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## STITCH GUIDE

Please read through this entire guide before getting started! All links to supplies used to complete this project will be listed in **bold**.

SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED FOR STITCHING EMBROIDERY FLOSS

SMALL SHARP SCISSORS

SIZE 26 TAPESTRY NEEDLE

EMBROIDERY HOOP or

**Q-SNAP FRAME** 

**OPTIONAL SUPPLIES** 

THREAD HEAVEN: FLOSS CONDITIONER

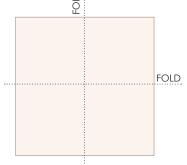
NEEDLE MINDER

EMBROIDERY FLOSS NEEDLE THREADER

## **GETTING STARTED**

Start by zigzag stitching, using Fray Check or placing masking tape on the edges of your fabric. This prevents the edges from unraveling as you stitch. If you purchase your fabric from Picture This Plus, your fabric will come with finished edges so this step isn't needed!

Next, fold your fabric in half horizontally, then again vertically. Where the two creases meet is the center of the fabric. You'll use this as a guide for beginning your project from the center of the chart. The center of the chart is marked by two intersecting red lines. It's a good idea to buy a larger piece of fabric, start in the center and work your way outwards. You'll have nice sized borders and your project will be centered on your fabric without worrying that you'll run out of fabric.



## FINISHED PATTERN SIZE

This pattern's finished size will be: 61 stitches wide x 114 stitches tall approximately 4.4" wide x 8.1" tall and on 28 ct Linen and 14 ct Aida

If you stitch your project on either 28 ct Linen or 14 ct Aida your project will always remain the same finished size listed above

## FABRIC USED FOR PROJECT

For this project we used 28 ct Evenweave in "Mushroom." Place your fabric in the hoop or QSnap of your choice and have your pattern close by. You may wish to view your pattern on your smart phone, tablet or iPad. iPad users can download the Adobe Reader app that will allow you to save your patterns and draw on them. Another option is to get the patterns printed on sturdy card stock at your local print shop.

Embroidery floss comes in skeins that will need to be plied down. Cut off a length of thread no longer than the length of your elbow to fingers. This piece of thread contains 6 strands, peel/ply off two strands. Cross stitch is traditionally done with two strands and it's the standard for all our patterns, including the back stitching unless otherwise noted in pattern. Each symbol on the chart corresponds with a color and equals a single stitch. Starting in the center of the chart and your fabric, make your first stitch.

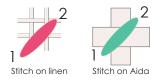




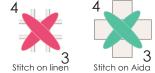
Stitches on Aidc

Notice that when using linen you skip a hole. When using Aida, no skipping is necessary. You'll want to have all your stitches facing in the same direction - meaning you don't want to have all your stitches facing in one direction and have a few facing in the opposite direction.

**To Start:** Ply your embroidery floss down to two strands. Begin by creating a half stitch on the front of your work and hold the thread tail behind your work.



Cross the stitch diagonally to create your first full stitch.





Flip your hoop over and pull the tail through the loop. This secures your first stitch!

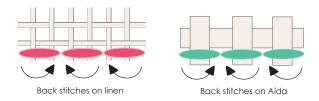


To finish stitching, take your threaded needle and on the back of the work carefully weave through two or three stitches and clip your thread.



BACKSTITCHING

To create the backstitching always use 2 threads



If you are using hand dyed floss, you may choose to work each complete stitch, one at a time so the thread variegates nicely. If you are using metallic floss, cut no longer then 7" pieces and use Thread Heaven and a Clover embroidery floss needle threader for easier stitching.

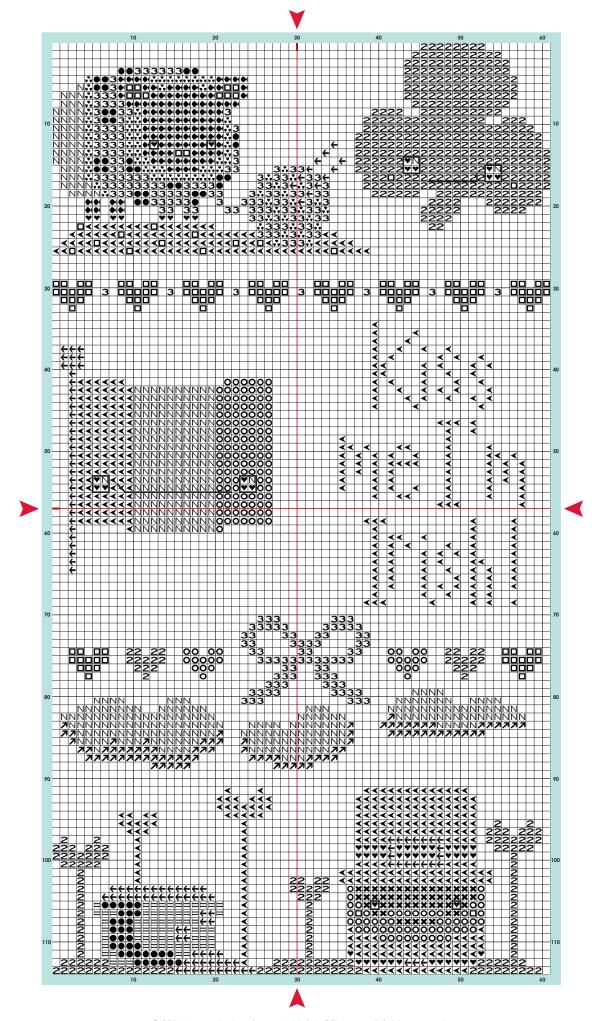
It is important to be frugal and save your partial skeins. The pattern is written specifically for the amount of skeins used. It's helpful to put them in a Ziploc for later use in the pattern. Thank you for purchasing our pattern! We hope your enjoy stitching along with us. Be sure to **email** us directly with any questions!

> Happy Stitching! Amanda & Ashleigh



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		Name:	Strands
♥		DMC 310/COSMO 600 - Black	2
N	Ν	DMC 5200/COSMO 2500 - White	2
Ħ	H	DMC 413/COSMO 155 - Pewter Grey DK	2
		DMC 415/COSMO 152A - Pearl Grey	2
		DMC 351/COSMO 2343 - Coral	2
Ο	0	DMC 971/COSMO 147 - Pumpkin	2
$\boldsymbol{<}$	$\checkmark$	DMC 905/COSMO 327 - Parrot Green DK	2
2	2	DMC 3347/COSMO 118 - Yellow Green MD	2
23.	3	DMC 939/COSMO 169 - Navy Blue VY DK	2
*	*	DMC 813/COSMO 253 - Blue LT	2
7	7	DMC 828/COSMO 162 - Blue UL VY LT	2
		DMC 612/COSMO 369 - Drab Brown LT	2
×	×	DMC 950/COSMO 424 - Desert Sand LT	2
4	+	DMC 5282/COSMO Champagne - Metallic Gold	2

Backstitch Key

• DMC 310/COSMO 600: Black Outline all eyes & mouths