Flower Bell Pull from <u>HereandAbove.com</u> by Deborah K. Lauro



This pattern was made to teach 7 to 10 year olds how to cross stitch. For them I pre-made the bell pull from 11 count aida, lacing green pearl cotton on the edges before hemming and stitching. You may decide to hem after the design is finished. If you are using this as a teaching piece, lacing the green two spaces to the left and the right of the design will help the beginner know where to start. The following instructions were given with a kit to each child.

An additional teaching bell pull graph is of <u>Noah's Ark</u>.

1. Stitch the design on the bell pull. You may start five squares down from the machine stitching at the top, leaving two squares blank between the green line and your first stitch. (The top of the bell pull has the folded and stitched section to hold the cord hanger). See Basic Cross Stitch instructions for more information, noting the section marked "The Cross Stitch".

2. After completing the stitching, ravel the bottom of the bell pull to within a square or two of the machine stitching at the bottom. You may need to cut off the very bottom if there is zigzagged stay stitching or a salvage edge at the bottom of your bell pull. Then just pull one of the horizontal threads until it is frayed to the point that you wish. A dab of fabric glue may be used to secure the rest of the fabric when fraying is done, but should not be essential because of the machine stitching.

3. Thread the gold cord through the top of the ornament and tie together.

4. Your bell pull is ready to hang.



If kitted, each Kit would include:

- * Prestitched bell pull
- * #22 Tapestry Needle
- * DMC #5 Pearl Cotton
- * Needleloft Gold Cord
- * Instructions

The flower is keyed for either purple or pink.

Key DMC#5 Color

- 2 208,604 Dk Purple or Pink
- ^ 210,953 Lt Purple or Pink
- 699 Green
- * 743 Yellow

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