

Holly Noel, a Torchon Bear

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The Rose Brier Bears wish to welcome you to Rose Brier Woods. They are a friendly lot and are honored by your visit. They would also like to let you know that after some experimentation, it has been found that the recommended threads work best to achieve the Rose Brier look. However, they do like to dress in lots of different colors and invite you to change the colors, as you desire. It is their sincere wish that you find many hours of enjoyment in the Rose Brier, so put on some tea and come along.

This week the Bears are heading off over the hill along the meandering creek and up the mountain to their Mountain Huckleberry Hideaway. As this is the first time this season they will be there, Granny has lots of tasks planned for them. However, the Bears are looking forward to visiting with their friends, spending long summer afternoons on the porch sipping lemonade (sweetened with honey, of course), munching on honey muffins and watching the clouds roll on by. I do believe some lace will get made on that porch also as this is one of the Bear's favorite pastimes.

You can visit the rest of the bears at <http://RoseBrierBears.tripod.com>

Supplies:

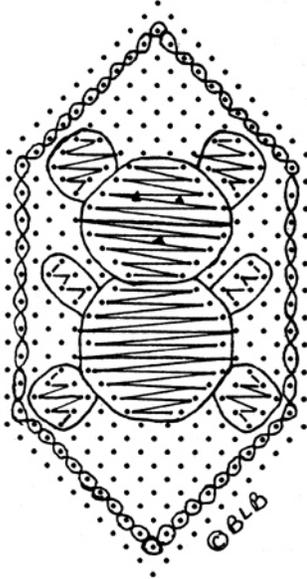
14 pairs 90/2 linen
6+ gimp pairs Kreinik #8 metallic braid
8 added weaver pairs Kreinik metallic blending filament
Bow Kreinik metallic ribbon 1/8"
Eyes and nose beads are added on the passives as desired.

Suggested colors:

Natural linen
Bear Kreinik 052HL
Perimeter gimp Kreinik 033 or 007HL
Bow Kreinik 033 or 007HL, attached after ornament is completed.

Holly Noel is the mother of a family of bears, who live in the Rose Brier under the Evergreens near the Castle of New in Penn's Woods. As her name suggests, Holly Noel was born on Christmas. She is partial to pink and blue bows, although ribbons of all colors take her fancy.

Pricking (pattern size is 7 pinholes per inch straight, counting the first pinhole as 0):

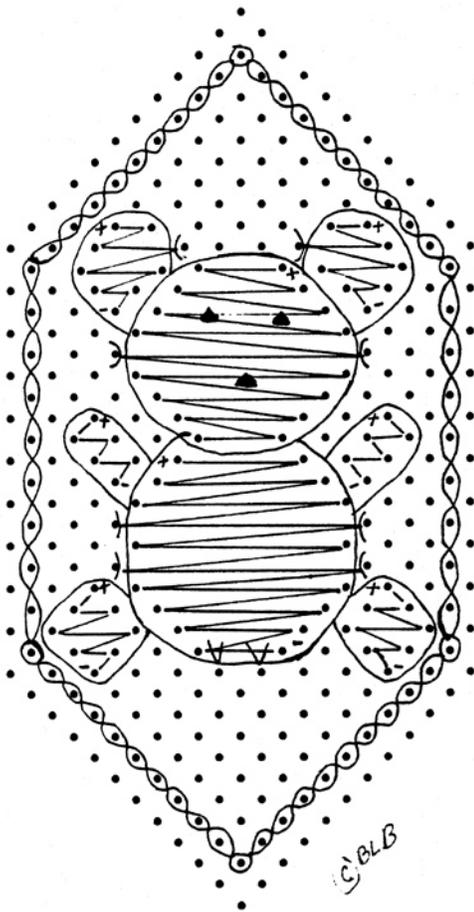


Helpful Hints:

1. **Review working diagrams below before beginning.**
2. When working with the Kreiniks, always stop and straighten/tidy the passives and weaver after every row of weaving. Apply gentle tension to the weaver and gently pull down each passive one at a time.
3. Kreinik cord threads will make the ornaments twist when finished.
4. Bows are placed after the ornament is completed. Bows are made and secured in place. Wheat past or glue may be used. Do not use hot glue; it will melt the Kreinik threads.
5. Do not press the Kreinik threads with heat; they will melt.
6. Beads are placed on the passives, but should not be placed next to pins. Leave at least one passive thread between the bead and pin. I thread several beads on the passive at once, according to need.
7. "Pop" or "push" beads from the back to the front after the ornament is completed and removed from the pillow.
8. Do not feed the bears.
9. The number of gimps and weavers utilized varies according to person use and preference.
10. The bears enjoy being dressed or accessorized in blue or pink and given as baby gifts.

11. Remember, you are working on the back of the ornament. This is important when visualizing how the ornament will appear when being viewed from the front after completion. Especially when more than one color of gimp is running together.
12. + and - represents weavers being added and removed.
13. ▲ indicates bead placement. 1
14. Dieppe ground is utilized in all the ornaments (CT pin CTT).
15. Enjoy making the bears!

Working Diagram:



+ and - represents weavers being added and removed.

▲ indicates bead placement.