



Finished Design Size: 8" x 2"

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Materials:

Cashel Linen 28 count ct. - White

Leah's #8 - Sunny Yellow

Leah's #12 - Sunny Yellow

Dinky Dyes #8 Pearl Cotton - Purple Haze

Dinky Dyes #12 Pearl Cotton - Purple Haze

A Hardanger Bookmark

Here's an opportunity to use the remnants of other projects while delighting a current or new reader.

Fabric: 28-count linen, 10" X 4"; finished size: 8 ½" X 2"

Thread: Perle Cotton #8 (or equivalent) – 20 yards
Perle Cotton #12 (or equivalent) – 10 yards

Directions:

The chart is color-coded:

#8 thread is used for the border and motifs shown in black.

#12 thread is used for the motifs and withdrawn thread shown in blue/grey.

Each graph line represents two fabric threads.

Measure 1 ½" from the top and 2" from the side to find the starting point for the top of the first motif. Using #8 thread, stitch a tulip down, then back up the other side, ending at the starting point. This completes one petal of the four-petal flower. Count fabric threads from one side to find the starting point of an adjoining petal. Continue around until all four petals are complete.

Stitch the motifs between the completed flower and the flower in the middle. Continue stitching these motifs until the bottom flower is complete.

Using #12 thread, stitch the eyelet in the center of each flower.

Cut the four threads of each end of the satin stitch ovals between the tulip flowers. Withdraw the cut threads. Anchor #12 thread into the cut end of the oval. Overlap each pair of horizontal fabric threads to the other end, by backstitching under the second thread and over the first thread, then returning the needle between the second and third thread and pulling the perle cotton taut. When you reach the other end, tie off in that end. Weave each oval from the end of the bookmark toward the center.

Using #12 thread, stitch a small flower motif – stitch one leaf, return the thread on the back to its beginning, stitch the other leaf, return the thread on the back halfway to the beginning, and then stitch the eyelet between the two leaves. Repeat for the remaining seven little flower motifs.

Cut out the bookmark. If you used hand-dyed thread, soak the bookmark in vinegar water to set the colors so they won't bleed into the fabric, then wash it in mild soapy water and rinse well. Place the bookmark front side down on a plush towel and iron with a dry iron until the bookmark is dry.

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