

FORT WORTH CHAPTER – MOVE THE NEEDLE “BINGO” CHALLENGE

INTRODUCTION:

This stitch challenge will be more task oriented than a challenge focusing on hours or number of finishes. These tasks will be oriented to the mission of EGA and our chapter. Some tasks will be easy, and some will be a bit more difficult. This Challenge is designed to last most of a year and some of the tasks are designed to take some time while others will be completed quickly. The goal of the challenge is to encourage us to stretch our stitching muscles, encourage fellowship within the group and win a little money at the end of the year!

Dates

The challenge will run from **January 7, 2023** to **November 30, 2023**. The challenge will be set up like bingo cards. We will have a master list of tasks along with their description. Each task was given a number and a random sequence generator was used to populate the numbers on the cards. There will be 4 different cards.

Discussion of Tasks & Strategy

The cards may have the same tasks, but in different places. If you complete Task 1 – you mark that task complete on all the cards you are playing (think about playing Bingo with multiple cards at one time – B5 is B5 on all the cards you play.) A description of the numbered tasks is in this challenge packet.

After you get your cards, be strategic. Think about where you can combine tasks on a particular project. In other words, one project may fulfill multiple tasks on the card.

The FREE Square

The FREE square is yours to use as you choose. You can place it on any square on the card and you do not have to complete that task. You only get one Free space per card.

Bingo & Blackout

Your challenge is to complete BINGO (horizontal, vertical, diagonal or 4 corners) on each card. You can only BINGO one time on each card. After you complete a BINGO, you will continue to work on that card until you BLACKOUT.

Cost & Drawing entries

Each card will be \$5. You may purchase up to 4 different cards. To purchase cards, you will pay the Treasurer with cash, check or Zelle. The Treasurer will hold the money for this challenge. At the end of the challenge, winners will be drawn for prizes purchased with the pot of money collected.

Card purchase = 1 entry per card

Bingo (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) = 1 entry

Bingo 4 corners = 2 entries

Blackout = 3 entries

The Challenge ends on November 30, 2023. All Challenge BINGO's and BLACKOUTS need to be reported to the Challenge Manager by November 30, 2023. Winners will be drawn at the Annual Holiday Party.

RULES:

1. You must be a member of our guild to enter the challenge. You are not a member of our group but want to participate in the challenge? You are welcome to join the Chapter! Just let me know and we can make that happen!
2. Challenge starts at our January meeting, January 7, 2023. It ends on November 30, 2023. Winners will be drawn at the Holiday Party.
3. You may purchase up to 4 different cards. Each card purchase will put your name in the Challenge Drawing one time.
4. The FREE square is your choice. You are free to place it in any one of the 25 squares on the card.
5. As you complete a task, draw an X through the square to indicate that you have completed that task.
6. You can only BINGO 1 time per card. When you BINGO, you will report that to the Challenge Manager. A BINGO (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) will get you one entry into the Challenge Drawing. A 4-Corner BINGO gets 2 entries into the drawing. Please advise the Challenge manager when you have completed BINGO or BLACKOUT.
7. After you BINGO on a card, the card continues to be in play for BLACKOUT. When you BLACKOUT, you will report the card number and the blackout to the Challenge Manager. A BLACKOUT earns 3 entries into the drawing.
8. The Challenge will end on November 30, 2023. You will have until that day to report your BINGO's and BLACKOUT's. We will have a Drawing at the Holiday Party for the winners. The number of winners and the dollar amounts will depend upon how much money we collect for the Challenge. The winners will get gift cards to our local needlework shops.

FAQs:

Can someone outside the group be in the challenge? *No. We are limiting our challenge to members (including plurals) to the challenge.*

When does the challenge start? *At our January meeting.*

Can someone join the challenge late in the game? *Because 1 of the tasks takes 6 months, you will need to join by June.*

How much are the cards? *\$5.00 each.*

How many cards can I play? *You can play up to 1 each of the 4 different cards.*

What's a BINGO? *Bingos are vertical, horizontal, diagonal, and 4-corners.*

How do I get entries to the drawing?

Each card purchase gets 1 entry to the challenge.

Each BINGO (horizontal, vertical, diagonal) gets 1 entry to the drawing.

Each 4-corner BINGO gets 2 entries to the drawing.

BLACKOUT gets 3 entries to the drawing.

Where is the FREE square? *The free square is yours to use as you choose. Write FREE over the task square you choose not to do and you are free from completing that task.*

When is the drawing? *We will have the drawing at the Holiday Party.*

What do I win? *Each winner will be given a gift card / certificate to a local needlework shop.*

Do I have to be present at the Holiday Party to win? *No, but we would sure love to see you there!*

What qualifies as an LNS? *This task was meant to encourage us to support local needlework stores over big box. That might mean a LNS that you find in your travels, an Etsy store, or other LNS available to you maybe through the internet or social media shopping.*

What is EGA's Mission? *"Our mission is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage."* <https://eqausa.org/about-us/>

Task List – Explanations

1. LNS X 2. Support a LNS (Local Needlework Shop) X 2 (twice). This can include independent shops or Etsy shops but doesn't include big box stores like Michael's, Hobby Lobby or Joann's.
2. 2 TECHNIQUES. Combine 2 techniques in 1 project. For example – beading on an embroidery project, open work on cross stitch, couching, embroidery on quilting
3. GROUP STITCH X 4. Stitch with others X 4 (four times). Zoom counts!
4. EGA PROJECT. Complete an EGA sponsored project. EGA posts petite projects and stitch-alongs throughout the year.
5. BINGE X 4. Binge stitch X 4 (four times). We will define binge stitching as 5+ hours for one stitch session.
6. COMPLETED. Totally complete 1 large project or 6 small projects (Stitched & Framed or Finished).
7. UFO. Complete stitching a UFO.
8. STITCHES COMPLETED. Complete the stitching of 1 large project (larger than ornament sized) or 8 small projects (ornament sized). One of these could be your UFO ☺ and it doesn't have to be framed or finished.
9. NEW FIBER. Incorporate a new fiber that you have not stitched with before.
10. NEW STITCH. Incorporate a new stitch that you haven't used before.
11. GUILD PROJECT. Complete 1 guild sponsored project.
12. HOLIDAY! Stitch a holiday related project (Any holiday).
13. CHARITY. Stitch for charity. This could be a bookmark, hearts for hospice or any other charity of your choice.
14. 12 HOURS /MONTH X 6. Stitch 12 hours per month for 6 months.
15. FAVORITE TECHNIQUE. Share your favorite or a new technique with the group.
16. FAVORITE DESIGNER. Share your favorite or a new designer with the group.
17. TOOLS. Share your favorite or a new tool you have found with the group.
18. SOCIAL MEDIA. Share your favorite or a new blog or podcast or a tube video or app with the group.
19. NON-TRADITIONAL FINISH. Finish a piece in a non-traditional manner.
20. BE A LEADER. Lead a project for your guild. Obviously, we have more people than we have meetings, so you might want to partner up with someone to create / lead a project.
21. GUILD SPONSORED WORKSHOP. Attended a guild sponsored workshop.
22. KNOTS. Stitch French knots or colonial knots (more than 5 knots) on a project.
23. WIP BLITZ. Choose one WIP and stitch on it for one week.
24. METALLICS. Include metallic threads in a project.
25. EMBELISH. Add an embellishment to a project X 2 (2 separate projects). This could be beads, charms, buttons – use your imagination.

26. CLEAN UP. Clean up your stitching spot and tell us about it. If you have some things that need a new home, share with the group.
27. SHARE. Share something from your stash with another stitcher.
28. PAY IT FORWARD X 3. Pay it forward in some way three (3) times with someone in the group.
29. FLAUNT IT. Flaunt a finish that you are proud of.
30. NEEDLEMINDERS. Post a picture of your needle minder stash on social media.
31. MEETING PICS. Take & post a picture on social media from a guild meeting or stitch in.
32. COUCHING. Couch a thread on a project.
33. STASH ROUND UP. Stitch a project that you've have for more than 3 years.
34. COUNTED PIECES. Stitch a counted piece for 10 hours. This could be needlepoint or cross stitch.
35. PAINTED CANVAS. Stitch a painted canvas for 10 hours.
36. NAMETAGS, PINCUSHIONS, FRAMEWEIGHTS, BISCORNUS X 3. Create 3 of these items over the year. You can create 3 of the same item or any combination of these items.
37. BOOKS. Recommend a stitch related book or pass on a book you no longer find useful.
38. MENTOR & ENCOURAGE. If you see a fellow stitcher struggling, give them a hand or offer advice.