



The Needle Knows



Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region

<http://www.DNTG.org>

From the President

As weather is getting cooler and holidays are around the corner, I have been stitching projects that were left in a drawer for quite some time, and were meant to be presents and or decorations for the holidays. Hope you are enjoying the weather and finishing holiday projects as well.

2025 EGA National Seminar, The Needlework Fair, will be held at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas from November 12-16, 2025. If you are not taking classes, you can shop in the vendors pop-up booths and meet teachers, vendors, and members from other chapters. It is a great opportunity to buy supplies and kits that are hard to find.

Please consider volunteering at National Seminar, SCR sent an email with the links to sign up, There are still many spots available, and different activities you can choose from. I'll be there almost everyday, hope you can join us.

Paige Guillory, Assistant Workshops, has been finding workshops for 2026-2027. She has been bringing Interest Sign-Up Forms to sew days and meetings. Please check the options and sign for all the ones you are interested. We will choose two, the most voted ones for next year.

Don't forget to bring your projects to the next Meeting's Show and Tell. Hope to see you there!

Elena Andrade



Calendar October November 2025

November

6 GENERAL MEETING Altoid topper finishing and cord making

12-16 EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR, Needlework Faire – Dallas, TX, South Central Region

17-18 WORKSHOPS – Monarch by Wendy Innes

December

December 11, 2025 GENERAL MEETING – HOLYDAY PARTY

Newsletter highlights

-Reminder: General meeting is **Nov. 6.**

-Retreat Registration is still open

The Church of the Holy Communion

17405 Muirfield Drive, Dallas, TX 75287

Sew Days: Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm. Bring lunch.

General Meetings: Second Thursday of the month,

Coffee at 9:30 am, **Meeting** at 10:00 am

From Our Vice President

I act as a liaison between DN&TG members and the Chapter's Board. Please feel free to contact me if you have **questions, concerns, and suggestions** related to our guild and I will bring the issue to the Board for resolution.

Michelle Kocurek

Directory

This year DNTG is putting together a photo directory to help new members recognize the people they meet at meetings and sew days. We'd love for everyone to participate. If your picture is not on the directory yet, please email a passport type photo/selfie to the membership chair, Paige Guillory.

The photo directory will be posted on the Members Only section of the website. Thank you for your participation in this new initiative.

Lisa Miller

Plano Satellite

The Plano Satellite group meets on the **second and fourth Mondays** most months at 7:00 p.m. at:

United Methodist Church
6601 Custer Road in Plano, **Room B1** (basement)

Robin Caraway
(214) 803-8516

Technology



Join Dallas Needlework (DNTG) Group Facebook Page!

You can scan this QR code to join.



Visit our website www.dntg.org for information about workshops, education classes, photos, calendar, membership information, directory, and newsletter.



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Michelle Kocurek
Technology

Membership

This year you will receive an email from EGA when it's time to renew your EGA/DNTG membership.

- If you are a visitor and would like to join DNTG, simply click on the following link <https://egausa.org/product/dallas-needlework-textile-guild-chapter>
- **If you are a plural member**, you'll need to fill out the form on the DNTG website to renew your membership with our chapter. https://www.dntg.org/_files/ugd/51c461_80b79f3be07540f091163abc3a275618.pdf

Lisa Miller
Membership

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2025-2026 Master Calendar

November 6, 2025	GENERAL MEETING Altoid topper finishing and cord making
November 12-16, 2025	EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR, Needlework Faire – Dallas, TX, South Central Region
November 17-18, 2015	WORKSHOPS – Monarch by Wendy Innes
December 11, 2025	GENERAL MEETING – HOLYDAY PARTY
January 8, 2026	BOARD MEETING AT 9:00 am and GENERAL MEETING
January 21-25, 2026	DNTG 32nd ANNUAL RETREAT at Tanglewood Resort 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, TX 75076
February 12, 2026	GENERAL MEETING – Magic Reveal and scissor case/fob finishing with tassel making
March 5, 2026	BOARD MEETING – Slate of Officers
March 12, 2026	GENERAL MEETING – Review Officers proposal and ort bowl finishing
April 9, 2026	GENERAL MEETING – Election of Officers BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION and needlebook finishing
April 2026	BUDGET REVIEW
May 7, 2026	BOARD MEETING – Budget Review
May 14, 2026	GENERAL MEETING – Installation of Officers ANNUAL LUNCHEON
June 4, 2026	BOARD MEETING – Officers Turnover
August 12-15, 2026	SCR REGION SEMINAR, Stich on a Star , Dallas, TX
October 9-14, 2026	EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR, Wish upon a Stitch , Orlando, FL

Programs

Thanks to the chapter members that helped me to put together the Goodie Bags for Seminar. I appreciate you donating some of your stitching time to help. The entire process went much faster than I expected and I appreciate all the help. I look forward to seeing you at Seminar.

The program for November will be a brief overview of the duties of each officer of the chapter.

From the October Program:

EGA has several items that help with tools, including A little Book of Embroidery Basics,

Needles

Needles are one of the important tools we use. There are many different kinds of needles. - John James (a needle manufacturer) has a guide to needles (<https://www.jjneedles.com/needles-guide>) With needles, the larger the needle, the smaller the size. This works for all types of needles. EGA also has a guide - <https://egausa.org/guide-to-embroidery-needles/>

Scissors

There are many different kinds of Scissors. I found an online guide to Scissors (<https://ciselier.com/en-us/blogs/news/this-is-blog-1?srsId=AfmBOodksjVoQoseUjjiJEEeg85Llzqg1Jggo4ySKIwLRIRbrWXnGco>)

Fabric

There are many types of fabric that we use to create the designs we stitch. For those that are counted, the larger the number, the more threads per inch of fabric. The most common that we use are usually 18 Count (Needlepoint), 28, 32, 36 for Counted linen. There are many other counts available as well.

EGA has a guide to Embroidery Fabric (<https://egausa.org/the-beginners-guide-to-embroidery-fabrics/>). I also found another online guide (<https://cleverpoppy.com/blogs/clever-poppy-blog-a-beginner-guide-to-the-best-modern-embroidery-fabrics>)

Laying Tools

One other tool that is frequently seen is a laying tool. Here are two links that give more information about Laying tools -

<https://www.needlenthread.com/2011/10/whats-a-laying-tool.html> and <https://www.needlenthread.com/2020/08/tool-talk-revisiting-the-laying-tool.html>

Regional Representative

2025 EGA National Seminar is being held in Dallas at the Anatole hotel November 11th-16th. Please sign up as a volunteer to help out. There are many opportunities available. It will give you a chance to see what it is all about, see next years classes, shop in the vendors pop-up booths and meet lots of fellow stitchers. Check out all the action at:

[Needlework Faire: EGA National Seminar 2025 | Embroiderers' Guild of America](#)

There will also be chances to help Jo Ann Jackson with preparing the registration packets for all who attend (over 400). She is the national registrar, and it is a big job! Let's help her out when asked!

2026 SCR Regional Seminar will be held in Dallas August 12-15th and is being sponsored by Greater Dallas. You can already sign up for classes! To do so go to [SCR 2026 Seminar | EGA SCR](#)

2026 National Seminar will be in Orlando, Florida, October 9-14th. You can see the projects for the classes ...not a picture, but the real thing...at the Dallas 2025 seminar.

Retreat

The registration period for the retreat has ended; however, we are still accepting reservations from those who have not yet signed up.

The final payment will be due December 11, 2025. Your committee has been working on several different ideas to make this ReTreat a fun week of stitching and good times.

Please be sure that registration forms have been sent to Tami Mason 2736 Rosewood Dr.

Mesquite, TX 75150 if you are paying by Zelle.

As we approach the end of 2025, we'll keep everyone informed about any new updates or developments

Stitching Snippets

DMC history

DMC was founded in 1746 in France as a fabric printing company, eventually becoming [Dollfus-Mieg & Compagnie \(DMC\)](#) in 1800 after Daniel Dollfus took over and married Anne-Marie Mieg. The company officially entered the thread business in 1898 with the introduction of its iconic stranded embroidery thread, a move that led to thread production overtaking fabric as its primary revenue source by the late 19th century.

1746: The company is founded as Jean-Henri Dollfus and his partners start producing hand-painted cotton fabrics inspired by Indian designs in Mulhouse, France.

1800: Daniel Dollfus takes over the company and marries Anne-Marie Mieg, officially renaming it [Dollfus-Mieg et Compagnie \(DMC\)](#). The business diversifies into weaving and mechanical spinning.

19th Century: The company invests in other industries, such as coal mines, but thread production becomes increasingly important. Jean-Henri Dollfus-Mieg introduces the process of "mercerizing" cotton thread, which is still used today to enhance its strength and luster.

1898: The company officially launches its embroidery floss, which becomes a core product and eventually the company's main source of revenue.

1961: DMC merges with another French company, Thiriez & Cartier Bresson, and simplifies its name to just [DMC](#).

1980s: The company faces bankruptcy but is saved by a reorganization under Julien Charlier.

Present: DMC continues to be a leading global needlecraft company, with its embroidery threads still produced in the same factory in Mulhouse, France, where thread-making began in 1898.

Education

In November, we will be finishing the tin box top.

Members should bring their kit and finished stitched top.

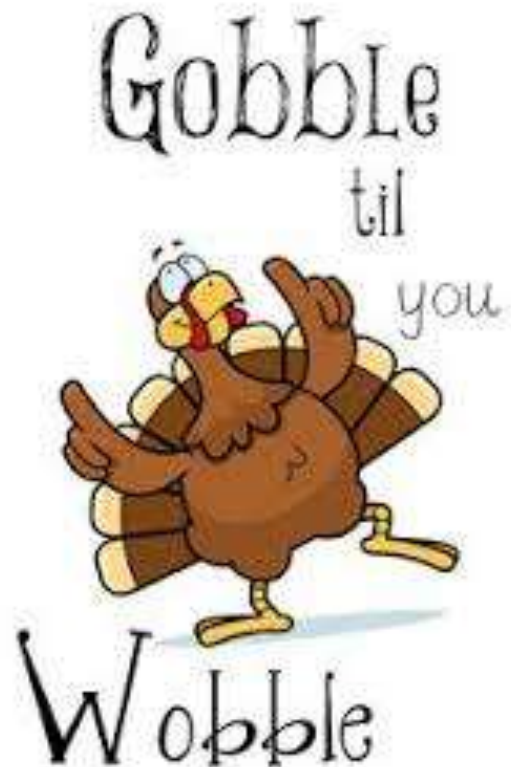
Cyndi Scott

Sampler

The Sampler Group continues its study of Spot Samplers common to the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

Next Sampler Group meeting is Thursday, November 20th.

Linda Cox
Sampler Chariman



Birthdays

Judith Markus	11-1
Jennifer Kiss	11-3
Joy Reed	11-10
Michelle Crownhart	11-11
Gale Ozment	11-14
Ann Tips	11-16
Brenda Claybrook	11-17
Holly Laughlin	11-17
Jan Faubion	11-18
Yvonne McCauley	11-26
Stella Montgomery	11-27
Jan Goss	11-30
Betty Quench	11-30

Welcome

*A warm welcome to our
new members!*

*Gwentih Zydlewski
Terri Wallace*

*Please welcome them to
DNTG at sev days and
meetings*

Thoughts and Prayers

*Please keep these members in
your thoughts and prayers*

Please keep all members safe

EGA National Seminar



November 12-16, 2025

Opens at 9:00 am

Come to EGA's National Seminar in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. There's lots of things to do even if you aren't taking a class.

- **Pop-Up Shops:** (Tues.-Sun.)
There will be different vendors each day, Tuesday-Sunday, offering all kinds of stitching related items. Come find your next project, a fun new tool, or a stylish project bag.
- **Education Exhibit:** (Thurs.-Sat.)
Want to see the work of a [Master Craftsman](#), a Golden Needle artisan, Group Correspondence Course and ICC pieces? Then stop by and see what's possible when you are an EGA member.
- **Seminar 2026 Preview:** (Sat., Nov. 15)
Come see the finished pieces for the class offerings at the 2026 "Wish Upon a Stitch" seminar in Orlando, FL. They're always more impressive in person.
- **Grab & Go Lunch:** (Wed.- Sun.)
While you are at seminar, grab lunch and visit with your friends. There will be a boxed lunch available in the East Atrium from 11:30-1:30 daily.
- **Asian Art Exhibit:**
The Hilton Anatole is known for housing an extensive collection of Asian art, a legacy from the Trammel and Margaret Crow collection. You can find this art, including artifacts from China, India, Japan, and Southeast Asia, throughout the hotel's public areas, lobby, hallways, and outdoor sculpture gardens.

Needle Lace with Carolyn Wetzel

March 23rd and 24th, 2026 at 9am

Location: Museum Tower, 1918 Olive St, Dallas TX 75201



Registration Deadline: January 1st, 2026

The earliest needle-made laces like reticella were constructed by withdrawing threads from fabric. In the 16th century this evolved into “punto in aria” or “stitch in the air” leading to more elaborate shapes and eventually the true needle laces like Gros Point de Venise, Alençon, and Aemilia Ars. This introductory class will make a classic 16th century geometric lace square using punto in aria techniques.

Technique: Needle Lace

Level: Beginner

Kit Cost: \$14

Name: _____ EGA#: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _ Zip: _____

Thread (white or ecru): _____

Your kit fee is your non-refundable deposit.

There is a \$20 additional charge for non-chapter members.

You can pay either by check payable to DNTG or ZELLE to: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field: please type: NEEDLELACE

This form must be submitted to be registered for the class.

Mail to: Lisa Thompson, 3308 Teakwood Ln, Plano, TX 75075

Email: lisat96@yahoo.com

Payment Method (circle one)

Check ZELLE

EGA's Special Interest Groups

Are you feeling like you don't know anyone interested in the same embroidery techniques as you? Would you like to get more connected to EGA members across the country who share your interests? Consider joining one of EGA's online special interest groups (SIGs).

Special interest groups are a community of stitchers wanting to do a deeper dive into a particular technique. Historically, chapters would form small hubs of people who would meet in person usually outside of the regular monthly chapter meeting. Using Zoom has given our EGA groups the ability to meet virtually.

If you would like to connect with others on any of the following techniques and are available at the times shown, please send an email to the indicated contact with the technique name in the subject line.

Technique: Beading

Meeting Date: 2nd Thursday

Meeting Time: 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 5 pm Mountain, 4 pm Pacific

Contact: beading@egausa.org

Hosted by: EGA National, Tina Marie Maes

Technique: Beading

Meeting Date: 4th Saturday

Meeting Time: 3 pm Eastern, 2 pm Central, 1 pm Mountain, Noon Pacific

Contact: beading@egausa.org

Hosted by: EGA National, Tina Marie Maes

Technique: Metal Threads

Meeting Date: 1st Monday

Meeting Time: 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 5 pm Mountain, 4 pm Pacific

Contact: metalthreads@egausa.org

Hosted by: Dayton Chapter, Jana Bass

Technique: Silk, Metal and Surface

Meeting Date: 1st Wednesday

Meeting Time: 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 5 pm Mountain, 4 pm Pacific

Contact: silkmetalsurface@egausa.org

Hosted by: Central Florida - Jane Allingham and Margaret Kinsey

Technique: Surface Embroidery

Meeting Date: 3rd Saturday

Meeting Time: 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, Noon Mountain, 11 am Pacific

Contact: surfaceembroidery@egausa.org

Hosted by: EGA National, Leslie Brady

Technique: Surface Embroidery

Meeting Date: 2nd Sunday

Meeting Time: 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, Noon Mountain, 11 am Pacific

Contact: surfaceembroidery@egausa.org

Hosted by: EGA National, Wendy Lynn

No chapter membership is required to participate in any of these groups. All are invited: Members at large, Chapter members, nonmembers. Come meet other stitchers like you.

Interested in starting a group for another technique or another date?

Contact: specialinterestgroups@egausa.org

Interested in a Counted Thread online Special Interest Group?

Contact: countedthread@egausa.org

33rd Annual ReTreat Registration Form

January 21-25, 2026

Name: _____ EGA #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I stitch with (name of group): _____ Is this your first time at ReTreat? _____

Emergency Contact (name & phone): _____

The registration fee includes all appropriate lodging and meals based on the day you arrive. Meals include: 2 meals on Wednesday, 3 meals on Thursday-Saturday, and Sunday brunch as well as sodas, coffee and tea in our meeting room. Early arrival will be \$90.00 plus taxes.

Arrive on:	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Single	\$825.00	\$627.00	\$430.00
Double*	\$667.00	\$509.00	\$351.00
Triple*	\$619.00	\$473.00	\$327.00

Circle the fee for the date of your arrival and list your roommate(s) here: _____

* Prices stated are for roommates arriving on the same day. If arriving on different days, additional room costs are the responsibility of the roommate arriving on the earlier day.

Special Requirements:

Room close to event room: _____ Non-smoking: _____

Special Diet: Vegetarian _____ Low fat _____ Other: _____

Mail this form to: Tami Mason, 2736 Rosewood Dr, Mesquite, TX 75150

Please indicate if you are paying your \$100 deposit by check or ZELLE

ZELLE: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, indicate ReTreat 2026

Deposit / registration form due by Oct. 9, 2025. Balance due Dec. 11, 2025.

Payment Method
(circle one)

Check ZELLE

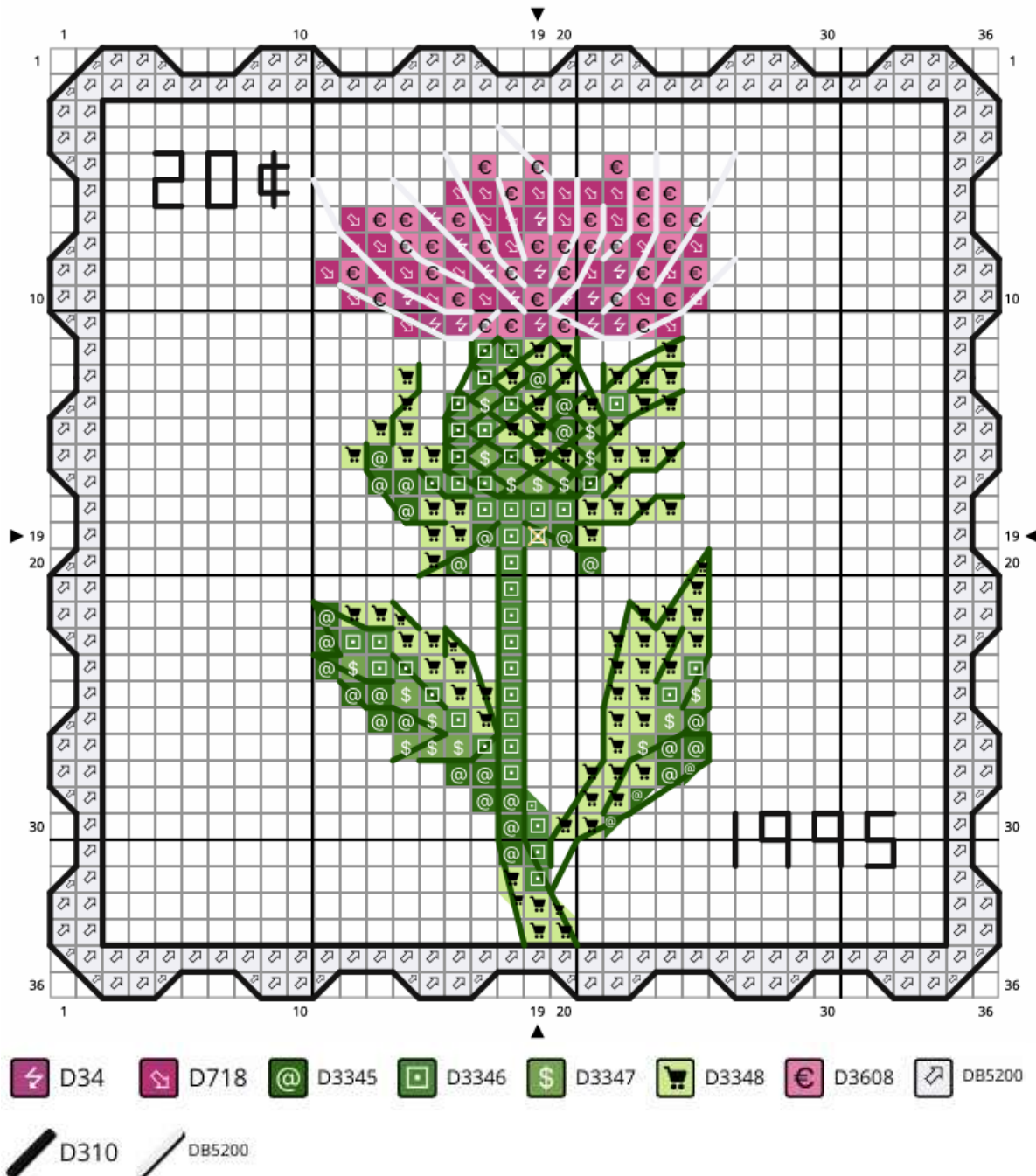
DNTG's Standing Rules state "items on the stash table are to be taken for the members' stitching enjoyment and are NOT to be taken by members for sale."

By signing this I acknowledge this policy and grant DN&TG permission to use photos taken of me in future newsletters.

Cancellation Policy: Fees are fully refundable prior to December 11, 2025. From 12/12/25 – 1/8/26, the fees paid minus \$100.00 deposit are refundable. After January 8, 2026, no refunds can be issued except in cases of emergency, the effort will be made to refund the fee minus the \$100 deposit. No refunds can be guaranteed.

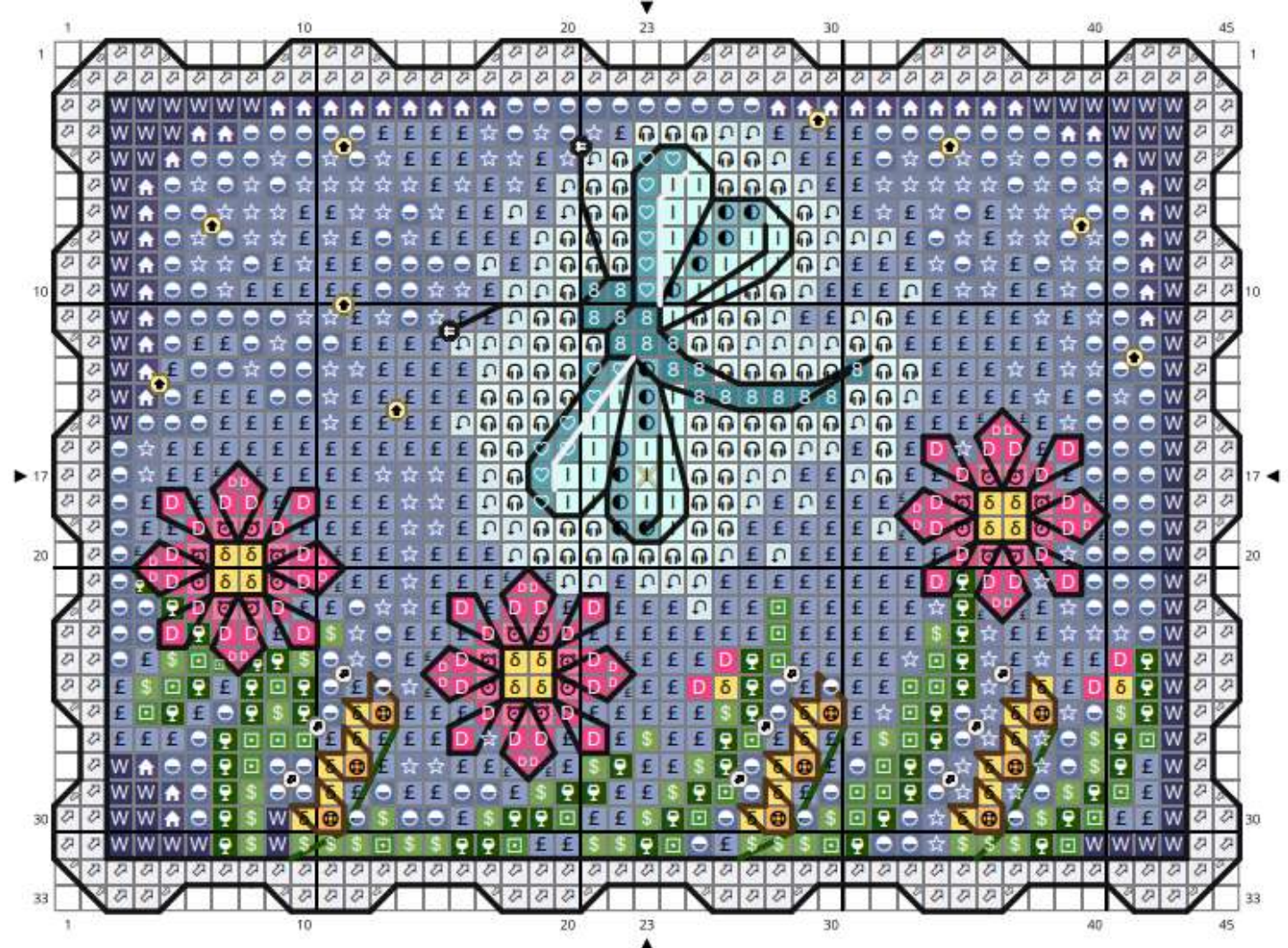
November Stamp – Thistle (square block)

Use 2 strands of floss for all cross stitches. Outlined stitches that look like half stitches are $\frac{1}{4}$ stitches. Use 1 strand of floss for outlines.



November Stamp – Dragonfly (horizontal block)

Use 2 strands of floss for all cross stitches. Outlined stitches that look like half stitches are $\frac{1}{4}$ stitches. Use 1 strand of floss for outlines and French knots. Beads can be used in place of the French knots.



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**Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region (SCR) of EGA**

Membership Form – 2025



DNTG Primary Membership (\$80) is now online.

Simply click on the link below to go to the registration page or scan the QR code:

<https://egausa.org/product/dallas-needlework-textile-guild-chapter>

If you are joining as a **Plural Member**, (your primary EGA membership is with another chapter), you will need to fill out this form and mail it to the address below.

\$20 – Plural inside SCR (TX, OK, LA, MS, AR) / **\$25 – Plural outside SCR**

Primary Chapter: _____



**DNTG Primary
Membership**

Name: _____ **EGA #:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell or Home (circle one)**

email: _____

Birthday (Month and Day): _____ **Referred by:** _____

How long have you been stitching and what is your stitching passion? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Guests are welcome to attend three general meetings, sew days or satellite meetings
after which we invite you to become a dues-paying member!

Mail this form to:

Lisa Miller, Membership Chairman
9604 Edmonson Dr., Denton, Texas 76207

Payment Method (circle one)

Check ZELLE

Payable by check to DNTG or ZELLE: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, please indicate you are paying – **Membership Dues**