



40th Biennial LWML Convention
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 22-25-2023

Hello Ladies!

By now we have probably all heard “What’s your 80?” in regard to the 80th Anniversary of our LWML. I’m suggesting that one way to participate in this celebration could be making 80 registration favors for guests to the LWML Convention in June of 2023. As host districts, let’s welcome our sisters in Christ with these love gifts. If 75 ladies each make 80 favors, we will have 6000 and that is our goal as of now! Of course, they are so relaxing and fun to make you can make more than 80! 😊 (We may not have 75 volunteer crafters.) While you are working, how about saying a quick prayer for the recipient? The idea selected by the Host Committee is included here with photo instructions. It may seem overly explained, but since I cannot be with you to answer questions or show you in person how to make the crosses, the easiest and most efficient way is a step by step illustrated explanation. Of course, if you are an ‘old hand’ at plastic canvas needlepoint, you won’t need the details.

Since these are gifts of love and the basic supplies are not expensive or hard to find as most sewing/craft stores or Walmart carry these items or you may have them in your crafts supplies already, your donation of the plastic canvas and any shade of brown yarn you use will be appreciated. If you make the crosses and send them to me, the rings and ribbon that need to be purchased can be added at a few locations so they will not need to be resent to many various places. This will be a sort of team relay assembly line. **Please send me your finished crosses by November 1** so they can be completed and counted and we will know how many more still need to be made. (Your donation of shipping costs is appreciated also!) My address is: Ruth Ann Fulton, 28667 E. 1800 N. Rd., Saunemin, IL 61769. It would ease my mind considerably if I knew how many ladies were making cross favors. If you could email me that you are working on some, it would be greatly appreciated!

Delegates to the convention will be receiving an additional gift also. These gifts (about 1000) involve a bit of sewing. A picture and instructions for these will follow. If you are interested in sewing these gifts, email me and I will send you supplies.

Speaking of purchasing supplies, it has been relayed to me from those involved in past conventions that Thrivent is willing to pay for many convention supplies through Thrivent Action Teams. This saves our LWML precious funds to use for other projects. One very good way for you to participate in hosting the convention would be for you to apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant. Please email me if this is a possibility for you and I can tell you what supplies are needed so you can include the specifics in your application. **Please consider taking advantage of these available funds to help pay for supplies!**

You can call me (815-832-4392) or email me at jrdkf@frontiernet.net .

Thank you in advance for your help with these projects! May God bless you all!

Ruth Ann Fulton
Convention Favors Director



Here are the directions for making the favors each registered person will receive at the 2023 LWML Convention! About 6000 people are expected! These small love gifts will welcome our guests and remind them of our theme to *Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!* **Thank you for helping make these gifts!**

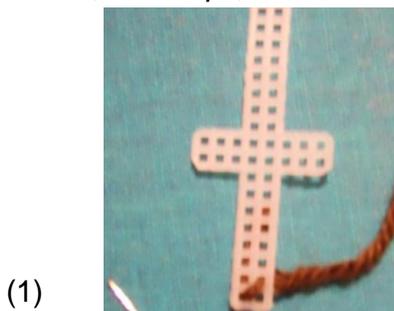
Please be sure plastic canvas is flexible as it has to be bent over for the key ring to be attached. Cut clear plastic canvas crosses 2 squares wide with 3 squares on each side for the arms. The bottom is 8 squares long and the top is 10 squares high. Rounded corners are easier to sew around. (1) You will need approximately 34 inches of any shade of 4 ply brown yarn. Begin stitching up from the bottom of the canvas leaving about 1/2 inch of yarn on the back and stitching over it to secure the end. Stitch on the diagonal across the squares. (1)

When you get to the arms, go out to the end of the arm and stitch back to the center over the back yarn. Repeat for the other side.

Once you reach the top, whip stitch around the outer edge being sure to stitch in the inside corners and twice on the outside corners to cover the canvas. (2) After you have stitched all around, slide your needle under a few stitches on the back to secure the yarn and you are done!

When completed, the top will be folded over to the back to be in line with the bottom of the arms. It can be neatly and securely hot glued, or leave it unglued and send it flat to be glued by the next team member. (3) (Ring and ribbon will be added later.)

Pre-cut the canvas and yarn and these are great little projects to take along for waiting times at appointments, road trips, etc.!



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Please send your completed crosses to Ruth Ann Fulton, 28667 E. 1800 N. Rd., Saunemin, IL 61769. You can contact her if you have any questions at 815-832-4392 or jrdkf@frontiernet.net.

Enjoy! And May God bless you and yours!