

Levistrix Xmas

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List of materials:

Fabric: 28 or 32 cts natural linen

Threads:

One skein each of **The Gentle Art** Simply Shaker Sampler Threads: Apple Cider, Bayberry, Raven

One skein each of **The Gentle Art** Sampler Threads: Adobe, Poinsettia, Purple Iris, Royal Purple

Beads: Seed Beads 02009 Ice Lilac of **Mill Hill**

Star Charm (*): Small Flat Star 12173 **Mill Hill** Treasures

Stitch Count: 89 x 61

Preliminar notes:

This model is stitched with variegated cotton threads. The *Gentle Art* Threads come in six-stranded skeins and since the strands are lightly twisted together, you must separate and recombine them to produce smooth-looking stitches.

Always be careful to recombine strands in the same direction in order to keep the color shades. I am sure you will enjoy this fascinating adventure with variegated cotton threads since they give an unique look to your stitched piece.

Stitch with two strands of cotton, unless otherwise indicated, over two threads of fabric, following symbols in the chart.

Special instructions:

Cross stitch over one eyes with one strand of Raven

Backstitch over two lips with two strands of Poinsettia

Backstitch over two hat, nose, neck, shirt and shoes with one strand of Raven

Backstitch over two initials and year with one strand of Royal Purple

Attach beads with one cross stitch over two by using one strand of Bayberry

Attach star with one strand of Royal Purple

Additional notes:

This design is dedicated to my friend **Levina Amighetti**, alias **Witch Levina** or **Levistrix**, who has a special passion for stitching. If you get to know Levina you can really see that she could be the pretty good witch flying on the Christmas tree! Levina has an unique website www.levistrix.it and I invite you to pay a visit to it. You will find a lot of resources and useful hints. Please sign her Guest book!!!!

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