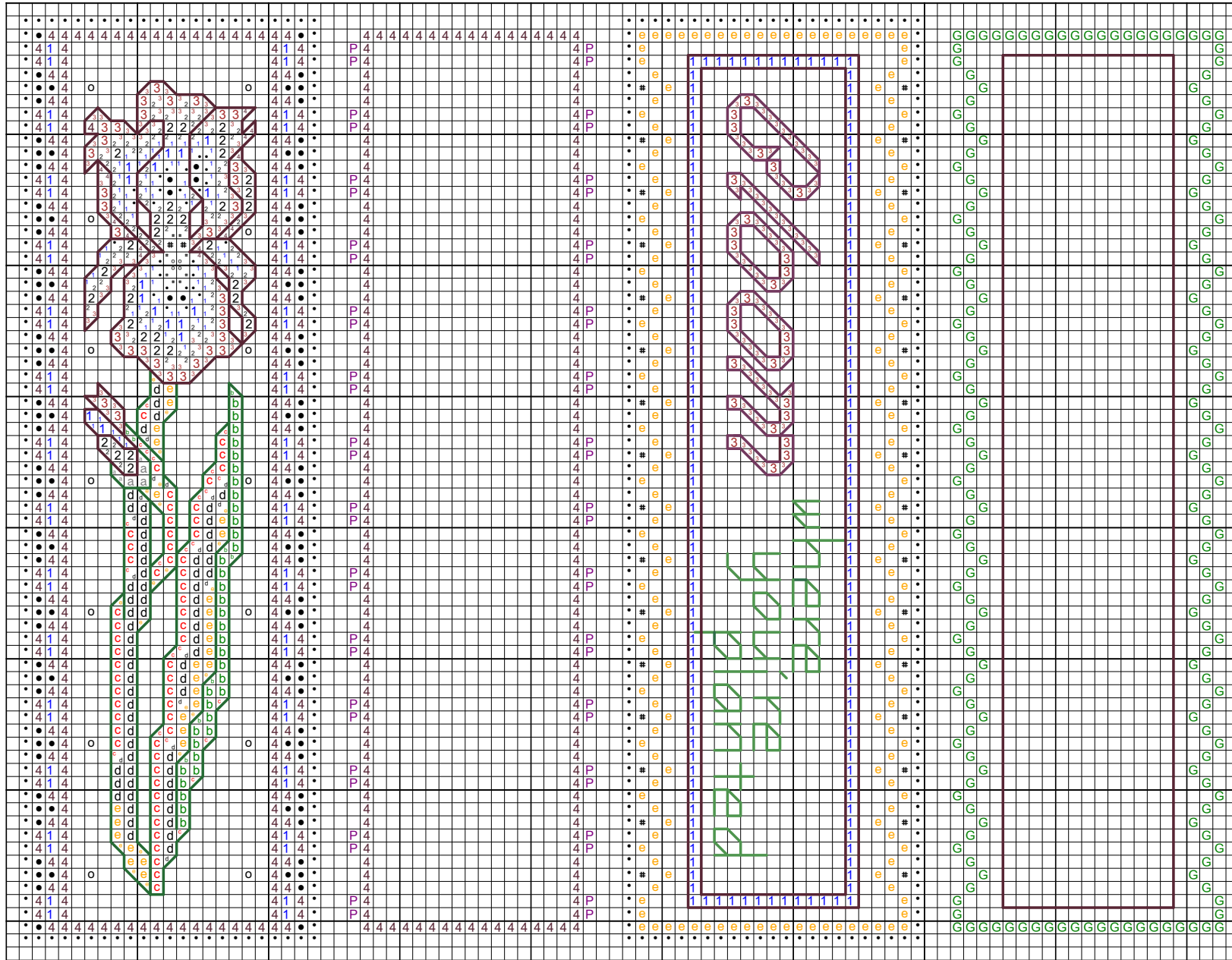


"Garden Treasures Bookmark - Iris" by Katherine Martin Tripp



- Legend:
- 3 DMC-3834
 - 1 DMC-3836
 - 2 DMC-3835
 - 4 DMC-154
 - # DMC-307
 - o DMC-445
 - d DMC-367
 - b DMC-368
 - c DMC-320
 - e DMC-319
 - a DMC-369
 - DMC-White
 - G KRE-008
 - P KRE-012
- Backstitches:
- DMC-3834
 - DMC-154
 - DMC-561
 - DMC-367
 - DMC-319

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Grid Size: 94W x 73H
Design Area: 6.57" x 5.07" (92 x 71 stitches)

Legend:

	DMC 3834	grape - dk		DMC 445	lemon - lt		DMC 369	pistachio green - vy lt
	DMC 3836	grape - lt		DMC 367	pistachio green - dk		DMC White	white
	DMC 3835	grape - md		DMC 368	pistachio green - lt		KRE 008	Green
	DMC 154	grape - vy lt		DMC 320	pistachio green - md		KRE 012	Purple
	DMC #	307	lemon		DMC 319	pistachio green - vy dk		

Backstitch Lines:

	DMC-3834	grape - dk		DMC-561	jade - vy dk		DMC-319	pistachio green - vy dk
	DMC-154	grape - vy lt		DMC-367	pistachio green - dk			

In the Photograph:

I embroidered "Garden Treasures Bookmark - Iris" on 14-count Aida using DMC 6-strand cotton floss. Selected stitches are then highlighted with Kreinik Metallics Blending Filament.

This bookmark is made by stitching a front and back design on two separate pieces of fabric, then sewing them together. The front features an Iris in full bloom. The back features the popular sentiment, "Bloom where you're planted" using our Outline alphabet (filled in) and a smaller version of our Fine Line alphabet. The border stitches create a mock lace pattern, and metallic floss stitches add a bright sparkle to the border stitching. The white fringe on both ends is longer than the fringe on the sides.

This design can also be adapted to stitch on precut bookmarks.

What You'll Need:

- Fabric
- DMC (or other 6-strand cotton) Floss
- Kreinik Metallics Floss #

Stitch Complexity:

- Full cross stitches
- 1/4 and 3/4 cross stitches
- Backstitches
- Half stitches (to sew the front and back together)

If you are unfamiliar with any of these stitches, click on the buttons under the "Tutorials" section of the left menu. There, you will find detailed diagrams and instructions for each stitch.

How to Cross Stitch this Design:

If you already know how to cross stitch, the Quick Start checklist below will get you on your way. Just learning? Simply click on the "Getting Started" button on the left menu.

Step 1 - Review this Chart

Eliminate surprises by reading these instructions and reviewing the chart thoroughly before you begin stitching. Identify and learn any unfamiliar stitches listed in "Stitch Complexity" above.

You will use two separate pieces of fabric for this bookmark:

- The first chart (Iris): shows all of the stitching to be done with DMC floss for the front of the bookmark. The white half stitches surrounding the perimeter are the stitches you will use to "sew" the front piece to the back piece.
- The second chart: shows where to overstitch the purple border using Kreinik Metallic floss (symbol "P"). Some of the existing outline stitches are left in to help you keep your place.
- The third chart: shows the DMC stitching for the for the back of the bookmark. Again, the white half stitches surrounding the edge are the stitches that "sew" the sides together.
- The fourth chart: shows where to overstitch the green border using Kreinik Metallic floss (symbol "G").

Disregard the fabric and design measurements listed under "Grid Size" and "Design Area" at the top of this page. The actual dimensions are described in Step 2 below.

Since the white half stitches surrounding the perimeter are used to sew the sides together, they will be the last stitches you will do. These stitches are not meant to be an integral part of the design. So, if you are embroidering this bookmark on a different color of fabric, you may want to change this floss to a color that will blend, or "disappear" into the background. On the left menu, click on "Join

Sides" and "Make Fringe" to see how this process works.

Step 2 - Select and Prepare Your Fabric

Size:

For a bookmark exactly like the photograph, you will need two identical pieces of 14-count Aida, 47 stitches x 103 stitches. The width (including a single, unstitched row around the joined edges) is 25 stitches, plus 8 for the 1/4 inch fringe along both sides, plus 14 stitches for the 1/2 inch fudge factor on all sides. The length is 71 stitches, plus 18 for the 5/8 inch fringe, plus the 1/2 fudge factor.

To stitch the design exactly as it is in the photograph, simply use the materials described. If you have a favorite fabric type and thread count, or if you have a specific size in mind for the finished piece, translate inches to thread count to determine your initial fabric size. If you'd like help converting, click on the "Stitch Counts" button on the left menu for an easy formula and a handy table.

Type:

Because bookmarks are handled a lot, I prefer using Aida cloth for durability. It also supports the metallic stitches, whereas a lightweight fabric can be too easily distorted.

Preparation:

Find the center, secure the edges and baste in gridlines. For more details, click on "Preparing Fabric" from the left menu.

Step 3 - Select and Prepare Your Floss

Use the colors listed above or substitute ones of your own.

If using fabric with a different thread count, you may need to adjust the number of strands of floss you'll use. Select "Floss Coverage" on the left menu to help you decide.

Prepare your floss as described in Step 3 from the "Getting Started" button on the left menu. "Separating Floss" will show you a quick and easy method for separating your floss strands.

To duplicate the bookmark in the photograph on 14-count Aida: DMC standard cotton floss

- Full cross stitches - 2 strands
- 1/4 and 3/4 partial stitches - 2 strands
- 1/2 stitches joining the front to the back - 2 strands
- Backstitches - 1 strand

Kreinik Metallic Blending Filament

- Full cross stitches (stitched over DMC standard floss) - 1 strand)

Step 4 - Stitch the Design

Each square containing a symbol represents one stitch; the legend indicates which color to use. Squares with a smaller symbol tucked into one corner represent partial stitches. Review the stitching guidelines in Step 4 of the "Getting Started" page.

Follow this order when stitching this bookmark:

- Cross stitches in DMC floss
- Backstitches
- Cross stitches with Kreinik Metallic (1 strand) over existing stitches

Specialty flosses often require a little extra care when handling. Cut the Kreinik Metallic Blending Filament, or any other brand of metallic floss or blending filament, into strands 15" or shorter. These types of specialty floss break, separate and shred more easily with prolonged stitching. I've found that it will do so long before I'm able to use the full 18 inches (testing both the thread and my patience!). I usually stick with 12-inch strands or shorter instead.

Do not use the sewing method with metallic floss. Stitch over areas already cross-stitched with DMC floss by switching to a slightly larger needle. This makes a bigger hole for the metallic floss to slip through. Because there is less friction as the floss passes through the hole, it will separate and break less often.

Step 5 - Finishing Touches

Assembly is the final step in finishing your bookmark. Align the corners of the front and back designs, wrong sides together. Start with the front "iris" design facing you. In the first blank row adjacent to the cross stitched edge, use half stitches, as shown, to join the two. These half stitches will completely surround the design on this side, while the stitches on the "bloom" side will be a series of parallel straight stitches. Click on the "Join Sides" button on the left menu for detailed instructions and diagrams.

Lastly, to duplicate fringe on the bookmark in the photograph, trim the excess cloth. You should have 4 rows remaining on each long side, and 9 rows on each short end. Then follow the detailed instructions and diagrams contained in the "Make Fringe" button on the left.