

Leyrechaun Magic – Straight

Smocking level – Intermediate / Advanced

8 rows of smocking

This design consists of the following rows of smocking stitches

1. Cable
2. Mirrored Trellis 2 step/half space at ¼ spacing
3. Mirrored Trellis 4 step/full space at ¼ spacing
4. Florettes
5. Free form embroidery using stranded thread or silk ribbon.

Threads

Brown: DMC 841
 Ecreu: DMC ECRU
 Green: DMC 699

Silk Ribbon

L Green: Sullivans Col 6, 4mm
 White or ecru: Sullivans 4mm

What to do

1. Using brown embroidery thread, sew a down cable at the ½ way mark between gathering rows 1 and 2.
 - Sew the next pleat at the ¾ mark between gathering rows 1 and 2.
 - Sew an up cable a needles breadth below the first gathering thread.
 - Sew the next pleat at the ¾ mark between gathering rows 1 and 2.
 - Sew a down cable at the half way mark between gathering rows 1 and 2
 Continue in this way to complete the row.
2. Mirror point one between gathering threads 1 and 2
3. Complete 2 more rows in this way giving you a total of 4 rows of Mirrored Trellis 2 step/half space at ¼ spacing
4. Sew one complete row of cable stitch in brown embroidery thread, a needles breadth above gathering row 1. Start with and ‘up’ cable
5. Mirror points 1 to 3 between rows 6 and 8
6. Sew one complete row of cable stitch in brown embroidery thread, a needles breadth below gathering row 8. Start with a ‘down’ cable.

Begin smocking the central zig zag pattern worked between gathering thread 3 ½ and 10½.

7. Using ecru working between row 3 and 4 - sew one row of Trellis 4 step / full space.
 - Sew an ‘down’ cable a needles breadth above gathering thread 4
 - With the thread ‘down’ sew the next pleat at the 1/4 mark between rows 3 and 4 then sew the following pleat at the ½ way mark. (You have now completed two of the four steps).
 - Keeping the thread ‘down’ sew the next pleat at the ¾ mark above gathering thread 4 and the following pleat a needles breadth below gathering thread 3. (You have now completed all four steps).
 - With the thread ‘up’ sew an ‘up’ cable a needles breadth below gathering thread 3
 - Keeping the thread ‘up’ sew the following four pleats at the ¾, ½, ¼, and a needles breadth above gathering thread 4.
 Repeat the above to finish the row.
8. Mirror point ‘7’ between rows 4 and 5 .
9. Continue in this way until you have 3 rows of Trellis 4 step / full space
10. Using green embroidery thread, working florettes in the ecru area as illustrated.

Embroidery Instructions

Worked over the brown smocking

Sew a free form vine in a light green over the brown smocking. Add leaves alternating left and right of the vine. Complete by adding ecru flowers and clusters of French knots.

If using stranded embroidery thread lazy daisy can be used for the leaves and flowers. Alternatively flowers could be created using ‘long’ French knots.

If using silk ribbon see ‘silk ribbon basics’.