December 2023 EGA Stitch-a-long: Sleeping Bear



Directions. This crewel project was completed using wool thread from my stash on linen in a 6 inch hoop.

- 1. The bear outline was stitched in brown yarn using the stem stitch.
- 2. The flower at the ear was stitched in pink wool using the satin stitch with a yellow french knot in the center.
- 3. The hind leg flower was completed in purple wool using french knots with yellow french knots in the center. The stem was completed in green wool using the stem stitch. The leaf was completed in green wool using the fishbone stitch.
- 4. The front leg flower was completed in orange wool using a chain stitch outline and a chain stitch in the middle. The stem was completed in light green wool using the stem stitch. The leaves were completed in light green wool using the chain stitch.
- 5. The rump twigs were completed with beige wool using stem stitch for the stem and lazy daisy stitches for the leaves.
- 6. The mouth twigs were completed with beige wool using stem stitch for main stem and the feather stitch for the branches.
- 7. The three fur whirls were completed with brown wool using a spiral running stitch.
- 8. The eyelid done in brown wool using straight stitch or an eye using a french knot.

The finished bear is 3.25 inches wide by 2.5 inches high.

Inspiration was taken from <u>Southwestern Indian Designs</u> by Madeleine Orban-Szontagh, Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1992.

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Bear Pattern