



Mini Blackwork Box Pillow

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Grid Size: 44W x 105H

Design Area: 2.86" x 7.29" (40 x 102 stitches)

Backstitch Lines:

 DMC-907
 parrot green - lt
 (39.41 inches, 0.1 skeins)
 DMC-905
 parrot green - dk
 (23.86 inches, 0.1 skeins)

 DMC-906
 parrot green - md
 (88.06 inches, 0.1 skeins)
 DMC-904
 parrot green - vy dk
 (189.48 inches, 0.1 skeins)

The pattern pieces need to be stitched at least 8 stitches apart when you stitch them so you have enough seam allowance, I personally have a 4 stitch seam allowance however you may prefer a larger one in which case you need to leave double that between the pieces.

To make the box pillow you will need to stitch the strip pattern 4 times (I didn't include the strip pattern more than once in the pattern to save on ink and paper when printing) and the other 2 pieces once each. Once all the pieces you are going to use are stitched, washed and/or pressed (according to your preference, though be careful with washing hand dyed threads) it's time to cut them apart halfway between pieces.

Then, making sure the pattern continues round in the same direction, whipstitch the side strips together into a long strip using the backstitched outer lines along the short edges. Leave the last seam open.

Whipstitch the long strip to the top of the box pillow, making sure the corners of the top match up with the seams of the strip. Then do the same to the bottom. You should now have a small opening where you didn't join the strips earlier. Use this opening to stuff your box pillow, you can use either toy stuffing or rice or something similar (orts make a good stuffing too!) for this. Once stuffed whipstitch the last seam shut and you are done!

Tip: Using matching seed beads along the top edge would really add some sparkle.

The front and back used together would also make a lovely biscornu.

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