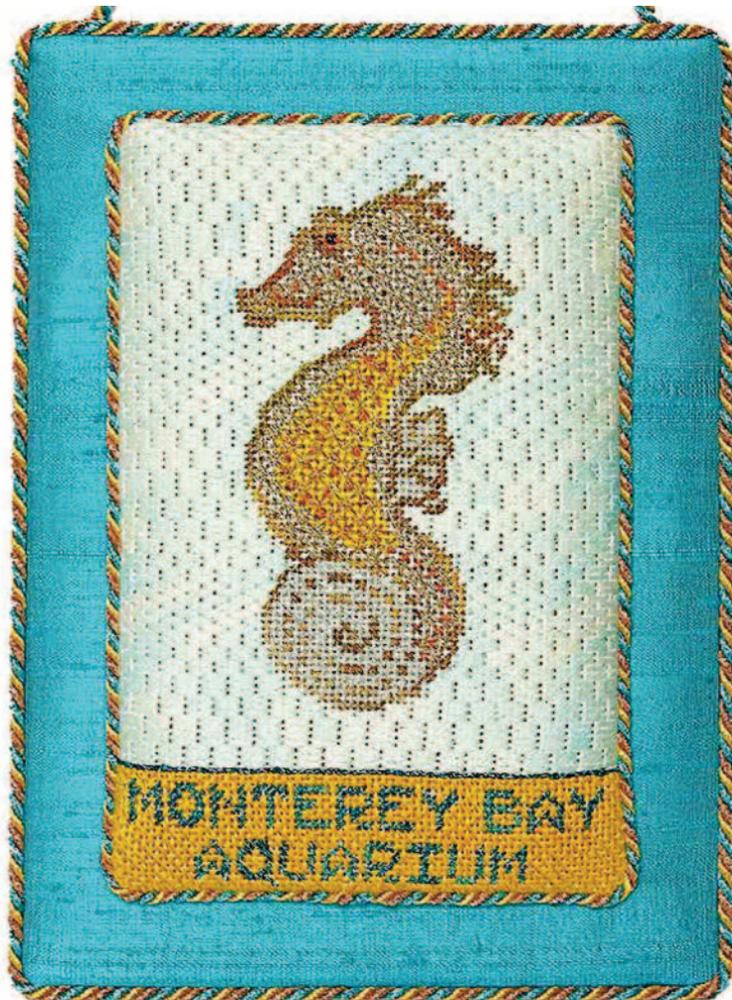


Sassy Seahorse

Customizing the Canvas Version

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*I added an optional band at the bottom
of the canvas version of my Sassy Seahorse design.
Here's what you need to do to make it your own!*

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Materials List

To accommodate the band, use an 8" x 12" piece of #18 canvas: Silver/White or Opalescent/White

12" and 8" stretcher bars

Au Ver a Soie Soie d'Alger Silk 534, yellow

Kreinik Metallic Braid #12 029, turquoise

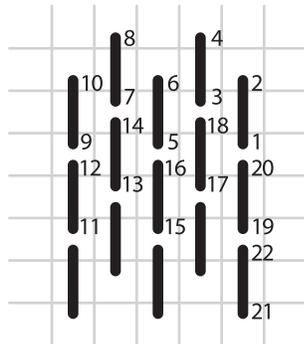
Design size: 4" x 7½"

Stitching Instructions

Before you stitch, you will need to graph the text that you're using to customize your design. There is a wonderful website that contains a variety of free downloadable alphabets from which to choose, Free Patterns Online. You can use the following link to select one: <http://www.freepatternsonline.com/xscharts/alphabets.htm> . Things to keep in mind when selecting the alphabet: The space is 92 x 24 threads. You want to start your words down three threads from the top and end them two threads from the bottom, leaving at least three threads on either side and two threads between lines (if you're using two lines).

Stitch the words first, using Kreinik #029.

Next, backstitch one row just below the wavy bargello background pattern. Begin stitching the background in brick stitch, using three strands of Soie d'Alger 534 and compensating around the letter as necessary.



Brick Stitch

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