

**Blog #28 - The Butterfly Sampler**

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In a previous blog I wrote about the decision that our Mystery Sampler in 2015 would be 'The Butterfly Sampler'.

I originally stitched this in blue tones on 28 count, Antique White, Brittney fabric, but to "check" all the design chart and instructions I have begun stitching it again but this time on a Lambswool coloured 35 count Permin Linen.

I love the variegated blue thread in my first sampler, but unfortunately it has been discontinued.

It was a Silk 'n Colors thread by *The Thread Gatherer*.

SNC 992 - Summer Shadows

I've handwritten most of the instructions and the chart is almost finished but I still have to type up these in the computer and draw all the stitch diagrams.

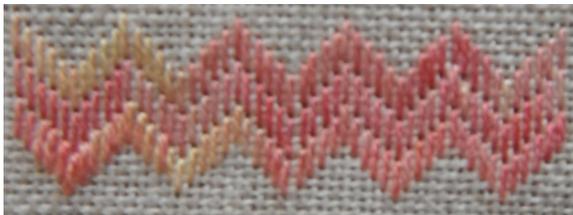


I wasn't sure what other colour to stitch this second sampler and so worked some 'samples'.

That is, I chose a variegated thread and worked a couple of rows of satin stitches to see how the colours looked when stitched, as it is amazing how a colour can look quite different when stitched to when it is in a hank.

Here is a photo of my 'samples'.

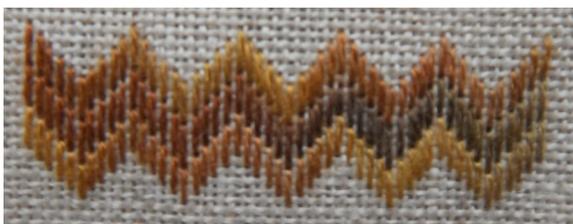
All threads are - Silk 'n Colors by *The Thread Gatherer*.



SNC 041 : Coral Shells



SNC 164 - Acorn Woods



SNC 243 - Woods of Gold

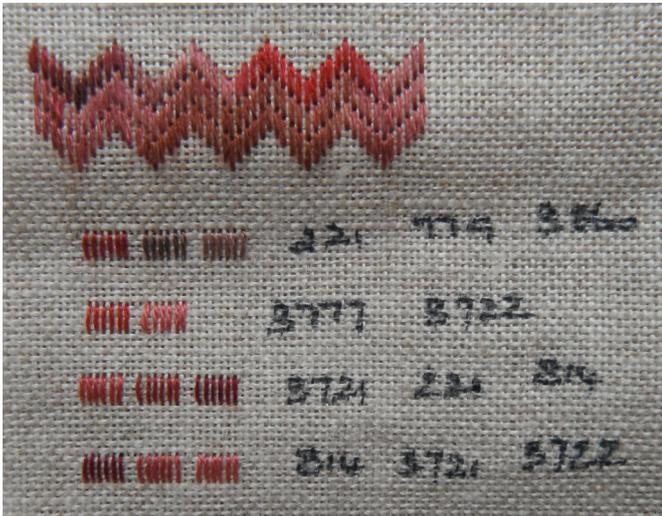


SNC 248 - Apples & Oak Leaves

I finally chose a burgundy/crimson red colour -  
Silk 'n Colors : SNC 179 - Crimson Wood

Besides the variegated thread the design also requires three solid coloured shades - light, medium & dark - that are in the variegated thread. Therefore I worked satin stitch samples of various DMC shades that I thought would look good with the Crimson Wood. Doing so helped me to make my final decision as to which of the colours I would use.

Once again, my 'samples' -



The three solid colours I finally chose were -  
3722 - light  
221 - medium  
814 - dark

A sampling of this new mystery project for 2015 -



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As per tradition, there is an alphabet in this sampler and the stitches are -

Long-Arm Cross, Wave, Bargello/Florentine, Queen, Four-Sided, Cross Stitch, Backstitch, Interlaced Hem Stitch,  
Algerian Eyelets, Rice, Satin, Blackwork, Hardanger

I do hope you will be able to join us on this next needlework journey.

