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These patterns are my pride and joy, they sew out beautifully and I would love a picture of the project you use them for.

For the Calendars it is very important that you sew them out in the colour order on the colour-order-stitch count sheet included in each set. The Calendar days stitch over the top of the animals in this set so it's important that you use a black or very dark colour for the numbers, so they show up as some of the animal backgrounds are dark to make them stand out.

Photostitch patterns can be sewn out with any colour of your choice going from a very light colour to a dark shade of the same colour or you can make them different colours if you like. With the animals keep in mind you want to stick to colours that would be natural to the animals.

The 4 main colours and threads I like to use to have the Antique look are: Background, Marathon 2118 or 2120 (a pale cream, a bit deeper than an off white)

The darkest colour should be next, Marathon 2285 (a dark brown)

The medium colour (I also use for the frame) is Sulky 1265 (Toast) (EO125-The-Gift-of-a-Golden-Rose set medium, I selected a deep yellow (Marathon 1009)

The lightest colour, either Sulky 1255 or Marathon 1131 (skin colour) (EO125-The-Gift-of-a-Golden-Rose set light, I selected a light yellow (Sterling Polyester Gunold 2017)

(Depending on what type I am doing I sometimes will use white as the lightest colour, especially if I am doing animals)

What ever colours you choose it always turns out with a more professional look if you stick to similar colours, though you can use

a metallic on the frames if you

want to really set the frame off, but please be aware that if you have difficulty with metallic threads breaking, stippling stitches

are very intense and metallic threads can be difficult to keep from breaking.

After each colour stitches out you will need to snip out the large jumps. Because photostitch is layers of stippled stitches there are often large jumps from place to place with no way of removing them beforehand. The smaller ones will blend into the pattern.

To construct the calendar you have choices, I sew out the 8x12 size then block them so that the border has approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of plain fabric to use as seams and gives a small amount of the fabric showing.

Personally, I do not add a border because it fits perfectly on the back of my family room door perfectly. If you want to add borders, then after you block each month so that they are exactly the same size then you can sew on a border around each pattern or sew the months together (I make them 2 wide to fit my door). The layout is your choice as you will want to fit it to a spot in your home that will set it off.

You can also add a border to the outside of the completed calendar.

For the 2022 Calendar I chose Hope and Spirit for the subjects.

I found the meanings of these animals online and thought it worked well with the pandemic we have all gone through the last many months.

I started with the Bear for **January**, the bear's spirit represents Strength and Courage, each and every one of us has needed this spirit to survive.

February, I chose the Coyote whose spirit represents Adaptability of which we have all had to do through this pandemic.

March, I chose the beloved Dolphin whose spirit represents Protection, of which we have all needed.

April, I chose the Horse with a spirit of Driving Force to keep us going.

May I chose the Majestic Deer with the spirit of Vigilance, again each and everyone of us has had to pay so much attention to.

June, I chose the Butterfly's spirit of Transformation, we have had to transform our whole way of life and adding the beauty of the butterfly which goes through a massive Transformation speaks for itself this year!

July, I chose the spirit of Strength, The Lion. As Magnificent an animal the lion is we have needed its strength to get through this pandemic.

August is represented by the spirit of Persistence, The Turtle. Who among us hasn't had to persist on making adjustments to our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

September is a month of Healing, which represents the massive whale, a gentle creature who looks to healing.

October is represented by the Wolf, the spirit of Intelligence which we all have had to dig deep for our own intelligence determining what is real and what is propaganda and making the decision that is right for our own family as well as our fellow man. Also, what a perfect animal to be on our Halloween calendar month.

November the cat's spirit of Independence, which we all need at times to help make the right survival decisions for ourselves and those we love! A family get together but keeping our own personal independence as a cat will do every time.

Then last but not least I couldn't make up my mind which Spirit for **December**, I wanted to represent a month with so much meaning, so I am giving you your choice, The Panda Bear represents the Spirit of Peace, or the Frog with the spirit of Wisdom, something we all need to have and use wisely during this month of love and giving!

I would love to have a photo of your finished 2022 Calendar. This also makes a wonderful gift to loved ones to start 2022 with hope and Spirit!

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If you have any questions, please write.

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