



15-Sided Biscornu Finishing Instructions



Trim each of the squares to $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the backstitch border. *An easy way to do this is to count the number of fabric threads that constitute $\frac{1}{2}$ ", add 1 and withdraw that thread. (On 28 count linen, $\frac{1}{2}$ " would be 14 fabric threads – plus 1 would be 15 – so pull the 15th thread all around the square).* I personally prefer the wider border because it will fray. You might consider using a sewing machine to stitch over the raw edges or fray check the edges to reduce raveling.

Finger press the border on all 4 sides of each square – folding on the backstitched line.

Now is the time to make your groupings – 5 squares for the top, 5 for the sides, and 5 for the bottom.

The stitching you are about to do will show, so pick a thread appropriate to your design for the finished piece. I suggest using the equivalent of 2 strands of DMC floss. In my sample piece, I chose to add beads when connecting the sides to the top and bottom – on every other connecting stitch. It's your biscornu, here's your chance to really personalize it!

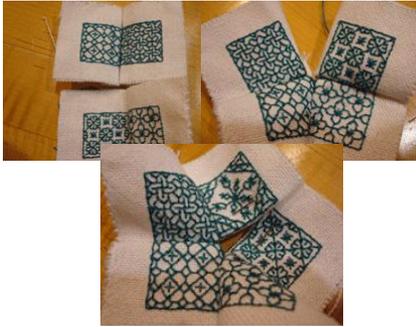


Making the top:



Put 5 of the squares together into a pentagon or star shape by doing a ladder or overcast stitch through the backstitched borders.

- Firmly attach your thread to the backside of a square (a knot is OK)
- To use the ladder stitch, start on one side – let's say the left side, go under the backstitch of each square towards the right and pull your thread through. Change the direction of your needle, move up a row of backstitches, and take a stitch under both backstitch borders going in the opposite direction (right to left)
- Work this stitch the entire length of the backstitch lines. This is worked on top of the fabric; you do not go back under the fabric until you are ready to end your thread.



- Stitch two squares together.
- Stitch two different squares together.
- Stitch these two sections together until you reach the center.
- Stitch the last square into the remaining open space, starting at the outside and working toward the center.
- Use a few extra stitches to join together. Finish overcasting the last seam to the outside edge.

Making the bottom: Repeat this piecing technique that made the top with an additional group of five squares.



Connecting the sides to the top:

- Overcast one of the 5 remaining individual squares to the top pentagon.
- Work from the outside edge towards the center. Take care that the corner of the side square matches with one of the seams of the top.
- Continue adding the remaining 4 squares to the top pentagon.



Connecting the sides to the bottom:

- Stitch the bottom section to the side pieces until you come to the last square.
- You will want to leave this open so you can stuff the biscornu.
- You should make a few extra stitches at the corners where the top meets the bottom to eliminate any gaps.

You might consider trimming your seams to reduce the bulk inside your biscornu.



- Stuff the biscornu tightly with polyester fiber. Overcast the last section.
- Attach a button firmly in the center of the top and bottom of the biscornu.