**Multiple Thread Wraps 4 by B.D. Ehler**

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This pattern is called the Maltese or Iron Cross. It is made by wrapping out from the box with color #1 and in from the box with color #2. If you want the center of the pattern closed then start by wrapping a small diamond of color #2 in the center of the box, then begin the wrapping sequence above. Look at the pattern closely and see that it is made up of four diamonds, one on each corner. The top and bottom diamonds are split horizontally and the two side diamonds are split vertically. This is a good example of building a pattern from four simultaneously wrapped diamonds. This pattern is wrapped both ways from all four of the layout threads.

Other choices in wrapping this pattern are to use variable colors in the background color #1. Once the center design is completed, the background threads continue on in a diamond manner. Shading color #1 can produce a nice variable background for the Cross.

If color #2 is not stopped (at the Cross stage), but continued on to close the center of the wrap a square is obtained.