

# The Nativity Set

## SHEPHERD

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## STITCH GUIDE

## **THE NATIVITY – THE SHEPHERD BOY**

**This is the last and the smallest of our pieces. I was going to do just a single lamb, but decided we needed a shepherd boy.**

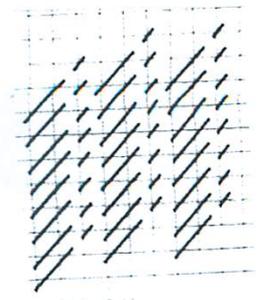
**He is a fairly simple little guy to do, so he should be quick to stitch to have your set complete.**

**For the hair, I have included a fibre called OUISKA – it is a Danish thread and is no longer produced. By doing the basketweave with it, it looks like he has nice, thick hair.**

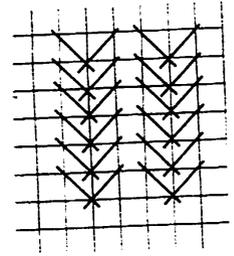
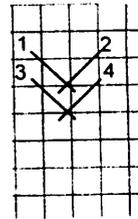
**Next, stitch the face, hands, legs and feet in basketweave.**

**SMALL SHEEP – the one on his shoulders. Stitch the face and the legs in basketweave. I have enclosed several strands of white Waverly Persian wool. It is the new wool replacing Paternayan. Note that all 3 strands are the same size – unlike Paternayan. Use 1 ply for this sheep. Stitch the body using the same wool with small French Knots – making only one turn on the needle.**

**UNDERDRESS – stitch the belt first with the darker gold. If you would prefer – wait and twist the belt the same way you did on the large Shepherd. Then, stitch the rest in the CORDUROY stitch using 2-ply of the yellow Impressions.**



**JACKET – using 2-ply of the Medici wool, stitch with the Fern Stitch.**



**LARGE SHEEP – Again, using a single ply of the Waverly wool, stitch the face, tail, and legs in Basketweave. For the body area, lay the Fluffy Stuff. To do this, tack the thread down on the top left empty area using a single-ply piece of the Waverly. As you lay the fluffy stuff across to the right, tack down as you go. Your tacking stitches don't need to be very close together. When you reach the right side, start back underneath in the opposite direction.**

**Thanks again for joining me on this project this year. I have probably enjoyed it more than you! I have always wanted a needlepoint nativity, but had never done one. My wish is that you have years of enjoyment having it as a part of your Christmas arrangements every year.**