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Stitch count: 71w x 41h ♥ Stitched size: 4" x 2.25"

Supplies

36 count Lakeside Linen "Vintage Light Examplar" – 10" x 8"	Fabric for back – 7" x 5"
(allows for 3" linen on all sides of finished stitching)	Stuffing of your choice
Weeks Dye Works #2259-Cayenne floss	Optional: red glass head pins for trim

Instructions

1. Full cross stitches are worked over 2 threads of linen using 1 strand of floss.

2. Petite stitches (used in letters/verse) are worked over 1 thread of linen using 1 strand of floss.

3. To make a little pinkeep, trim linen around finished needlework to ¾" on all sides.

4. Make a small cut in middle of the fabric for the *back* of your pinkeep. This will be your opening for turning and stuffing. It works much easier than leaving an opening on the bottom.

5. Place needlework and fabric for back with right sides together and pin.

6. Stitch around all sides (¼" seam allowance).

7. Trim away excess fabric and turn right side out.

8. Stuff with your choice of material

9. Whip stitch opening on back closed. If you like, you can cover your closing line with a little patch of wool or velvet ~ perhaps cut in the shape of a heart!

10. Optional for finishing: insert tiny red glass head pins all the way around.

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