



# Stitch of the Month 2020-Setup

## Designed by Kathy Rees

I combined my love of stars and stitches to create this design. My goal is to introduce different stitches and threads to a new needlepointer and to provide a fun to stitch design for the seasoned stitcher. Although I only used two colors (red and blue) for my star, you could make your star monochromatic or use multiple colors. Use my thread choices, choose your own, or raid your stash. I do suggest using a stranded thread for the background.

The design size is 144x144 threads, 8x8 inches.  
I used a 12x12 piece of 18ct eggshell canvas and the following threads:



### Reds:

Caron Watercolours 164 Cinnabar  
Caron Watercolours 219 Cardinal  
Rainbow Gallery:  
    Silk Lame SL135  
    Petite Very Velvet V612  
    Neon Rays N26  
Kreinik #8 Braid 061

### Blues:

Caron Watercolours 156 Indigo  
Caron Watercolours 157 Polar Ice  
Rainbow Gallery:  
    Silk Lame SL125  
    Mandarin Floss M823  
    Neon Rays + NP68  
Kreinik #8 Braid 060

### Background & Interior Star Outline:

Rainbow Gallery Splendor S1135  
Kreinik #8 Braid 205C

Kathy Rees learned to cross stitch at 14 and has never stopped using a needle. A former accountant and needlework shop owner, she designs and teaches counted needlepoint full time. She especially enjoys working with color & using multiple overdyed threads.

In her spare time, she enthusiastically enjoys traveling, watching sports, walking on the beach, spending time with family & friends, and being owned by two cats. She is also an avid quilter.

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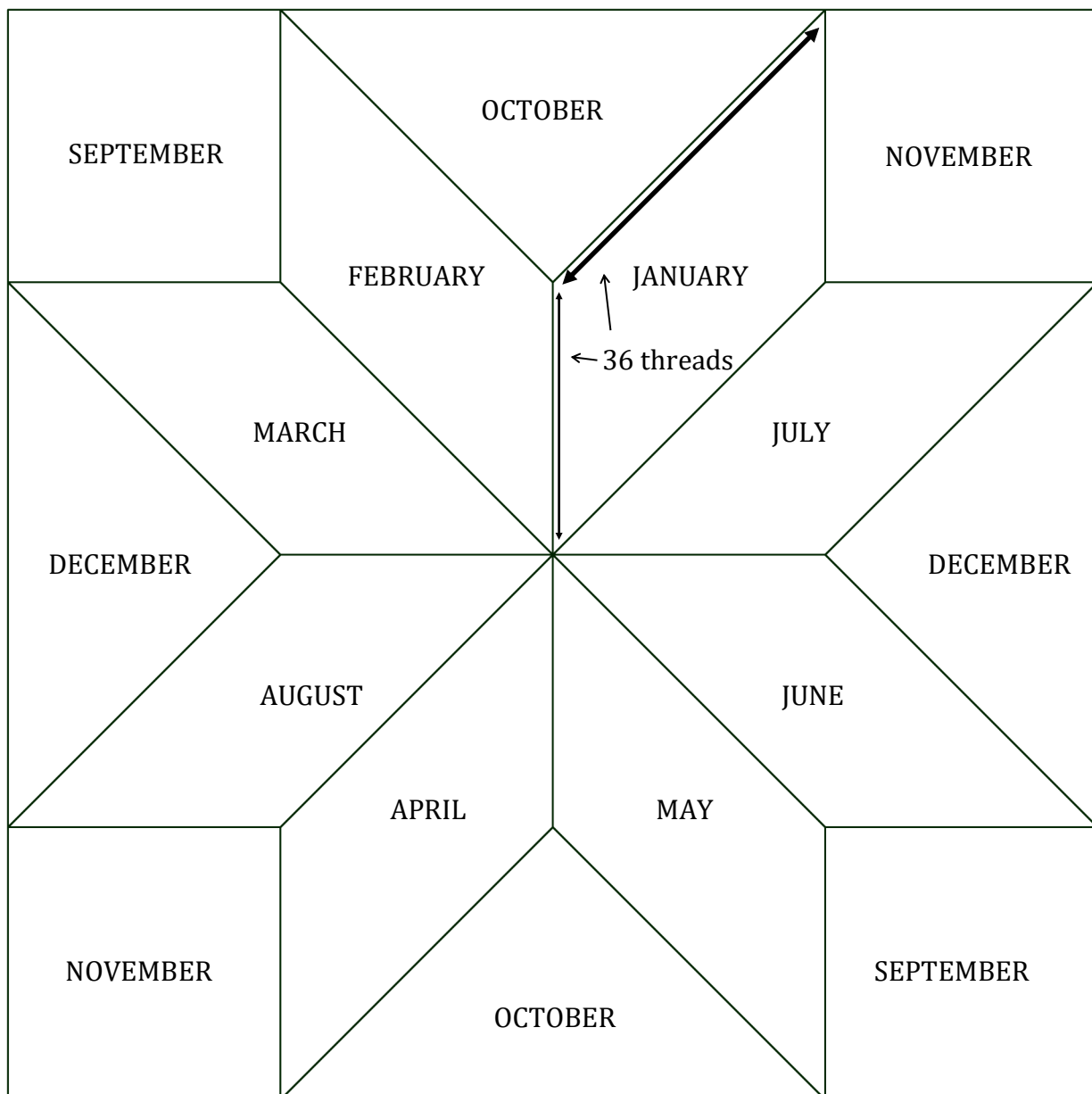




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The Star of Stitches will be filled with box, diagonal, cross, and straight stitches. A star point will be filled each month from January - August. The corners and triangles around the star will be filled in months September - December. Refer back to this page each month to place your stitches.

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For ease of stitching and placement purposes, it is helpful to draw the outline of the star on your canvas. On the graph below, each line on the graph represents 6 threads, making the corner squares 36x36 threads. Only the inside of each star point will be filled in each month. The star and its dividing lines between the points will be outlined with stitching at the end after all the stitching is complete - be sure to leave the center hole of the canvas and all of the diagonal dividing lines open.

