NEEDLEPOINT

General Suggestions to help leaders:
Needlepoint is commonly done in the Continental stitch or in the Half-cross is worked from left to right on the canvas, and worked from the bottom up. The right on the canvas and worked from the bottom up. The Continental stitch is worked from right to left. You must do one or the other to be consistent on the backside of your work.

BEGINNERS (1 – 2 years in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:
1. Learn the different types of stitches. The long stitch is the easiest to learn. Other stitches to learn are the Continental and the Half-cross.
2. Learn terms associated with needlepoint.

Suggested projects for Beginners:
- Initials in plastic canvas, kleenex box covers
- Long stitch on canvas, simple plastic canvas kits.

INTERMEDIATES (1 – 2 years in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:
1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Learn how to do the following stitches – Flat stitch, wave stitch, smyrna stitch and the double straight cross stitch.

Suggested projects for Intermediates:
A larger canvas, plastic canvas kits with modifications.

ADVANCED (5 years and over in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:
1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Learn how to do petie point.
3. Learn how to do projects following a pattern not printed on the canvas.
4. Use original design or modifications in design or colors.
5. Become a teen leader.
6. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
7. Show and/or sell products at art shows, craft shows, etc.
8. Explore career opportunities in arts and crafts.

Suggested projects for Advanced:
Petie point chair covers, free hand on canvas, large canvas projects with many different stitches in them.

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