

prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of

- Unbleached or white canvas
- Acrylic craft paint (I suggest white, black and gold, though other colors could be used)
- Fine paint brushes
- Carbon paper and a ball point pen
- Paper clips

First, cut the canvas to the size you want, to fit your table. Iron it with a steam iron set on high to get it absolutely wrinkle free.

Paint the canvas with two or three coats of white acrylic craft paint. Work the paint into the weave of the canvas with the brush. It helps to thin the first coat of paint with water, then when it's dried, using un-thinned paint for the next coats. Let the canvas dry.

Next, place the carbon paper and wheat pattern on the canvas, holding them in place with paper clips. If you want the patterns a different size, have it enlarged with a photocopier. Trace the wheat pattern onto the canvas. Carefully remove the pattern and carbon paper. If you want, go over the lines with a sharp pencil.

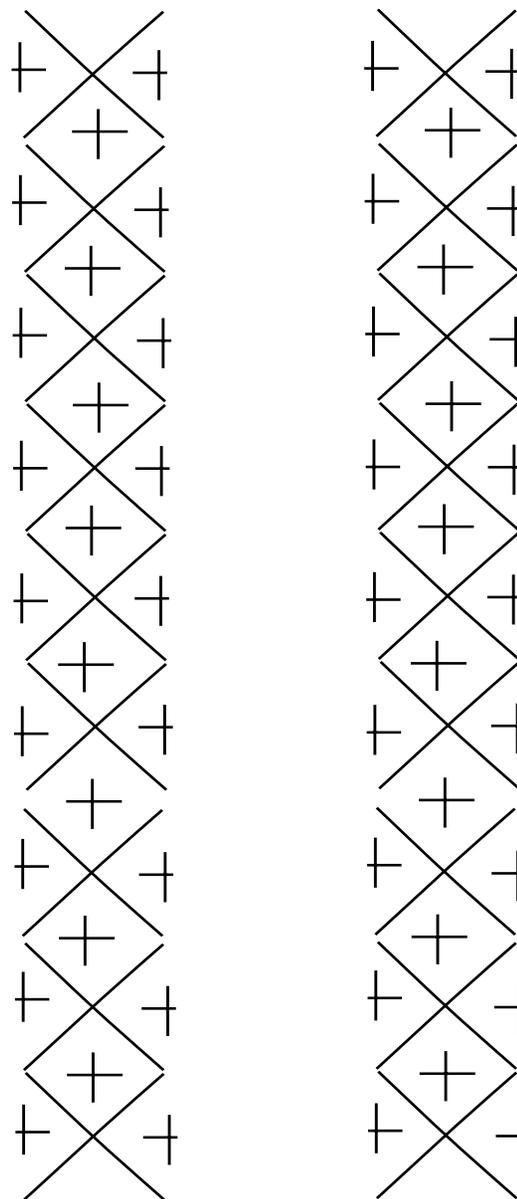
Begin painting the pattern onto the table runner, outlining each shape first, then after the outline has dried, filling in the shapes. Some parts look best simply outlined, some look good filled in. Decide as you go along.

When the painting is finished, allow the runner to dry well before using. Acrylic paint is water resistant once dry, so the runner will stand up to moderate use and wiping with a damp cloth. Store it rolled in a cylinder.

Another Idea

This carbon paper tracing method will work to paint any of the coloring patterns in this book onto canvas. How about a set of Nativity placemats?

Alternatively, you could trace the wheat pattern onto unpainted embroidery canvas and embroider the pattern for a table cloth, pillow or banner. Use running stitch or chain stitch for outlining, french knots for detail, and satin stitch to fill in spaces.



all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained

