



## **“Linked Star” Bookmark Pattern**

This pattern was designed to be worked in Holbein (double-running) stitch in the color of your choice. (If you plan to mount the bookmark on a length of ribbon or otherwise back it, you can use backstitch instead of Holbein stitch if you prefer.)

Suggested Materials:

Narrow (7/8”) Ribband

Your choice of floss (use one strand)\*

# 24 or 26 tapestry needle

\* If you use Ribband with a colored border, you may want to choose your fiber to match or complement the border of the Ribband.

(When working a lengthy band or a complex pattern in Holbein stitch, I sometimes like to use the “instant gratification” method: I cut a strand of fiber twice as long as I’d usually work with, fold it in half, and thread a needle onto each end. I pull the thread through the ground to the half-way point and secure – or just hold down – the non-working half of the thread. I then proceed to work the pattern as I normally would if I were using a single thread. When I have worked several inches using the first half of the thread, I will switch to the reserved half of the thread and work what would normally be the “return pass,” filling in the stitches that have not yet been worked. This way, I can see a completed section of the pattern in its entirety.)

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