



Weave & Stitch Along: Getting Ready

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Howdy!

Welcome to our Summer 2018 Weave & Stitch Along!

In this W&S Along we will weave on a pin loom and then embroider the motifs while they are still on the loom, using a variety of basic embroidery stitches. At the end of the W&S Along we will put everything together to make a sampler table topper.

When?

The W&S Along will **start on June 4th, 2018**, with “Week 1: Getting Started”. After that there will be a new activity once a week, announced every Monday, for a total of **8 weeks**. The schedule and content is subject to change.

There is no charge to participate; you will need to provide your own supplies (see below).

Where?

New information will be posted on our **blog** at www.turtleloom.com and shared on social media: You can join the fun on **Facebook** (make sure you’re a member of the “Pin Loom Weaving Support Group” at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pinloomweaving/>) and on **Ravelry** (check out the discussion board “Weave & Stitch Along – Summer 2018” in the “Looms to Go” group at <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/looms-to-go/topics/3785014>).

Supplies

Here is a list of items that you will need throughout the W&S Along, as well as what you will need for the first week. I’m trying to keep everything as basic as possible to make it easy and affordable for people to participate. I can’t think of any case right now, but if there is anything else that will be needed for a particular week later on, I will post that information ahead of time.

The following list contains the supplies that I will be using, but there are also tips for recommendations to substitute.

- **Loom** – You can use the original TURTLE hexagon pin loom (4”) **OR** a Schacht Zoom loom (4”, 3-pin grouped, 31 x 31 threads) or equivalent. Note: The W&S Along instructions will be provided for both looms.
- **Yarn for weaving the canvas** – I will be using Caron Simply Soft in 9701 White, 1 skein should be sufficient. You may use any other yarn that you like that will create a similar fabric. I recommend that you choose a light and neutral color, so that the embroidery is easy to work and shows well.
- **Needle** – I will be using a straight tapestry needle, size 16. On the hexagon pin loom, you could also use a bent needle. You could also use your weaving needle, but that is a little long and may be uncomfortable to work with.
- **Embroidery yarn/thread** – I will be using a variety of yarns, mostly DK, in different colors. Since the amounts needed are so small, this is a great opportunity to use scrap yarns/threads. Embroidery thread will work, but it is a little bit on the thin side. If you don’t have any scraps and need to buy, I recommend a pack of “Lion Brand Bonbons” which will give you a good variety of colors in a good yarn weight.
- **Fabric marker** – We will use a fabric marker pen (sewing supplies) to outline some of the patterns. You could also use a washable felt pen, but please try it first, since not all washable felt pens are really ... washable.
- **Scissors** – Any scissors will be fine since you will just need them to clip the threads.
- **Rubber bands** – At least two, but a few extras are recommended. They need to be large enough to fit across your loom ... we will use them to easily find the center of the embroidery area.

Also: **Yarn for border motifs**. You will not need this right away, but you could weave a few motifs every week to have enough when it’s time to assemble your table topper. I will be using 1 skein of Caron Simply Soft, but you may use anything you like to “frame” your embroidery work. If you have a collection of single motifs lying around, you may even consider using those and make a “crazy quilt” table topper.

Week 1: Getting Started

In Week 1 we will explore working with different threads/yarns, using the Running Stitch.

Make sure you have the basic supplies listed above.

You will also need a total of 8 different threads, each of them about 12” long. Use either different weights or different colors, or mix and match. The information for Week 1 will be posted on June 4th, 2018.

Questions?

If you have any questions, you can leave a comment on the blog, post or private message me on Facebook or Ravelry, or email ask@texasgabi.com.