



COLOR BLOCK CANVAS EMBROIDERY LINE ART BIRDS

Supplies Needed

#34734253 Bright Colors Embroidery Floss, 40 pc. (1 pk)

#65024001 Needle Threaders, 3 pc. (1 pk)

*#24200 Bead Reamer (*optional but can be helpful)

Art Canvas, 11" x 14" (1)

11" X 14" or 11" x 17" paper (1 pc)

Black Acrylic Paint (1 bottle)

White Acrylic Paint (1 bottle)

Tools Needed

Embroidery Needle

Washi Tape

Scotch Tape

1 ½ - 2" Foam Paint Brush or other paint brush

Ruler

*Downloadable Birds Template (*or choose your own line art design)

Techniques to Know

Embroidery Back Stitch (see illustration)

Basic Knot

Basic Painting

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Download and print the attached bird template onto an 11" x 14" or 11" x 17" piece of paper or print out another design of choice.
2. Using the printed image as a guide, determine how you want to color block/divide the black and white paints on the canvas. Paint the black side first. Securely run a length of tape diagonally across the canvas so the canvas will be evenly divided once painted. Add another strip of paint beside that one to further protect the white side that you will be painting later. Paint the black paint onto one side of the canvas. Allow to dry (you may need to paint two coats). Carefully remove the tape. Next, run tape along the edge of the black diagonal to protect that from being painted over. Run another protective strip beside that one to further protect the black painted surface. Paint the white paint onto the unpainted side of the canvas. Allow to dry (you may need to paint two coats). Carefully remove the tape.
3. Position the printed bird images over the top of the canvas. Tape the edges of the print to the canvas. Use the sharp tip of the embroidery needle to punch holes down through

the paper and the canvas, over the outline edges of the bird images. These holes should be spaced approximately 3/16" apart. When done, remove the printed bird image from the canvas.

4. Use a needle threader to load a long arm's length of white floss onto the needle. Knot one end of that floss. Begin by bringing the needle up through one of the punched holes from the back of the black painted side of the canvas. Use the back stitch to embroider along the lines of the bird image on that side. If your length of floss runs short, remove the needle. Thread on another length of white floss. Tie one end of the new length of floss and the end of the other length of floss into a knot that rests against the back side of the canvas. Continue your embroidery until you have stitched along the lines of the entire bird on this side of the canvas.
5. Repeat the previous step using black floss to back stitch the edges of the bird outline on the black painted side of the canvas.

TIP: Should you find that you punched a hole(s) outside the desired lines try this method: Tape a small piece of paper of the same color as the painted side of the canvas behind the hole(s), onto the back side of the canvas. This will help conceal the hole(s).

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner/Advanced Beginner

APPROXIMATE TIME: 2 ½ Hrs. + drying time

