

PRAM RUG — BLUE BIRDS



This cute and beautiful pram rug will delight any new mother. The soft colours of lemons and pale blue makes this blanket suitable for a boy or girl baby.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1 piece of cream wool blanketing 85cm x 65cm (33½" x 25½") approx.
- 1 piece of cream cotton fabric, washed for the backing 90cm x 70cm (35½" x 27½") approx.
- 1 metre (40") of floral or striped cotton fabric, washed, to match your embroidery
- Cream sewing thread, for machining
- 2 black safety eyes 6mm (¼") in width (see note on safety eyes on page 11)
- 1.5 metres (60") of cream double-sided satin ribbon 10mm (⅜") wide
- No. 18 chenille needles
- No. 9 crewel needles

THREADS

- 1 skein each of the following DMC tapestry wools, No. 7472 dark yellow, No. 7905 medium yellow, No. 7715 light blue, No. 7870 medium green, No. 7424 green and 2 skeins of No. Ecu
- 1 skein of the following DMC Perle threads, No. 5-928 pale blue, No. 5-Ecu cream and one thread of No. 5-841 light fawn
- 1 skein of the following DMC Perle threads, No. 3-Ecu cream and one thread of No. 3-726 dark yellow
- A small amount of DMC Medicis thread No. 8503 light fawn
- A small amount of DMC Perle No. 5-5282 gold thread
- 1 skein of DMC stranded cotton No. 524 sage green and Ecu

A small amount of Appletons crewel wool No. 891 light mauve and No. 353 light green

Note: If you are unsure about using the safety eyes please use embroidered eyes using colonial knots and DMC stranded cotton, six threads, No. 310 black.

Note: I use the No. 18 chenille needle for all my embroidery even when I am using fine threads but if you are not comfortable using the larger needle feel free to use a smaller needle. Use the No. 9 crewel needle to make the folded ribbon roses.

- 1 Transfer the design (see page 10).
- 2 Embroider the blue birds first using DMC Perle thread No. 5-928 and whipped chain. When you have embroidered the outline of the blue birds it is now time for you to decide whether you use the safety eyes or whether you embroider the eyes. See note on eyes at the beginning of the project. Embroider the three eyelashes first before you place the safety eye in the fabric. The eyelashes are three straight stitches using DMC Perle thread No. 5-841. Embroider the bird's beak using a fly stitch and DMC Perle thread No. 3-726 and extend the holding stitch over the outline of the blue bird.
- 3 Embroider the daisies on the two birds using lazy daisy stitch and DMC tapestry wool No. Ecu. Embroider five even petals. Embroider one colonial knot in the centre of each daisy using DMC tapestry wool No. 7472. Embroider the leaves on each daisy using one fly stitch and one thread of Appletons crewel wool No. 352. Please note that these daisies do not have any straight stitches over the end of each petal and they have a different centre to the other daisies.
- 4 Embroider the vine on each bird using a colonial knot for the flower and DMC tapestry wool No. 7905 and the leaves are one fly stitch and extend the holding stitch a little longer, using one strand of Appletons crewel wool No. 352.
- 5 Embroider the wool roses next. Check the flower guide for instructions.
 - 1st row** — DMC tapestry wool No. 7472
 - 2nd row** — DMC tapestry wool No. 7905
 - 3rd row** — DMC tapestry wool No. Ecu
- 6 Embroider the wool rose leaves next using DMC tapestry wool No. 7870. Check the flower guide for instructions.