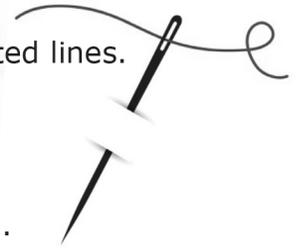


WORKING WITH A PRIMITIVE GATHERINGS STITCHERY PANEL

- Do not starch panel.
- Fray check or stay stitch ($\frac{1}{8}$ ") the edges of the panel to eliminate the edges fraying while stitching. Some panels do not have a lot of room for trimming.
- I do not use a hoop; you can if you wish to do so. It's a personal preference.
- The printed lines will not disappear after being washed. You do not have to stitch the panel.
- Use #5 wt. Valdani perle cotton for best results for covering the printed lines. Stitch about $\frac{1}{8}$ " stem stitches - see Lisa's YouTube video - Stitch with Lisa Bongen, August 8, 2024 entry.
- Use a size #22 chenille needle for stitching.
- Use smaller stitches at points.
- Cut all tails close to the knots. Make a knot on the back when ending. Clip or bury the thread close. Leave no tails on the back. They can be seen through to the front when finished.



PANEL IS ALL STITCHED...NOW WHAT?

- I used a fusible interfacing on the back of the panel. This gives the inside of the quilt similar weight to the pieced blocks. I do not use it prior to stitching as I do not want the stiffness it will add to the project. It also helps to keep the threads in place after the panel is cut to size.
- Press panel right side down on a fluffy towel using lots of steam.
- Check panel for tails or stray threads. Clip if needed.
- Cut light weight fusible interfacing a little longer than panel. I used two lengths 20" wide by 46".
- Lay bumpy side of interfacing down on back of panel.
- Lay a pressing cloth (I use a half yard of white fabric) on top of the interfacing. Using a steam iron pressing from the center out to the edges. Always pushing the excess outward. Move the pressing cloth over to one side and repeat starting from the center and working outward in all directions. Repeat for remaining side and then the 2nd piece of fusible interfacing.

CUTTING PANEL TO EXACT SIZE FOR QUILT.

- Look for the correct size to trim your panel to. I like to make sure the design is centered. Use a tape measure and mark the width size on the panel. These markings will be in the seam allowance, so use something like a light pencil mark. Double check your measurements. Also, pay attention if your rulers have an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ " on them. Trim one side of your panel. Move panel to trim the other side. Use rulers to line up the correct measurement. I use one 24" ruler in the horizontal position and then another in the vertical position trimming against the long vertical edge. Proceed to the top and bottom. Again, repeat the process in the above manner.

NOTE: For **HAPPY FALL PANEL** the trimmed panel size is $35\frac{1}{2}$ " x $42\frac{1}{2}$ "... I trimmed $1\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the red scallop points on the top and bottom. The sides were a bit smaller than $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". The panel is only 36" wide. I barely trimmed anything away after it was stitched. When I added the pieced blocks. I stitched with the blocks down against the feed dogs to ease the panel and the pieced blocks together into the same size. It's magic; trust me.

FOR SAM THE SNOWMAN...trim panel to: $30\frac{1}{2}$ " x $39\frac{1}{2}$ " if using our pattern.

FOR DEAR SANTA...double check the pattern for specifics. We made several quilts out of this panel.