

# Nathan's Blackwork Teddy Bear Written and Designed by Janet M. McDonald -Davies



Getting design outline onto the fabric:

- 1. Press your fabric.
- 2. Print or photocopy the design to the required size.
- **3**. The overall design on paper is centered and pinned under your fabric.
- 4. Tape the fabric and design paper to a window to see the design through the fabric. Use a Blue Water Soluble pen to trace your design outlines onto your fabric. Pencil can be used, but make sure the lines are covered by stitching.

# Shopping List

#### Fabric

~ Even weave fabric. Add 3 inches around the 4 sides of the teddy bear shape you intend to use and cut fabric to that measurement. I stitched on 28 count fabric and used the larger teddy design.

### <u>Thread</u>

- ~ Anchor or DMC 6 stranded cotton. Black
- ~ Gold Metallic thread.

## <u>Needle</u>

- ~ Crewel, size 10
- ~Tapestry size 26

### <u>Hoop</u>

~ Hoop size that will fit on your fabric.



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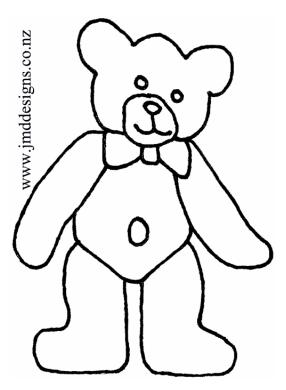


## Stitching Instructions

- 1. Stitch all outlines of the teddy bear with Holbein stitch. Use 2 strands of 6 stranded cotton and a crewel needle. You do not always following the grain of the fabric as you will for the filling stitches.
- 2. The filling stitches are stitched inside the design stitched areas following the thread count of the fabric. Use 1 strand of 6 stranded cotton and a tapestry needle. 1 square on your graph equals 2 fabric threads. Make 1 Holbein stitch per 2 fabric threads.
- 3. The filling stitches inside the tummy button are stitched with 1 strand of gold metallic thread.

Trace the design size you wish onto your fabric.



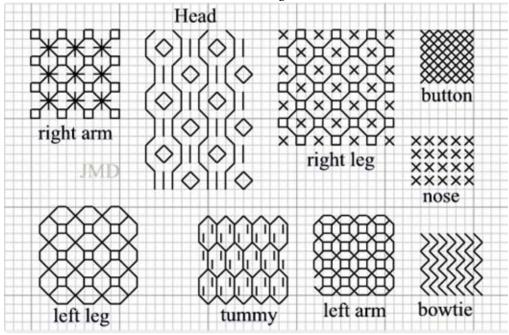


The right hand bear is the size I stitched on 28 count fabric.

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Blackwork Filling stitches



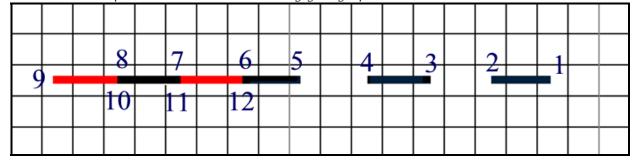
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## Holbein Stitch for design outline stitches:

~ Follow the instructions below but follow the outline of the teddy bear not always following the grain of the fabric as you will for the filling stitches.

# Holbein Stitch for Filling stitches:

- ~ 1 square on your graph equals 2 fabric threads. Make 1 Holbein stitch per 2 fabric threads.
- 1. Start by bringing the needle up through the fabric at 1.
- 2. Then down at 2. Now up at 3.
- 3. Then continue along going up and down with finishing going down at 8.
- 4. Turn the fabric 180 degrees and bring the needle up at 9.
- 5. Now come down at 10, at the same time piercing the stitch made at 8.
- 6. Now come up at 11. Then continue along going up and down to make a continuous row of stitching



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