructions:

Tape the canvas edges before stitching. Find the vertical centre of the canvas, count 20 threads out to the left and 6 fabric threads down to begin with the bottom row of the tree branches.

The bottom rows of each segment go down over 1 thread only (1-10, dark green arrows), the second row goes down over 1, 2 or 3 threads (11-20, light green arrows) and the third row goes down over 1, 2 or 3 threads (21-30, blue arrows) as indicated on the chart.

Rayon thread must be worked with great care on the congress cloth as the surface is somewhat rough and the thread tends to snag on it. It is advisable to work each group of three rows before continuing to the next group.

The trunk of the tree is 3 threads wide and covers 7 threads in length, echoing the curve of the first row of the tree branches.

The snow also uses the same curves as the first row of the tree branches but extends to each side. The rows in the snow are consistent as they cross the horizontal (i.e., row 1 is over 2 threads, row 2 is over 3 threads, row 3 is over 4 threads, and so on.

Always go down into the hole where a previous stitch has been worked.

If stitching on Lugana or linen, those stitches over 1 fabric thread should be done over 2 fabric threads so the rayon thread does not disappear into the fabric. See diagram for Linen or Lugana.





