

# 15 Sided Biscornu Finishing

By Kathrin Ellison



To begin, you will need 15 designs each positioned within their own backstitched square. These squares must all be the same stitch count and all stitched on the same fabric count.

The outline of each square, for those motifs found on Kathrin's Blog, was backstitched with 20 x 20 stitches. Cut out each square leaving a border of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". To make the cut line more visible pull out a fabric thread  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the backstitched edge. This is optional and only suggested as a helpful hint. I pulled out the 8<sup>th</sup> fabric thread to mark my cut line.



Once cut, arrange designs into 3 groups of 5 designs each.

5 squares will be used for the top of the Biscornu, 5 squares for the bottom and 5 for the sides.

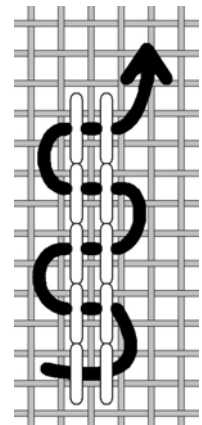


The 5 pieces used for the top will be slip stitched together to form a 5 sided star shape. The photo on the left shows how the pieces will fit together.

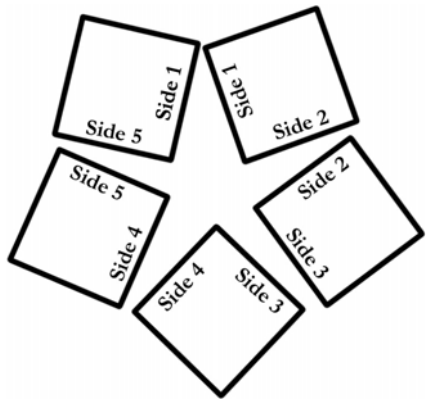
Before slip stitching the pieces together, finger press along backstitched line.



### Sewing the squares together



Start by sewing 2 squares together along one side. Secure your thread to the back of one of the squares, knotting it into the backstitched line. Bring the needle up through the hole in the corner of the backstitched edge. Butt one side of one square up against one side of the second square, matching backstitch to backstitch. Slip under the first backstitch of each square, then slip under the 2<sup>nd</sup> backstitches of each square side. Repeat until the 2 squares are sewn together along one side.



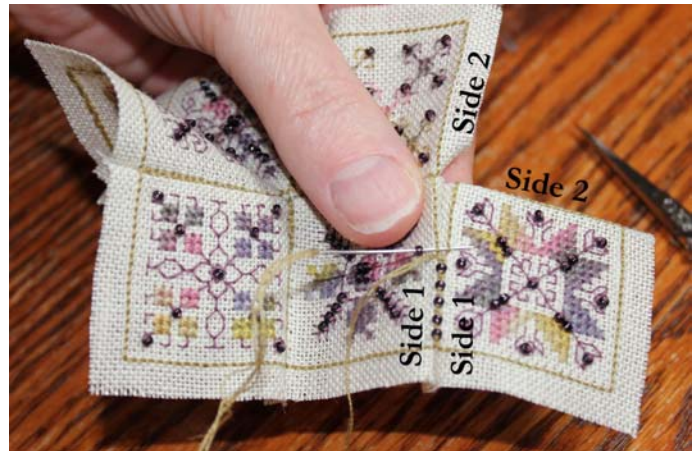
Following the top left diagram slip stitch 2 squares together, matching the same numbered sides to each other. When sewing them together always slip under the backstitches matching stitch for stitch.

When you have joined the 5 squares together, you will have a kind of 5 pointed star. Note that it will not lie flat, however hard you try.

Repeat the above when joining the 5 squares together for the bottom.



When sewing the middle squares to the top of the Biscornu match one of their corners to the joined seam between two squares of the sewn together top, as shown in the photo on the left. Slip stitch both Side 1's together and then slip stitch both side 2's together. Repeat this around the top.



For the middle row I added a bead to every other stitch when sewing the squares into place. Knot your thread at the back and come up through the corner of one of the sides. Slip under a matched pair of backstitches. Pick up a bead with your needle and slip under the next paired backstitches. Repeat along the side, picking up a bead on every other slip stitch. ( Please note that adding beads is optional, and that you will need 200 beads)



Once the Side 1's are slip stitched together, bend the squares so the Side 2's are lined up and slip stitch together. Don't forget to add a bead to every other stitch.



When adding the next square, again slip stitch the Side 1's together and then bend to slip stitch together the Side 2's. Again adding a bead to every other slip stitch. Repeat until all 5 squares are added to the top.



The above photos show how the Biscornu appears at this stage.



When attaching the bottom 5-sided piece, match its points to the dips between two of the side squares and match its seams to the points of the side squares. Pairing the backstitches slip stitch together and add a bead to every other slip stitch. Slip stitch all the way around until 3 sides remain.



Carefully stuff your Biscornu using regular craft filling or fiberfill. Make sure the corners are well stuffed. Pinch the Biscornu in the center to see if you are satisfied with the amount of stuffing. Just before the last two sides are slip stitched closed you can check the fullness of your Biscornu and readjust the stuffing. Slip stitch closed



Now thread your needle with Dental Floss. Dental floss is very strong and the knots will not slip when pulling the thread tight.

Bring your needle up through the center of the Biscornu and then stitch through to the other side again. Stitch the same path again ensuring not to stitch through the same hole but close to the center.

Pull tightly and knot using a square knot. Stitch both dental floss ends through to the other side again, pull tightly and knot again.

The dimple in the Biscornu is now secure.



Sewing on the shank button.

With one of the dental floss ends sew through the shank hole of your button. Tie the dental floss ends tightly under the head of the button with a square knot.

Thread both dental floss ends through your needle and pull these ends through the center to the other side of the Biscornu.

Sew your second button into place with a square knot. Pull dental floss again through to the other side. Push button aside and carefully trim ends



Congratulations !!!!

You did it; Your Biscornu is finished.

Doesn't it look great!

**Gitta's Your one stop stitching shop !!**

271 Lakeshore Road East, Mississauga, Ontario L5G 1G8

Tel: 905-274-7198

[www.gittas.com](http://www.gittas.com)

email: [questions@gittas.com](mailto:questions@gittas.com)