

These beauties can be worked with the toe pointing either to the right or left, depending on whether or not you want the edging in white or more of an eggshell color.

The 18-count stockings are small (approx. 52 x 48 stitches), so they'll work up in one night, and require no finishing other than adding a hanger of some sort. At only \$3.50, they're the perfect personalized package tie-on.

For those of you unfamiliar with perforated paper, it's no different than any other evenweave fabric, albeit more fragile. You use a #28 needle, and no more than one strand of thread. Stitching on perforated paper was the rage in the Victorian Era (usually bookmarks that quoted the Bible), but it fell out of favor by the 1920s. It's coming back, and can be ordered in such shapes as hearts, mittens, and stars. I can also get it in 18-count 8-1/2 x 11 2-sheet packs in lots of colors. Perfect additions to scrapbooks!

For more information, free patterns, and true-to-size graph paper for those of you who prefer to design your own, visit www.tokensandtrifles.com. Those of you who love blackwork will sing over one of the free patterns. Time to raid your #4 Kreinik stash!