

Oak Leaf Needlebook

designed by Suzanne Bruno



Size:

The needlebook measures 2 1/2" x 4".

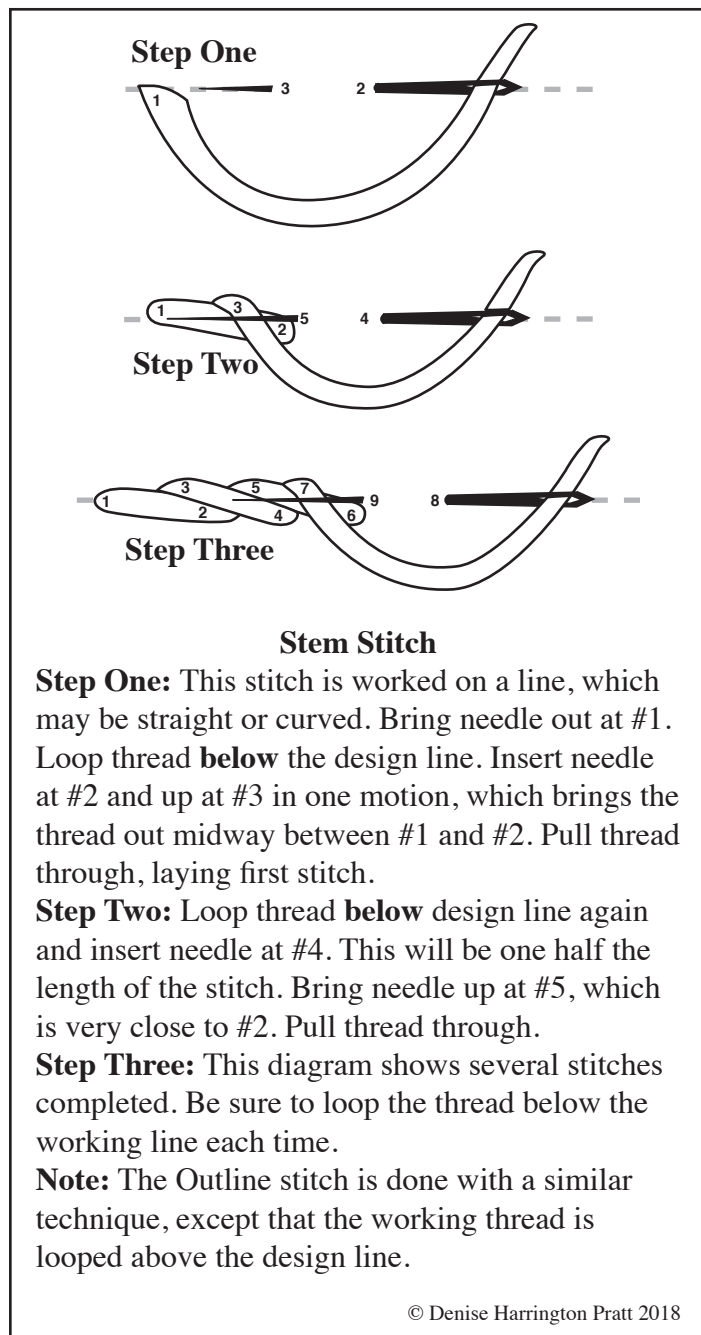
Materials:

- Small amount of wool felt or felted wool for the front, back, and center “page”. You may use a traditional white wool or another color for the center of the needlebook (where the needles will be kept) or keep all the pages the same. It is stitcher’s choice.
- Embroidery threads of your choice. Variegated Silk Pearl, Watercolors Handpainted 3 ply pima cotton (use only one of the three plies) or DMC #5 Pearl Cotton are some options.
- Charm, Beads, or a Button to embellish the top of the leaf.



Instructions:

- Trace the leaf patterns onto the wool you will use for the front of the needlebook. Do not cut out.
- Using stem stitch or the stitch of your choice, embroider the leaf shape, approximately 1/4" inside the cutting line and beginning at the top of the leaf (the point). Using the pattern for a guide, stitch the leaf veins. These can be free form or you may draw them on if you choose. Leave long thread tails of approximately 5" when you start and stop your embroidery. You will use these "tails" to stitch the three leaf pieces together and to sew on the bead or charm.
- When embroidery is complete, stack your embroidered leaf wool piece, the center page wool piece, and the back leaf wool piece. Cut out all three together on the drawn line on the stitched piece.
- At the top of the leaf, sew on the bead or charm with one of the thread ends, and stitch the three leaf pieces together so creating a "hinge".



Stitch Diagram courtesy of Denise Harrington Pratt.

