Grounds 1

This is a set of traditional Torchon grounds. There are 5 different sections and each section begins and ends with 4 rows of cloth stitch. Each section introduces a basic ground. The pricking given is sized for DMC Cordonnet 50 (23 wpc) or quilting cotton (28 wpc) thread but can be resized for whatever thread you prefer. This pattern requires 16 pairs wound with 1.5 yards of thread per bobbin. Throughout this pattern, half stitch (HS) is worked CT, cloth stitch (CS) is worked CTC and whole stitch (WS) is worked CTCT. To begin, hang 2 pairs rainbow on each of the top dots and twist the 2 right-hand threads of each pair once. Work 4 rows of cloth stitch (across and back twice).

Section 1

Cloth stitch or Linen stitch ground: At each dot work CS, pin, CS. DO NOT close the leftmost last pin. Work 4 rows of cloth stitch (across and back twice).

Section 2

Torchon ground: At each dot work HS, pin, HS. DO NOT close the leftmost last pin. Work 4 rows of cloth stitch (across and back twice).

Section 3

Dieppe ground: At each dot work HS, pin, HS, T. DO NOT close the leftmost last pin. Work 4 rows of cloth stitch (across and back twice).

Section 4

Twisted hole ground: At each dot work HS, T, pin, HS, T. DO NOT close the leftmost last pin. Work 4 rows of cloth stitch (across and back twice).

Section 5

Double Torchon ground: At each dot work WS, pin, WS. DO NOT close the leftmost last pin. Work 4 rows of cloth stitch (across and back twice).

To end the work, for each group of 4 threads, make a reef knot with the middle pair, a reef knot with the outer pair, a reef knot with the 2 left threads and a reef knot with the 2 right threads. Then cut the threads to your preferred length.

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