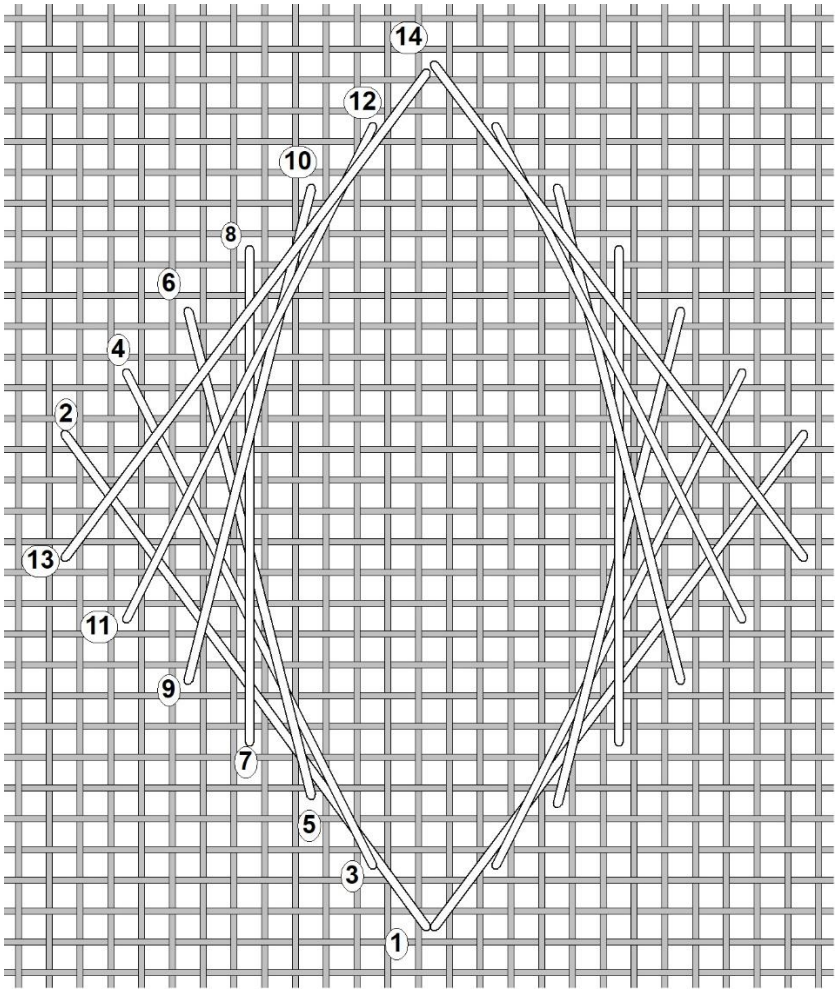
Candles at Christmas

Welcome to week two – Joyous-designs first Mystery Stitch-A-Long! I'm so glad you're here and stitching with me. If you have any questions please feel free to post your questions to my Facebook Group **- Joyous-Designs**

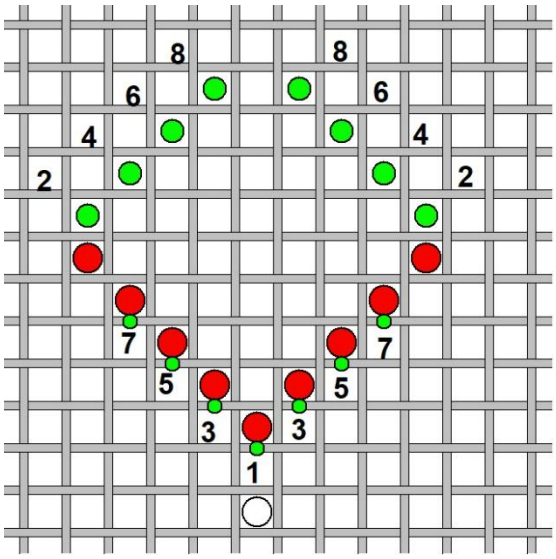
This week we are filling out the remainder of the ornament center. We will be adding beads to the design as well.

Let's get started - Happy stitching!

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1. Large Crescents – DMC #8 Pearl – Blanc – I Strand

There are four sets of crescents that radiate from the center point. Start with the left side crescent and stitch as indicated following the numbering system on the graph above. The right side crescent is stitched in the same manner mirroring the numbering system and is stitched in the right direction. Rotate your canvas 1 quarter turn to complete each consecutive pair of crescents.



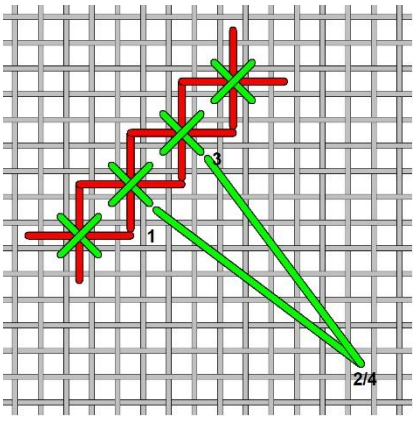
2. Small Green Framing Crescents – Petite Treasure Braid – PB84 – Green – 1 strand (Greenery around candles)

The small green crescents are stitched in the same manner as the candle light crescents from section #1. Note that the green dots are a below the double fan stitches on the diagram. These stitches **share the same holes** as the base of the double fans. They do not pierce the canvas thread below. Note also that the shaping is slightly different to allow the green to wrap around the red base of the double fan. There are 4 pairs of these crescents in total in the diagram. Each pair of crescents share the starting hole #1. Stitch the shape to the left, the again to the right before moving on to the next pair.

For the next two steps refer to this week's large graph for stitch placement.

3. Gold Accents – Sparkle Braid – SK03 – Blanc – 1 ply

The diagram shows 4 V shaped stitches between the large white Crescents in step 1. Stitch these with the gold sparkle braid as indicated. I used the border area to hide the start and stop of my thread tails. After completing stitch #4 I returned to the border by position #3 to end off the thread.



4. Gold Beads – 3mm bugles – white beading thread. The bugles are indicated on the main graph by large gold bar shapes inside the gold crescents stitched last week. Attach the beads with white beading thread in the areas indicated.

That completes Week #2. This is what your piece should look like at this point –



See you next week! Thanks for stitching along with us.

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