

# **PINK RIBBON BOOKMARK DESIGN BY ANNE BRINKLEY**

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS: #22 TAPESTRY NEEDLES, OPTIONAL Kreinik #8 Fine Braid color 002

RIVER SILKS LTD 100% SILK, HAND DYED RIBBON

<b>4MM</b>	<b>COLOR</b>	<b>SPOOLS</b>
53	CAMEO PINK	1
256	OVER DYED ORCHID PINK	1
202	WHITE WHITE	1

PINK RIBBON: use colors 53 and 256

WHITE BACKGROUND: use color 202

## **GENERAL PLANNING**

Attach the canvas to the stretcher bars preferably using tacks.

There is no need to ply the silk ribbon. You will want to work with 2 to 3 foot lengths of ribbon. The ribbon won't show wear so don't worry.

**THREADING THE NEEDLE:** Cut the ribbon on the diagonal. Insert point of the ribbon through the eye of the needle. Then insert the point of the needle through the ribbon cut end about 1/2" from the cut. Pull the long tail to secure the ribbon to the needle.

**SECURING THE RIBBON TO THE CANVAS:** We have chosen not to use an "away knot" as it is unnecessary with River Silks ribbon. **There is an easier way.** Bring the needle up through an empty hole where you want to begin. Pull the needle and ribbon through the canvas leaving about a one-inch tail of ribbon on the back of the canvas. With a finger press that tail flat against the canvas. Go back down through an adjacent hole passing through both the canvas and the ribbon tail. Try not to stitch through your finger! With your finger still pressing on the tail pull the needle and ribbon through the canvas and keep pulling until the ribbon is secure on the canvas. Check the back of the canvas to see that there are no loose ends. This is called the "Canvas Lock Stitch".

**HELPFUL HINTS:** The ribbon does not need to be pulled tightly. Untwist the ribbon as you stitch and lay the ribbon with a laying tool to show the surface.

**I RAN OUT OF RIBBON. NOW WHAT?** When you need to add more ribbon to continue stitching or to change color or width of ribbon use this easy technique. Select your new piece of ribbon and secure it to a new needle using the “Needle Lock Stitch” described previously. On the wrong side of the canvas cut the ribbon you had been using (removing the old needle) leaving about a 1 1/2 inch tail. Hold that tail and pierce it with your new needle and ribbon very close to the surface of the canvas, keep pulling the new ribbon leaving another 1 1/2 inch tail. Put that tail over the next hole that you want to stitch and put the needle through that new tail and the canvas. Keep on pulling until secure. Turn the canvas to the right side and continue stitching. You may trim those tails to a half-inch as desired.

### **LETS START STITCHING**

For the Pink Ribbon design use small Scotch Squares. Continue squares to complete the checkerboard pattern. Reverse the direction of the Scotch Squares when you change color. You will have to compensate where the design curves or folds.

The White Background is done with a Brick Stitch over 5 holes or 4 threads. Alternating stitches, starting the second stitch at the midpoint of the first stitch.

Finish the lines along the edge of the ribbon with Kreinik Braid to emphasize the twist and overlap of the stitched ribbon design.

Use glue stitch to hold the edges of the bookmark in place before stitching on the sewing machine at 2.5 stitch length. Sew slowly.

**HAVE FUN.**

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