My Heart Project

In Needlelace

Pattern Notes:

Size: 3.25" x 3.25" Made with DMC #30 Blanc Cordonnet Special. Outlines made with Aunt Lydia's Crochet Cotton #10 doubled. Used John James Ball Point Needles.

Cushion Base:

6" diameter rigid cardboard cement form cut 10" long, padded and covered. Then I made an additional linen slip cover with drawstrings at both ends (easy to remove and launder when needed).

Bamboo 2.25" diameter, 8" long held in place with a hemmed linen rectangle which is long enough when pinned to base to allow the bamboo to roll back and forth under the work in progress to raise the area being worked.

The pattern paper is couched onto a muslin cloth backing with double thread outlining each section, then is pinned to the linen rectangle which in turn is pinned to the cushion. The needle made lace techniques are added inside the outlines. View the YouTube instructions for setting up the pattern.

I use this cushion set up on my lap and up against the table to keep it in place while working. The basket holds it when not in use.

References:

<u>The Complete Encyclopedia of Needlework</u> Thérèse de Dillmont, Chapter XVII, Needlemade Laces, pages 556-571.

Needlelace Made Easy Michael Dennis, YouTube parts 1-9.

Chart: Stitch references for pattern sections

- 1. Corded Single Brussels YouTube Parts 1&2
- 2. Corded Double Brussels YouTube Part 6
- 3. Page 561 Fig 953 Twelfth lace stitch
- 4. Page 563 Fig 961 Twentieth lace stitch
- 5. Page 564 Twenty-third lace stitch
- 6. Williamson Stitch YouTube Part 8
- 7. Page 557 Fig 944 Third lace stitch







