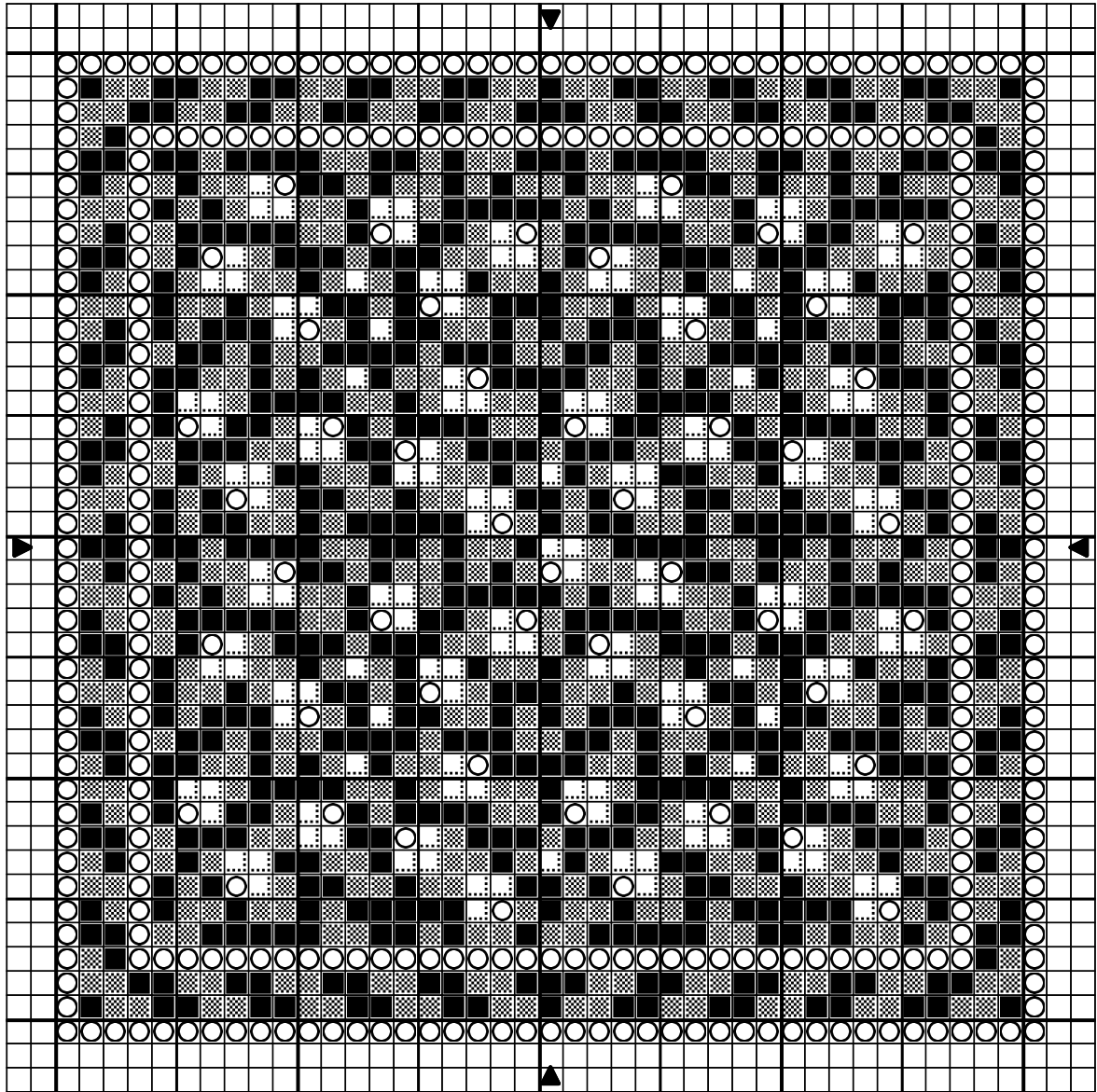


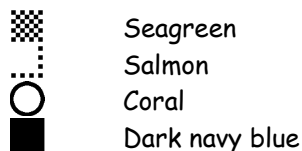
1:144 scale Georgian era rug



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Stitch Count 41 x 41

Design Area 7/8 x 7/8 inches at 48ct

5/8 x 5/8 inches at 64ct

1/2 x 1/2 inches at 90ct

Note: This design is inspired by the rug in Philip Reinagle's 1782 painting of Mrs Congreve with her children. The original rug was very large and probably fairly square, but you can adapt it to any size you like; I made mine very oblong to fit in my matchbox Georgian townhouse. If you want to enlarge it, look closely and you'll see there's a 16x16 stitch repeat in the field's design.

Cut an embroidery frame from sturdy card, with an aperture at least 1.5 cm (5/8") larger than the finished size of the rug. Cut gauze at least 1.2 cm (1/2") larger than the hole in the frame. Glue gauze to frame with Tacky Glue or similar.

Start with the navy/green striped border, adding or removing repeats to get the size you want. Stitch the light red lines next. Then fill in the field, I found it easiest to stitch the colors in this order: light red, dark red, green, and finally navy. If you've changed the size I suggest you start at the bottom right corner of the diagram and stitch until you've filled the entire field; substitute any red stitches next to the border with green or navy.

As the field design is pretty chaotic it may be harder to keep track of where you are than in my other designs. On the other hand, mistakes shouldn't be very noticeable!

Finally, apply Tacky Glue or similar to the last few rows of stitching on the back of the rug, around all edges. Work it in a little with a small, firm, paintbrush, and make sure that it covers the stitches closest to the edges too.

When dry, peel the gauze from the frame (I use to save the frames and reuse). Using sharp scissors, cut along the very edges of the stitching.

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