

Pennsic Favor Embroidery Kit

Pay heed, good gentles of the Barony of Cynnabar, for we have been charged with a task by Princess Arabella. Her Highness requests that we make 25 favors for the coming war at Pennsic. The design, pictured here, symbolizes the joining of forces between the Midrealm and the East to take over Aethelmearc.



To encourage the productivity of the favors, I will reward the Cynnabar member who makes the most favors by the day of Coronation (May 2) with a hat or cap of their choosing, made by me. If you are new to embroidery, this is a simple piece, great for beginners. I made this first favor with an outline stitch with just one evening's work.

FAVOR EMBROIDERY KIT CONTENTS:

- 1 - linen piece sized 11" x 13" with design pre-drawn in water soluble pen (do not get wet until you are done)
 - 3 - 2-yard lengths of floss (Midrealm Green/DMC 700, Eastern Blue/DMC 803, and Royal Gold/DMC 444)
 - 1 - embroidery needle
 - 1 - pattern sheet (the thing you're reading now)
 - 1 - plastic bag for your completed embroidery (it's the same bag everything came to you in)
- Other things you will need: 6" embroidery hoop (if you need one, ask Genoveva), scissors, good lighting

FAVOR EMBROIDERY DIRECTIONS:

1. Place the linen in an embroidery hoop. You want the blue outline of the design to fit neatly in the center of the hoop. If your blue lines are too faint to see, you can retrace the lines with the black pattern on the back of this sheet -- note that the design starts 1 1/2" from the 11" bottom edge, centered in the middle with 3 1/2" on either side.
2. Embroider the favor in the design and colors shown above. The dragon and the letter "A" is a green outline, the tiger and the letter "E" is a blue outline, and the crown is a gold fill. Though you may be tempted to go the extra step to fill in the dragon and tiger, please refrain as that is not Their Highness' request.

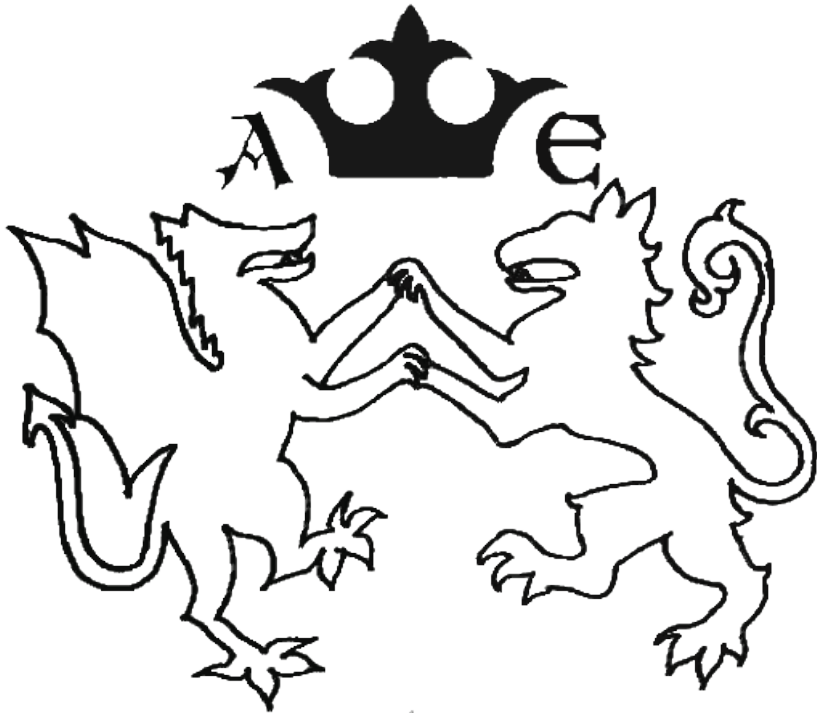
Note: Any straight stitch can be used here: outline stitch, back stitch, split stitch, or stem stitch. A step-by-step photo tutorial with a basic embroidery stitch is available at honorbeforevictory.com. You can also take your favor kit to Craft Night on Tuesday evenings at Mistress Arin's house (see cynnabar.org for directions).

3. When finished, mist or lightly wet the linen to erase the blue lines and iron the linen flat. Do not trim, hem, or sew the linen please. Put the embroidered linen back into the plastic bag and deliver to Genoveva by Coronation (May 2, 2015), who will sew the embroidered pieces into favors and deliver them to Her Highness at Crown Tournament. Whoever turns in the most completed embroidered pieces to Genoveva by May 2 will receive a hand-made hat or cap from her and have her eternal gratitude.

QUESTIONS?

Please e-mail Genoveva at genoveva.von.lubeck@gmail.com with any questions. If you finish this favor and want to do more, see Genoveva for more kits. If you feel very ambitious, there's no reason you cannot use your own white linen and DMC embroidery floss to make more favors!

FAVOR PATTERN FOR TRACING:



▲ fold linen in half, crease slightly, and align center crease with this center line

▲ align 11" bottom edge of linen at this line ▲