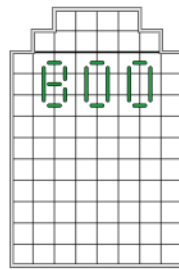
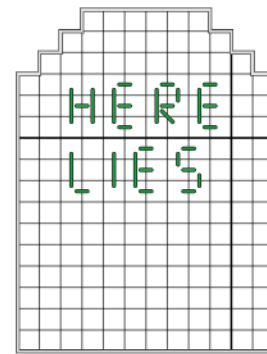


**Tombstone B**  
9 holes x 13 holes  
Cut 2 from 10-count



**Tombstone A**  
8 holes x 12 holes  
Cut 2 from 10-count



**Tombstone C**  
12 holes x 16 holes  
Cut 2 from 10-count

# Santa Express

- Size:** **Santa's Express Engine:** 6½ inches W x 5 inches H x 2⅞ inches D (16.5cm x 12.7cm x 7.3cm)  
**Gift Box Coal Car:** 2⅝ inches W x 3¾ inches H x 2⅞ inches D (6.8cm x 9.5cm x 5.4cm)  
**Toy Shop Car:** 5¾ inches W x 4½ inches H x 2⅜ inches D (14.6cm x 11.4cm x 6cm), excluding trim and decorations  
**Noel Hopper Car:** 4¾ inches W x 2¾ inches H x 2⅞ inches D (12.1cm x 7cm x 5.4cm), excluding trim and decorations  
**Candy Cane Caboose:** 4¾ inches W x 3¼ inches H x 2⅞ inches D (12.1cm x 8.2cm x 5.4cm)

**Skill Level:** Beginner



## Stitching Step by Step

### Santa Express Engine

- 1 Cut pieces from plastic canvas as described in General Instructions for Engines (page 1).
- 2 Stitch pieces according to graphs, filling in Engine Hood and uncoded areas of Engine Front, Engine Cab Front, Engine Cab Sides and Engine Cab Back with green Continental Stitches. Leave Engine Base unstitched.
- 3 Using red worsted weight yarn, work French Knots on Engine Cab Sides and Front.
- 4 **Wheels:** Overcast edges with red and white yarn as you stitch.
- 5 **Signs:** Fill in uncoded background with white sport weight Continental Stitches. Overcast using red sport weight yarn; Backstitch and Straight Stitch lettering using green embroidery floss.
- 6 Assemble Santa Express Engine as directed in the General Instructions for Engine Assembly (page 1):

## Materials

- 7-count plastic canvas:
  - 1 sheet stiff
  - 3 sheets clear regular
  - ¼ sheet white
- ½ sheet 10-count plastic canvas
- 6 (3-inch/7.6cm) plastic canvas radial circles
- Worsted weight yarn as listed in color key
- Sport weight yarn as listed in color key
- Metallic yarn as listed in color key
- 6-ply cotton embroidery floss as listed in color key
- ⅛-inch-wide (0.3cm) satin ribbon: white, red
- Polyester stuffing
- Wooden beads:
  - 16 (20mm) red
  - ½-inch (1.3cm) red
  - ⅜-inch (1cm) white
- Embellishments: small flocked teddy bears, miniature Christmas decorations
- Christmas candies
- Plastic canvas needle
- Hot-glue gun



- Use red yarn to assemble and attach Cowcatcher and Smokestack.
- Use green yarn to assemble Engine Cab and Overcast edges.
- Use red yarn to Overcast Engine Cab Roof and attach it to assembled cab.
- Use green yarn to attach bead trim and complete assembly before attaching wheels and signs.



### Gift Box Car

- 1 Referring to graph in General Instructions (page 2), cut a Coal Car Base from stiff 7-count plastic canvas.
- 2 Referring to graphs on page 29, cut Gift Box Bow strip, two Gift Box Sides, and two Gift Box Ends from regular clear 7-count plastic canvas. Cut also one piece 14 x 12 holes for Gift Box Bottom; it will remain unstitched.
- 3 Using green yarn throughout, stitch base according to graph, Overcasting edges and stitching four 20mm beads to underside for wheels.
- 4 Stitch remaining pieces according to graphs, filling in uncoded areas of sides and ends with green Continental Stitches. Using metallic gold yarn, Backstitch sides and ends.
- 5 Using red yarn, Whipstitch sides and ends together, and then to unstitched bottom. Attach gift box to base with a few green stitches through bottom.
- 6 Overcast edges of assembled gift box and bow strip using adjacent colors. Bend bow ends on box toward center, overlapping slightly; secure with a few stitches. Bend separate bow strip into a loop; stitch ends together. Center loop over bow strips; stitch through center to form bow loops. *Option: If desired, secure green yarn to underside of Gift Box Car; thread it up through center of bow, then back down through base, holding ribbons and bow in a lower position.*
- 7 Fill car with candies.



### Toy Shop Car

- 1 Cut a Car/Caboose Base from stiff 7-count plastic canvas.
- 2 Referring to graphs on pages 29–31 throughout, cut two Toy Shop Car Sides, two Toy Shop Car Ends and a Toy Shop Car Roof from regular clear 7-count plastic canvas. Cut also two strips 39 x 1 hole for Toy Shop Car Roof Trim; two pieces 7 x 4 holes and one piece 4 x 3 holes for Gifts; and one piece 29 x 12 holes for Toy Shop Car Bottom; bottom will remain unstitched.
- 3 Cut two Toy Shop Car Signs and two Toy Shop Car Trees from 10-count plastic canvas.
- 4 Using green yarn throughout, stitch base according to graph, Overcasting edges and stitching four 20mm beads to underside for wheels.
- 5 Stitch remaining pieces according to graphs.
- 6 *Signs:* Fill in uncoded background with white sport weight Continental Stitches. Overcast using green sport weight yarn; Backstitch and Straight Stitch lettering using black embroidery floss.
- 7 *Christmas trees:* Fill in with green sport weight Continental Stitches. Work French Knots using red sport weight yarn. Whipstitch trees together wrong sides facing using green sport weight yarn.
- 8 *Gifts:* Fill in one gift with red Continental Stitches and two with metallic gold Continental Stitches, Overcasting edges with adjacent colors. Tie white ribbon bow around red gift and red ribbon bows around gold gifts.
- 9 Using red yarn throughout, Whipstitch sides and ends together, and then to unstitched bottom. Overcast openings and top edges. Attach toy car to base with a few white stitches through bottom.
- 10 *Roof:* Using white yarn throughout, Whipstitch roof trim strip to long edge of roof; repeat on other side. Overcast edges. Fit roof over Toy Car, bending gently; secure with a few stitches of white yarn.



**11** Stitch tree to center of car. To make tree stand upright, stitch up from tip of tree through roof with white yarn. Glue polyester stuffing to floor around tree. Arrange stitched gifts, bears and other embellishments in car as desired. Attach signs at top of sides.



### Noel Hopper Car

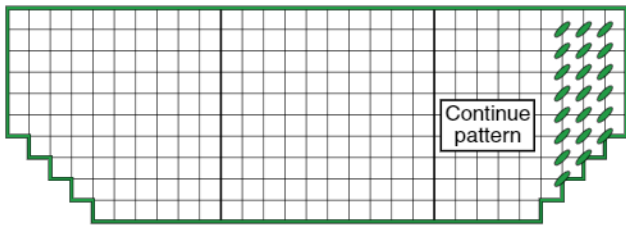
- 1** Cut a Car/Caboose Base from stiff 7-count plastic canvas.
- 2** Referring to graphs on pages 29–31 throughout, cut two Hopper Car Sides from regular clear 7-count plastic canvas. Cut also four pieces 12 x 6 holes for Hopper Car Ends and one piece 21 x 12 holes for Hopper Car Bottom; bottom will remain unstitched.
- 3** Cut two Hopper Car Signs and four Hopper Car Snowmen from 10-count plastic canvas.
- 4** Cut two Hopper Car Ladders from white 7-count plastic canvas; they will remain unstitched.
- 5** Using green yarn throughout, stitch base according to graph, Overcasting edges and stitching four 20mm beads to underside for wheels.
- 6** Stitch remaining pieces according to graphs, filling in ends with green Continental Stitches. Using green yarn, Whipstitch ends together in pairs along one long edge.
- 7** *Signs:* Fill in uncoded background with white sport weight Continental Stitches. Overcast using red sport weight yarn; Backstitch and Straight Stitch lettering using green embroidery floss.
- 8** *Snowmen:* Stitch according to graph, filling in uncoded areas with white sport weight Continental Stitches. Overcast using adjacent colors. Work French Knot eyes and buttons and Backstitch/Straight Stitch smiles using black embroidery floss. Wrap red sport weight yarn around hats for hatbands; tie around snowman necks for scarves.
- 9** Using green yarn throughout, Whipstitch sides and end panels together and then to unstitched bottom. Overcast top edges. Attach hopper car to base with a few green stitches through bottom.

**10** Attach snowmen and signs to both sides of car as shown. Attach a white ladder at both ends of car; secure with glue.

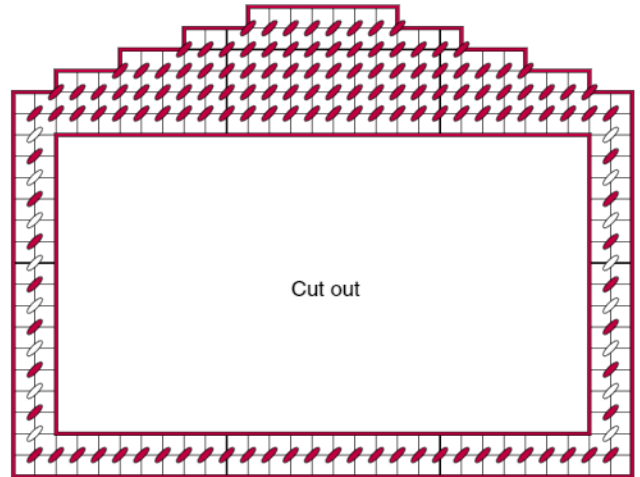


### Candy Cane Caboose

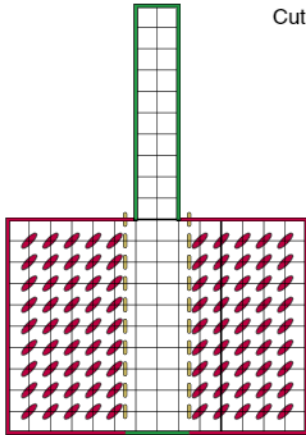
- 1** Cut a Car/Caboose Base from stiff 7-count plastic canvas.
- 2** Referring to graphs on pages 29–31 throughout, cut two Caboose Sides, two Caboose Ends, Caboose Roof, two Cupola Sides and two Cupola Ends from regular clear 7-count plastic canvas. Cut also four pieces 2 x 6 holes for Caboose Shutters, one piece 19 x 11 holes for Cupola Roof; and one piece 23 x 12 holes for Caboose Bottom; bottom will remain unstitched.
- 3** Cut two Caboose Railings from white 7-count plastic canvas; they will remain unstitched.
- 4** Using green yarn throughout, stitch base according to graph, Overcasting edges and stitching four 20mm beads to underside for wheels.
- 5** Stitch remaining pieces according to graphs. Using green yarn throughout, fill in shutters with Continental Stitches; Overcast edges. Overcast caboose roof and cupola roof.
- 6** Straight Stitch windows and doors using black embroidery floss.
- 7** Using green yarn throughout, Whipstitch sides and ends together, and then to unstitched bottom. Overcast unfinished edges. Attach caboose to base with a few green stitches through bottom. Glue shutters to caboose.
- 8** Center and attach roof to assembled caboose.
- 9** *Cupola:* Using red yarn throughout, Whipstitch sides and ends together to form a shallow box; Overcast edges and attach to caboose roof. Attach cupola roof to cupola.
- 10** Attach a white railing at each end of caboose; secure with glue.



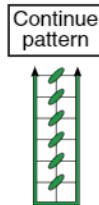
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Cut 2 from clear 7-count



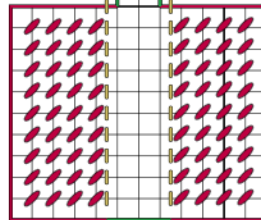
**Toy Shop Car Side**  
29 holes x 22 holes  
Cut 2 from clear 7-count



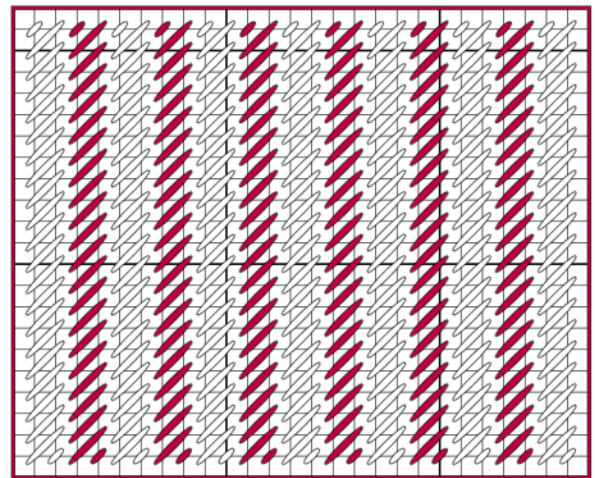
**Gift Box Car Side**  
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Cut 2 from clear 7-count



**Gift Box Car Bow**  
2 holes x 35 holes  
Cut 1



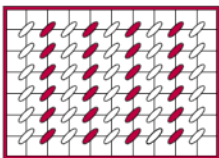
**Gift Box Car End**  
12 holes x 20 holes  
Cut 2 from clear 7-count



**Cab Roof**  
27 holes x 22 holes  
Cut 1 from clear 7-count



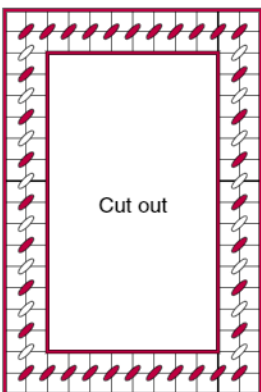
**Caboose Cupola Side**  
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Cut 2 from clear 7-count



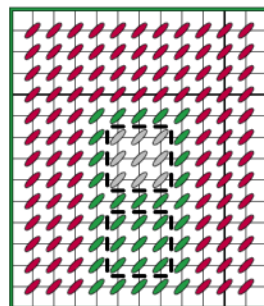
**Smokestack**  
10 holes x 7 holes  
Cut 1 from clear 7-count



**Caboose Cupola End**  
7 holes x 2 holes  
Cut 2 from clear 7-count



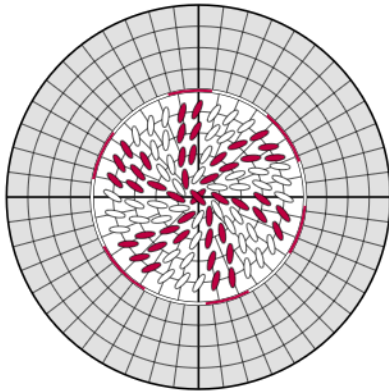
**Toy Shop Car End**  
12 holes x 18 holes  
Cut 2 from 7-count clear



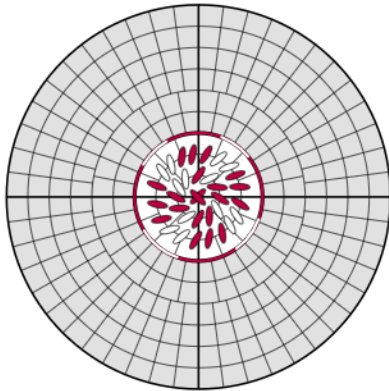
**Caboose End**  
12 holes x 14 holes  
Cut 2

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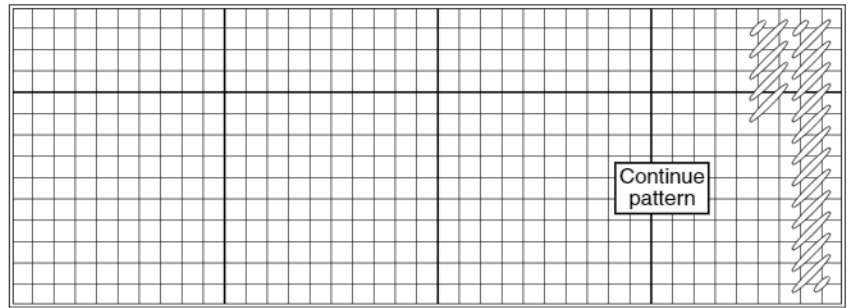
Yards	Worsted Weight Yarn
100 (91.4m)	Green
100 (91.4m)	Red
50 (45.7m)	White
4 (3.7m)	Light gray
	Uncoded areas on cab side, cab front, cab back, hopper car side, gift box car side and gift box car end are green Continental Stitches
	Red French Knot
	<b>Sport Weight Yarn</b>
10 (9.1m)	Black
10 (9.1m)	Red French Knot
	Red Overcasting
20 (18.2m)	Uncoded areas on engine sign, hopper car sign and snowman are white Continental Stitches
10 (9.1m)	Green
	<b>Metallic Yarn</b>
5 (4.6m)	Gold Backstitch
	<b>6-Ply Embroidery Floss</b>
9 (8.2m)	Green Backstitch and Straight Stitch
	Black Backstitch and Straight Stitch
9 (8.2m)	Black French Knot



**Large Wheel**  
Cut 2 from  
3-inch radial circles,  
cutting away gray area



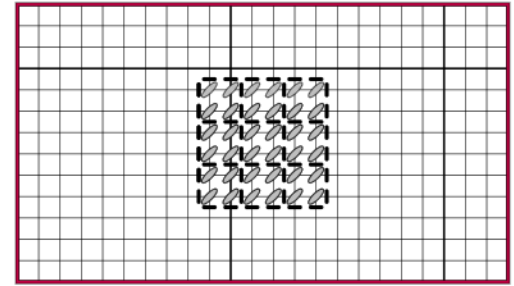
**Small Wheel**  
Cut 4 from  
3-inch radial circles,  
cutting away gray area



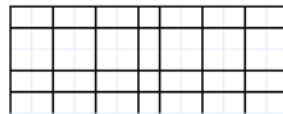
**Toy Shop Car Roof**  
39 holes x 14 holes  
Cut 1 from clear 7-count



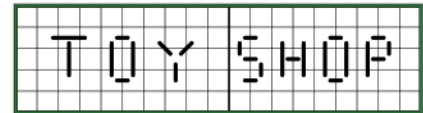
**Hopper Car Ladder**  
4 holes x 14 holes  
Cut 2 from white 7-count,  
cutting away blue lines



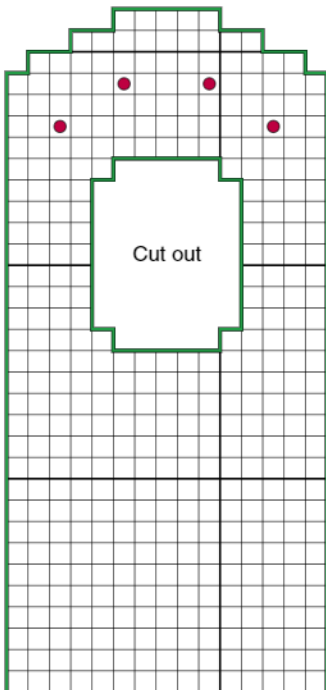
**Caboose Side**  
23 holes x 13 holes  
Cut 2 from clear 7-count



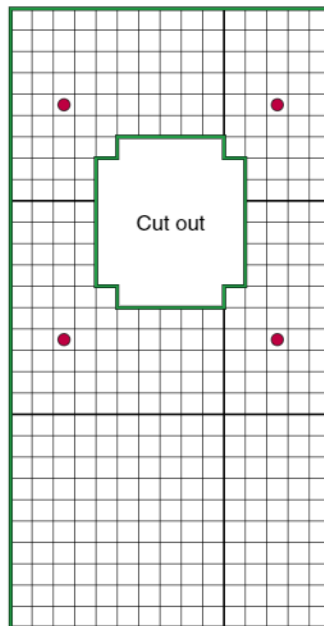
**Caboose Railing**  
13 holes x 5 holes  
Cut 2 from white 7-count,  
trimming away blue lines,  
do not stitch



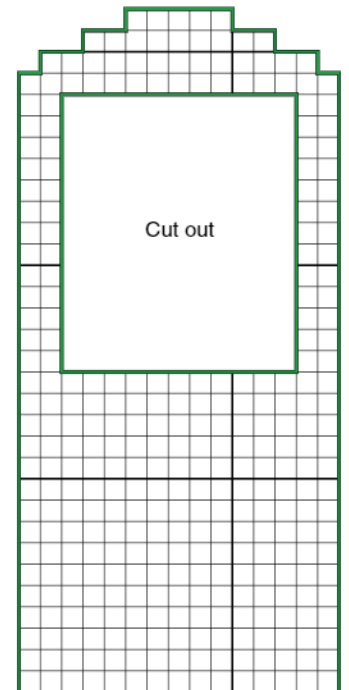
**Toy Shop Car Sign**  
19 holes x 5 holes  
Cut 2 from 10-count



**Cab Front**  
15 holes x 32 holes  
Cut 1 from clear 7-count

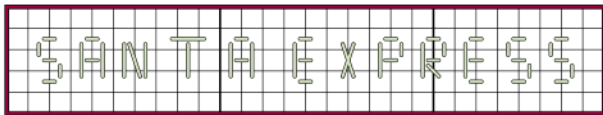


**Cab Side**  
15 holes x 29 holes  
Cut 2 from clear 7-count

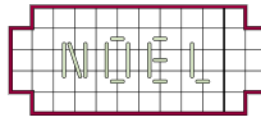


**Cab Back**  
15 holes x 32 holes  
Cut 1

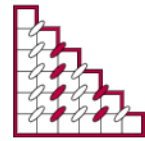
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100 (91.4m)	■ Green
100 (91.4m)	■ Red
50 (45.7m)	□ White
4 (3.7m)	■ Light gray
	Uncoded areas on cab side, cab front, cab back, hopper car side, gift box car side and gift box car end are green Continental Stitches
	● Red French Knot
	<b>Sport Weight Yarn</b>
10 (9.1m)	■ Black
10 (9.1m)	● Red French Knot
	↗ Red Overcasting
20 (18.2m)	Uncoded areas on engine sign, hopper car sign and snowman are white Continental Stitches
10 (9.1m)	■ Green
	<b>Metallic Yarn</b>
5 (4.6m)	↗ Gold Backstitch
	<b>6-Ply Embroidery Floss</b>
9 (8.2m)	↗ Green Backstitch and Straight Stitch
	↗ Black Backstitch and Straight Stitch
9 (8.2m)	● Black French Knot



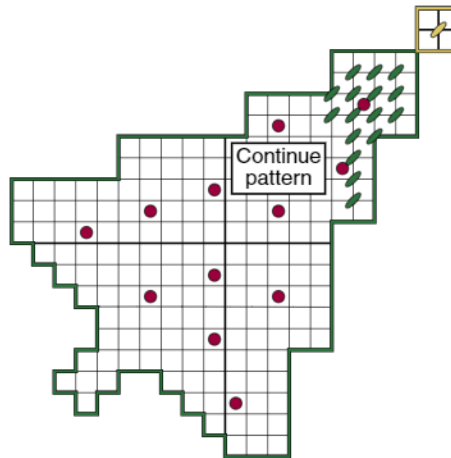
**Engine Sign**  
28 holes x 5 holes  
Cut 1 from 10-count



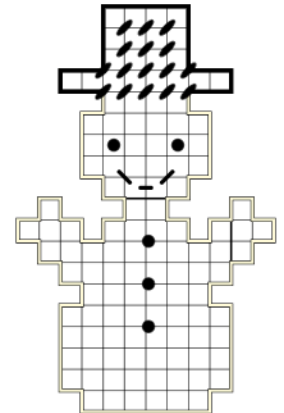
**Hopper Car Sign**  
12 holes x 5 holes  
Cut 2 from 10-count plastic canvas



**Cowcatcher**  
6 holes x 6 holes  
Cut 2 from 7-count clear  
Stitch 1 as graphed  
Reverse 1 and work  
stitches in reverse



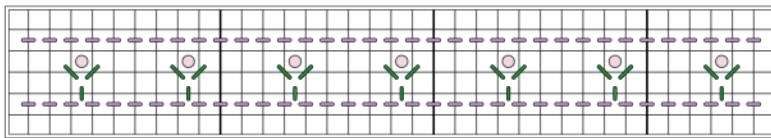
**Toy Shop Car Tree**  
21 holes x 21 holes  
Cut 2 from 10-count



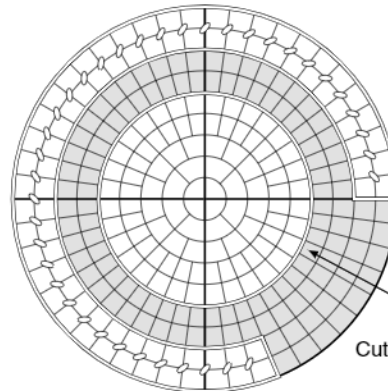
**Hopper Car Snowman**  
12 holes x 19 holes  
Cut 4 from 10-count

# Bunny Express

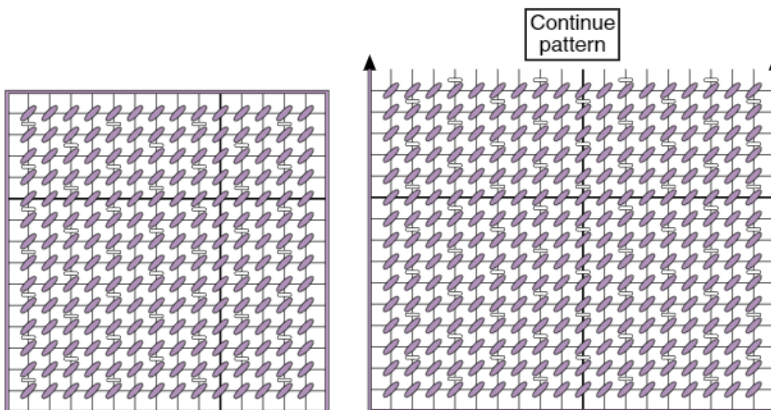
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**Basket Side**  
36 holes x 6 holes  
Cut 1 from clear regular 7-count

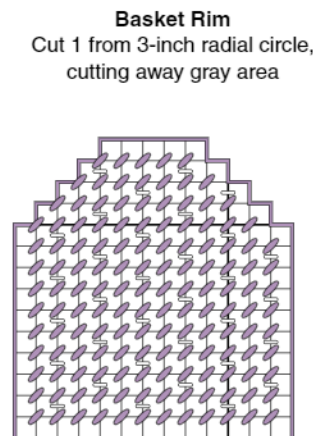


**Basket Bottom**  
Cut 1 from 3-inch radial circle,  
cutting away gray area  
Do not stitch



**Cab Back**  
15 holes x 15 holes  
Cut 1 from clear 7-count

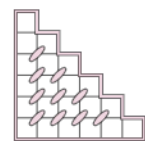
**Engine Hood**  
19 holes x 36 holes  
Cut 1 from clear regular 7-count



**Engine Front**  
13 holes x 14 holes  
Cut 1 from clear 7-count



**Small Wheel Flower**  
3 holes x 3 holes  
Cut 4 from clear 7-count



**Cowcatcher**  
6 holes x 6 holes  
Cut 2, reverse 1,  
from clear regular 7-count



# General Instructions

Refer to the photos throughout when stitching and assembling the trains.

## Graphs

The graphs shown on page 2 for the Engine Base, Coal Car Base and Car/Caboose Base are used for all six train designs. Refer to these graphs when cutting and stitching these pieces for all trains, following instructions for the individual design with regard to color.

The graph on page 2 for the Engine Front is used for all designs except the Bunny Express. Again, refer to instructions for the individual designs for colors.

Blue lines on the Car/Caboose Base graph serve as guides for positioning braces on tanker cars.

## Ungraphed Pieces

To save space, simple square and rectangular plastic canvas pieces for each train are not shown as graphs. Refer to the directions for each design about cutting and stitching these pieces.

## Plastic Canvas

Unless instructed otherwise, plastic canvas pieces are cut from regular clear 7-count plastic canvas. For maximum stability, stiff 7-count plastic canvas is recommended for the bases of the engines and all cars.

Some accent pieces—railings, shutters—are cut from white or black 7-count plastic canvas, depending on the design. These pieces are generally unstitched.

Other accent pieces, including all signs on engines and cars, are cut from clear 10-count plastic canvas.

Engine wheels and some other pieces are cut from 3-inch plastic canvas radial circles.

## Fibers

Unless instructed otherwise, complete stitching as follows:

- 7-count pieces are stitched with regular 4-ply worsted weight yarn.
- Signs and other pieces cut from 10-count plastic canvas are stitched with 3-ply sport weight yarn.
- Embroidery stitches are worked using a length of 6-ply cotton embroidery floss unless instructed otherwise.

## Other Materials

Engine wheels are stitched on pieces cut from 3-inch plastic canvas radial circles.

The wheels on all train cars are 20mm wooden beads. Using yarn to match the adjacent stitching, stitch four beads to the bottom of each stitched Coal Car Base or Car/Caboose Base.

The actual sizes of the 20mm wooden beads can vary slightly. Each set of four beads for a car should match in size as closely as possible to enhance stability.

Suggestions for trims and embellishments are given in each materials list. Feel free to substitute and improvise.

A hot-glue gun is listed in each materials list. You may substitute clear-drying craft glue, or needle and thread, if you prefer.

## Engines

### Cutting & Stitching

Follow these basic steps to assemble the engine for each train, referring to the directions for individual designs for color choices and details.

Attach signs, wheels and other components with stitches of matching yarn, or glue them in place.

**1** Cut Engine Base from stiff 7-count plastic canvas according to graph on page 2; it will remain unstitched.

**2** Cut Engine Front from regular 7-count plastic canvas according to graph shown on page 2. *Note: For the Bunny Express, refer to the Engine Front graph that accompanies that project (page 31).*

**3** Also cut one piece 19 x 36 holes for Engine Hood from regular 7-count plastic canvas. *Note: For Cupid Express and Bunny Express, a graph for the Engine Hood accompanies the other graphs for those projects.*

**4** Referring to graphs and instructions for individual designs, cut remaining pieces:

*Regular 7-count plastic canvas:* Engine Cab Sides, Front and Back; two Cowcatchers, Smokestack, any roof and trim pieces.

*10-count plastic canvas:* two Engine Signs.

*3-inch plastic canvas circles:* two Large Wheels and four Small Wheels.

**5** Stitch all pieces according to instructions for individual designs.

### Assembly

**1** Whipstitch Cowcatchers together along diagonal edges; Overcast remaining edges. Stitch back edges to stitched Engine Front as shown, with bottom edges of both pieces even.

**2** Bend Smokestack into a cylinder and Whipstitch edges together; Overcast top and bottom.

**3** Whipstitch Engine Cab Front, Sides and Back together along corners, with bottom edges even;

Overcast window openings and top edges. Attach Cab Roof to assembled engine cab as shown.

**4** Bend Engine Hood over narrow end of Engine Base; Whipstitch short ends of Engine Hood to base.

**5** Stitch Smokestack to top of Engine Hood near front edge.

**6** *For engines with bead trim:* Secure yarn on underside of Engine Hood behind Smokestack. Bring yarn through top of hood; thread red ½-inch (1.3cm) bead, then white bead onto yarn and “stack” beads on top of hood. Take yarn back down through red bead only and secure on reverse side of hood.

*For engines with bells:* Clip a 1½-inch (3.8cm) piece of toothpick. Stick through Engine Hood behind Smokestack as shown; secure with glue. Glue liberty bell to top of toothpick.

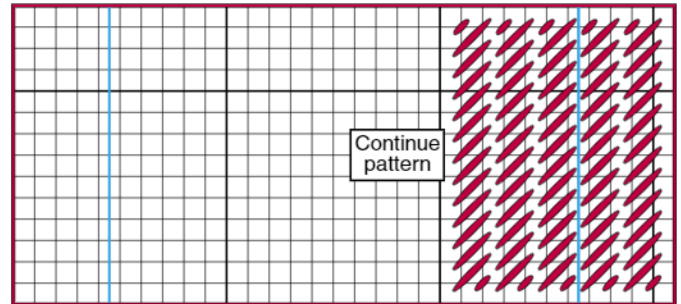
**7** Whipstitch Engine Front to hood and base; Overcast back edges of hood.

**8** Whipstitch assembled cab to wider end of Engine Base; attach back edge of Engine Hood to cab with a few stitches.

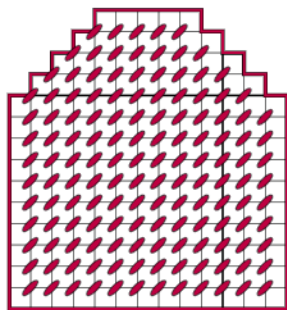
**9** Attach wheels and signs as shown.

### Finishing

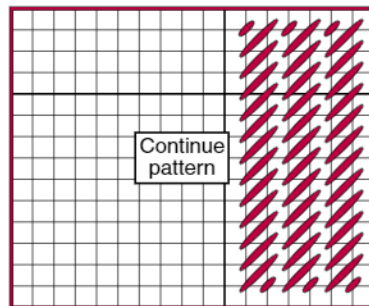
If desired, the completed engine and cars can be connected with lengths of chain or jump rings.



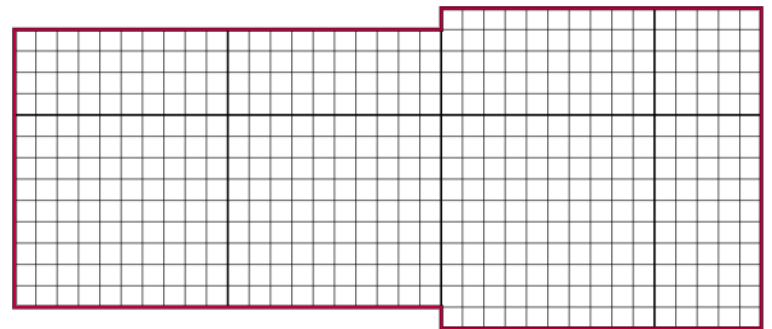
**Car/Caboose Base**  
31 holes x 14 holes  
Cut 3 for each train  
from stiff 7-count



**Engine Front**  
13 holes x 14 holes  
Cut 1 for each train  
except Bunny Express  
from 7-count



**Coal Car Base**  
17 holes x 14 holes  
Cut 1 for each train  
from stiff 7-count



**Engine Base**  
35 holes x 15 holes  
Cut 1 for each train  
from stiff 7-count

# Cupid Express

- Size:** **Cupid Express Engine:** 7¼ inches W x 4¾ inches H x 2½ inches D (18.4cm x 12.1cm x 6.4cm)  
**Heart Car:** 2¾ inches W x 2¾ inches H x 2⅝ inches D (7cm x 7cm x 5.9cm)  
**Hugs & Kisses Hopper Car:** 4¾ inches W x 2½ inches H x 2¼ inches D (12.1cm x 6.4cm x 5.7cm), excluding trim and decorations  
**Love Potion Tanker:** 4¾ inches W x 3½ inches H x 2¼ inches D (12.1cm x 8.9cm x 5.7cm), excluding trim and decorations  
**Sweethearts Caboose:** 4¾ inches W x 4 inches H x 2¾ inches D (12.1cm x 10.2cm x 7cm)

**Skill Level:** Beginner







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### Before You Cut

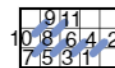
Buy one brand of canvas for each entire project, as brands can differ slightly in the distance between bars. Count holes carefully from the graph before you cut, using the bolder lines that show each 10 holes. These 10-mesh lines begin in the lower left corner of each graph to make counting easier. Mark canvas before cutting, then remove all marks completely before stitching. If the piece is cut in a rectangular or square shape and is either not worked, or worked with only one color and one type of stitch, we do not include the graph in the pattern. Instead, we give the cutting and stitching instructions in the general instructions or with the individual project instructions.

### Covering the Canvas

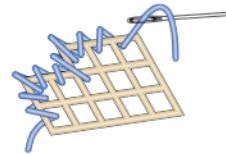
Bring needle up from back of work, leaving a short length of yarn on back of canvas; work over short length to secure. To end a thread, weave needle and thread through the wrong side of your last few stitches; clip. Follow the numbers on the small graphs beside each stitch illustration; bring your needle up from the back of the work on odd numbers and down through the front of the work on even numbers. Work embroidery stitches last, after the canvas has been completely covered by the needlepoint stitches.

## Basic Stitches

Continental



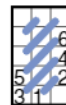
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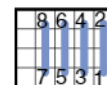
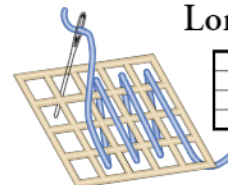
Whipstitch



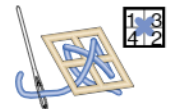
Slanted Gobelin



Long



Cross

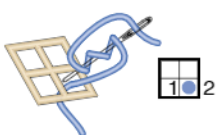


### Shopping for Supplies

For supplies, first shop your local craft and needlework stores. Some supplies may be found in fabric, hardware and discount stores. If you are unable to find the supplies you need, please call Annie's Attic at (800) 259-4000 to request a free catalog that sells plastic canvas supplies.

## Embroidery Stitches

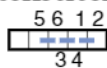
French Knot



Lazy Daisy



Backstitch



Straight



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meters = (m)  
grams = (g)

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