

# Summer Picnic Ant Tea Towel

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Invite an ant to your picnic with this **Freebie** project from Bird Brain Designs!

Embroider a silly Ant on parade for your Summer Picnic on a tea towel. Use your towel in your kitchen and smile as you dry the dishes. Have some fun this summer and embroider in just an afternoon or evening.

We have the Sage Green Stripe Tea Towel **plus ALL** the #8 Perle cotton for you to stitch right away.

### ***FUN AND FREE!***

Just print out the project pattern and get to work.

Our Sage Green Towel and #8 Perle cotton is available too online for you at a special price of \$5.00. Have a fun and festive summer of picnics and parties!

### **Transferring Instructions**

- Wash and dry your tea towel in the washer and dryer before stitching. Iron with a steam iron.
- Place the design pattern on a light box or in a bright window, tape down.

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- Place the washed and ironed tea towel over the pattern. Tape securely.
- Trace your design onto your towel with a Red and Green (if desired) Pigma permanent marker.
- For watermelon seeds, make just a dot at the top of the loop, not the entire loop and broken lines for Running Stitch do not need to be transferred, stitch by eye from pattern.
- Lines are Back Stitch, broken lines are Running Stitch, loops are Lazy Daisy Stitch, Satin Stitch on the top of the flag's pole and the X's are Cross Stitches.

### Embroidery Instructions

- Back Stitch the top edge of the watermelon with coral and the bottom "rind" with green.
- Back Stitch the ant with black adding very tiny stitches for the eyes and mouth.
  - Add a black Cross Stitch X for the hands.
  - Make black watermelon seeds with Lazy Daisy stitches.
- With gold, Back Stitch the flag pole with a Satin Stitch ball on the top.
- Back Stitch the flag in coral, lettering in black and streamers in green.
  - Add 2 Cross Stitches in the flag.
  - Finish the watermelon with coral Running Stitches.

### Materials Needed

- Sage Green Striped Cotton Tea Towel
- DMC #8 Perle cotton (3 strands of embroidery floss ok, too).
  - 3 yards – 310 Black
  - 3 yards – 347 Coral
  - 3 yards – 581 Green
  - 1 yards 783 – Gold
- 7" locking embroidery hoop (our Morgan Hoop is the BEST)
  - #4 Crewel needle
- Red Permanent Ink Pigma marker (green too if you want to use 2)

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