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Stoney's Word

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e are waiting on the fall to start. It may be a long wait.

Remember we are noted for HOT weather not nice cool weather. Only a few months now until Christmas will be at our door. Preparation ahead of time is always a good idea. Some of you have been working on needlework Christmas projects for family and friends. Come let us help you with some ideas. Remember we always have opinions. Well maybe not good opinions all the time but opinions. Whatever the case, we are here for you at 3 Stitches. Come in and have something to drink, walk the shop, and enjoy everything we have to offer. Relax! It won't be long until it is time to sit and stitch after your holiday dinners. Get those holidays gifts made. Come join our stitching group on Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 12:00. Can't make Wednesday morning? Well, what about the second Saturday of the month from 12:30 to 4:45? Perhaps that day is better for you.

Thursday, October 27, 2022 Elizabeth Talledo from "Dames of the Needle" will be here to teach class. There is a class from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm or a class from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Classes are filling up fast and pre-stitching is required. Call the shop for more details. 281-320-0133



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Saturday, October 29, 2022

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Come join us for our “Halloween” event. Enjoy a drink and snack. Candy will be passed out with each purchase. Spend the time with us as you meet new stitchers and say hello to old friends from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

3 2 1 Cake - Easy

This is perfect for those of us with just one or two in the house. Hate to make a huge cake? This way you can make 1, 2, 3, or as many as you need. These individual little cakes are amazing and ready to eat in one minute!



1 box Angel Food Cake Mix
1 box Cake Mix – Any flavor
2 Tbsp. water

Directions: In a Ziploc bag, combine the two cake mixes together and mix well. For each individual cake serving, take out 3 Tbsp. of the cake mix combination and mix it with 2 Tbsp. of water in a small microwave-safe container. Microwave on high for 1 minute, and you have your own instant individual little cake!

Keep remaining cake mixture stored in the Ziploc bag and use whenever you feel like a treat. You can top each cake with a dollop of fat free whipped topping and/or some fresh fruit.



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Helpful Tips: This recipe is called 3, 2, 1 Cake because all you need to remember is 3 Tbsp. mix, 2 Tbsp. water, and 1 minute in the microwave. Try various flavors of cake mix like carrot, red velvet, pineapple, lemon, orange, etc. Just remember that one of the mixes has to be the angel food mix. The other is your choice. Remember to open both cake mixes into a gallon storage bag, one that zip locks or self-seals, or a container that seals tightly. Shake the two cake mixes to blend and then make the recipe. Storage of mix is simple, put it on a shelf. No need to refrigerate, since the mix is dry. The Angel Food cake mix has the egg whites in it. If anyone is allergic to egg whites, you can NOT serve this recipe.



Stitching Tips: General Instructions for Cross Stitch

Fabric Preparation: Determine size of fabric needed for a project by dividing number of horizontal stitches by the thread count of fabric. For example, if a design 35 stitches wide is worked on 14 Ct. fabric or 28 Ct. fabric over two, it will cover $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 35 divided by 14 = 2.5. Repeat process for vertical count. Add 6 inches to the number giving a 3-inch border all around the design. Cut fabric to desired size.

We will be closed Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving and **reopen** Friday, November 25.



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Remember we are here to help you. All you have to do is ask.



Tales From The Teacher

Knowledge brings wisdom and wisdom

brings ease of needlework. The more you know the easier and more relaxing it is. When I sit down in a chair, I sit down with a needle in my hand. It makes for a time that we can forget some of the unpleasant things in our life and remember the good times. It takes out the frustration. It keeps our minds forced on the project which is fun. Classes allow you to meet people with the same interest. It opens up a whole new world of needlework. Come ask questions and

get answers. It is a fun event that will make you more relaxed in the needlework world. Learning becomes fun when shared with others. All of us learn together. We develop friendships through the needlework world. So many people would have never known each other had they not met here at this shop. Come join us for friendship and relaxation. We would love to have you. We are practicing safe habits.

Classes **must** be paid at the time of reservation. If you need to cancel a class, we must be notified 24 hours prior to the date to receive store credit. Should



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you need a private class, call for an appointment. Private classes are priced according to supplies and length. If you have a question, just ask.

Saturday Stitchers!

Saturday, October 8, November 12 & December 10

12:30 PM – 4:45 PM



Join us the 2nd Saturday of each month for a visit and stitch afternoon.

Stitchers enjoy meeting new friends and visiting with old friends. You can visit with people who share your same interest. You can get those projects finished. Who knows what new stitchers you may meet. Have an afternoon to remember.

Holly, Jolly Christmas Stacker!

Thursday, September 15, October 6, November 3

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

If you were in the Halloween Stacker class we had, you know how much knowledge you acquired, not to mention how much fun you had. Well, here we go again with a Christmas one. It even has Santa flying over the house. It is a 3- part piece mounted on a green tree. Come see the model and you will want to sign up immediately.

Basic X!

Saturday, October 15

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (\$24.00)



Come join us for a basic class. Yes, basic first but then there is always more to add. The more you know about stitching, the more you realize how much more there is to learn. You get real smart when you think you know everything but don't and probably can't. Needlework and especially heirloom needlework are always a learning process.

Stitch A Long!

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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This will be our last Stitch A Long for the year. If you would like to join us, call and sign up even though you are not working on the GH 1857 piece like our students.

Two for One!

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

This is our last class before Christmas. Bring your friend or relative and join us for a festive Christmas stitching evening. Two get in for the price of one. Don't have a friend or relative stitcher? Sign up anyway. We will pair you off with another fun stitcher.



Additional classes will be offered
Check our website at www.3stitches.com



through the year ahead.
for details.

Remember there is always something new to learn!

Come to our [home](#) to stitch!

Ornament Club – Join today. Sign up to receive a kit each month and stitch ornaments from the 2021 JCS Christmas Ornaments magazine. Each month we will select an ornament and send you a kit that will contain the fabric and threads necessary to stitch that ornament. It will also contain embellishments, finishing fabric and detailed instructions to complete your ornament. If you want to learn how to finish, now is the time. At the end of one year, you'll have finished ornaments to use in your decorating or perhaps give as gifts. Call the shop 281-320-0133 to get included in this festive club. Come in the shop and see all the ones we have made.



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Mystery Box – If you haven't joined that as of yet, you have missed out on lots of original charts designed exclusively for the event. The box contains not only the chart but also the fabric, threads, and embellishment. Some of the charts have been made especially for this. Also, one of the charts was signed by the designer just for you. We have used a variety of various threads for these projects to increase your knowledge of the fibers available. This Mystery Box event will end in December, 2022. It has been exciting each month to see what designers have designed but all good things must come to an end.

Needlepoint Class is being scheduled. Call the shop for all the details.

**New! New!
New!**



With all the “new” merchandise we get in as the charts are designed, we are always busy putting out “new” charts for you to see. Designers notify us of their “new” designs, we order, and they ship. This may not be the fastest process but under the conditions now it is pretty good. Designers

design, we see, and we want. Who ever heard of anyone having **too much stash?** If you are looking for something special, give us a call. We either have it, it is on its way to the shop, or we can get it. We not only have an **online shop** but a **retail shop**. Our shop is well stocked with everything needed to complete a project – chart, fabric, thread, embellishments, etc. We are in the needlework business!

3 Stitches is a “one stop shop”. We not only know where to get the project but also how to do the project. We have a website, www.3stitches.com or you can always email us at 3stitches@3stitches.com with questions. Come in and let us help you.

Have you tried all the different types of needles that we carry? How about asking for needles for your birthday or special occasion? Wouldn't it be fun trying all the different ones?



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Bent Creek has “Ghostie Manor” with a ghost coming out of the chimney. Bats fly in the sky with the moon and a pumpkin sits on the ground. Model stitched on 32 Ct. Cobblestone Linen over two threads with two strands of Weeks Dye Works and The Gentle Art threads. There is a DMC alternative should you need that. Remember we can always change the fabric or threads to your liking. “The Black Cat” which is one of their classic pieces is back again. It consists of a black cat and a pumpkin with vines. A piece everyone should own and stitch. “Thanksgiving Arches” contains 5 arches with Thanksgiving themes. They are very colorful and one has a turkey perched on pumpkins. The zipper kit is “Pop of Autumn” with lots of birds. The kit contains all the thread and large 20 Ct. fabric to get the job done. Everyone loves the easy to do kits.

Canadian Stitchery has stitch your own ornament kit “Frankie Fox”. The project is stitched on wood with a hanger for finishing when complete. “Roncy Raccoon” is also here in black, grey, and white. “Fancy Flamingo Ugly Sweater” is a perfect gift for your sweater friend. It is bright and cheerful. “Silly Goose Ugly Sweater” is a goose with a red and green wreath around its neck.

Carriage House Samplings has “Orange Tree Sampler” is a tree with alphabets on all of the oranges on the tree. Underneath the tree is a bright orange cat with numbers under that. Oranges are Florida’s best. “Jackson” is part of the boy series. It has a cowboy on a rocking horse with a rope. All around is alphabets with a bird. Thread color choices are Needlepoint Silk or DMC. “Atlantic Cod” is a large fish with a small sailboat in front. A very unusual piece.

Cross Stitch Antiques has “Antique Sampler Reproduction”. The leaflet has good alphabets and instructions on making an Ellen Kingscote’s English Sewing Book. “On Love Elizabeth Topham 1838” is an Antique Sampler Adaption.

Erica Michaels has “3 Wise Women” with a saying. The monochromatic design can be stitched in your favorite fabric/floss combination. “A Shepherd’s Care II” is a strawberry, drum, and needlebook. “Abundant Table” has a very meaningful bible



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verse. What a perfect piece to hang in your dining room. “All Hallows Eve” is numerous charts all put together. Stitch the entire piece of any of the small parts. “Christmas Blessing” is a verse to remember. “Christmas Magic” has finishing details inside the chart. “Turkey Time” has the best turkey on a pillow or strawberry. Perhaps you want to stitch one of them, maybe two. You pick.

Fairy Wool in the Wood has “Music” with a big red bell above the drummer when the piece is made into a pillow. “The search of the perfect pumpkin” has a Halloween pillow with lots of designs and some words. Very interesting. “Radish Ghost” has all sorts of different items. “Gingie” is the gingerbread guy with candy canes and a tree with candy canes. A candy cane charm and 2 gold bells are included with the chart. “Frosty” is the snowman with a small snowman beside. A snowman charm and 2 gold bells are included. “Nativity 2022” has Merry Christmas with bible characters. A gold star charm is included. A great piece. “A Bee C – 2022” is a beehive with a gold bee charm and green overdyed fabric to stitch the piece on. “Mary Sanderson – 2022” is a woman in bright colors.

Frony Ritter Designs has “Wicked Cute” in a small little chart with lots of Halloween items. “Whatever Sprinkles Your Donut” is a cute design which could make into a nice pillow as a gift for your donut friend or yourself. Something to make you smile. “Trick or Treat Smell My Feet” has witch’s shoes and even skeleton feet. “Rustic Wine Lover’s Santa” is part of the Santa Lover Series. It is a Santa with wine and cheese in soft purple and green colors.

Glendon Place has “Dia De Los Muertos” with a skeleton and lots of musical instruments. Day of the dead is a celebration of life and death that originated in Mexico, but is celebrated all over Latin America with colorful calaveras (skulls) and calacas (skeletons). Very bright colors with even candles. “Sugar Skull No. 2” are a symbol of the Day of the Dead festivities unfold over two days in an explosion of color. “Summer Breeze” makes me feel fine is a relaxing piece at the beach perhaps. “GP-285” is a grateful Thanksgiving piece for family and friends. This is a quick stitch that will make you feel warm all over.



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Hands On Design has “Resting Witch Face” with some different stitches and a few of the newer colors of DMC floss. “Triple Play Pillows” has three different pillows in fall colors. “Tomayto, Tomahto” is stitched with Weeks Dye Works threads. “Stitch Some Happy” can be put in an embroidery hoop for framing if desired. It is stitched with DMC floss.

Heart In Hand has “Halloween frill” with a witch, broom, ghost, house, and spider. A small Halloween design with everything. “Wee Santa 2022” has the bust of Santa in bright red and white with packages around. “Imprints: Harvest and Home” is two pillows with a pumpkin and a house. These make good pillows or perhaps ornaments to hang on a door for the holiday and for decoration.

Heartstring Samplery has “Seahorse Soiree Biscornu” with lots of sea items. Model was stitched with Classic Colorworks and Weeks Dye Works threads. A conversion to DMC threads is included. “The Dressmaker’s Sewing Kit” contains a tray, drum, and needlebook for the set. “Say Coffee” has a saying “if you can’t remember my name just say coffee and I’ll turn around. Great chart for those coffee drinkers. “Scary Sampler” has a skeleton in the front yard that is in their grave. “The Dressmaker’s Sampler” has an old sampler that was stitched with lots of motifs.

Ink Circles has “Forest Path” stitched with Classic Colorworks. Yardage is listed because you will need multiple skeins of the two path colors. “Victorian License” is designed to be stitched with six different variegated floss colors. Solid colors and tonal colors will also work. “From Such Small Seeds” has two charts. As this design was developing it became evident that attempting to portray tiny seedlings as just a few cross stitches looked just like a garden after the quail came through and nipped off all of the new tender leaves. So, there are some lazy daisies on the chart. They are quite and easy to do. “Garden of Zig” chart comes with 5 skeins of Cottage Garden Threads. These variegated cotton threads are bright in color and make a rich look to this piece. “Star of Sumatra” chart comes with 5 skeins of Royal Plum Light silk thread from Gloriana. The design is based on antique Indonesian motifs.

JBW Designs has “Christmas Tree Collection XI” with a heart tree and cornucopia tree.



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“Owls in the Round” is finished in a circle which gives it a unique look. “Melinda’s Marking Sampler” is a good alphabet just to have around. A marking sampler, would be a typical sampler for a young girl to stitch in the early 1800’s. The design includes an upper case and lower case alphabet, several borders, and four baskets. This is an interesting sampler piece. “O’er the Fields We Go” is a Christmas winter piece in white on red fabric. “A- Round France” is different motifs of France. The piece is done in white thread on red fabric. “Petite Christmas Cottages” has three houses that are finished on a wooden house tag by The Bee Company in France. These can also be purchased with an order.

Kathy Karrick has “Witch Training Academy” with a large moon, flying witches, pumpkins, and lots of bats. The moon’s face is unique. “Happy Christmas” has a verse with a December 25, 1834 year. It is a very unusual piece and full of elegant designs. Someone told me they liked the snowflakes in the back ground best of all.

Keslyn’s has “If The Hat Fits” just in time for Halloween with lots of hats. “Christmas With Friends” has a Santa, a bird, penguin, reindeer, angel, and nutcracker. All sorts of friends for the holidays.

Lindy Stitches has “Autumn Strolls” with lots of fossils and the verse “Autumn Strolls Make Thankful Souls”. This is a very colorful piece and very festive looking. “Autumn Royalty” has three pillows with Count of Candy, Lord of Gourds, and Price of Pies. These are bright fun looking pieces to stitch.

Little Robin Designs has “E.E.’s Little Sampler” with a bird, alphabets, and a flower border. “All She Surveys” is a woman on a horse riding forward a red house. There are trees, butterflies, and flowers along the way. “Halloween Feather Tree” is Halloween items hanging from a black wrought iron tree. A good looking piece! “Hester Garlick – 1852” is a sampler with a verse, two girls and a large bird in the middle.

Mani di Donna has a “Fall Autumn”. There is some with the overdyed fabric included. “My Garden in Autumn” has a brown and an orange pumpkin with words. There are pins inside. “The Blessing of Christmas” has five pillows with the words Joy, Hope,



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Love, Peace, and The Blessing of Christmas all in one package. “The Harvest Night” has a house, large vine, and two pumpkins.

Pickle Barrel has “Haunted Mansion” with words, a grey house full of ghosts, and bats and pumpkins outside. “Sweet Mixed Pickles” is a 3-pack with three pickles to hang on the tree.

Sue Hillis Designs has “Hoop De Doo” Busy Bee is a beehive with lots of bees. “Something Wicked Box & Smalls” These is a tape measure, pincushion, box top, and coffin all with finishing instructions included. This is a good Halloween book full of lots of great ideas.

Tiny Modernist has “Stitching Mends” with stitching instructions. There is thimbles, scissors, buttons, and flowers in bright colors. “The Stitch Witch” with alphabets, ghosts, cat, scissors, bats, pumpkins, date, and much much more.

The Mindful Needle has “It’s a Date!” with big letters and the 31 number. A cat, ghost, spider web, and pumpkin are watching.

My Big Toe has “Which Came First?” with red spools and blue thread. “Encourage One Another” is a verse to live by. It is from Hebrews 3:13.

New York Dreamer Needleworks has “Hot Cocoa & Cookies” with two gingerbread guys and two coffee cups. “Coffee or Wine Today?” is a good verse with autumn colors. Model was stitched on 32 Ct. Country Mocha with DMC threads. “Pumpkin Spice Everything Nice” is finished like a coffee cup.

The Needle’s Notion has “Flossy’s Garden as a stand up. The girl has an apron with lots of pockets for scissors, thread, and much more. She has seeds to plant in her garden. “Hoot in a Boot” has a witch’s boot shaped model with a black tree, cat, bats, bird, and spiders. There are orange and white pumpkins on the bottom. “Elf Land” is a dark green stand up, a mushroom house with lots of animals, and trees in the background. “Spook Hill” says Happy Halloween to all of us.



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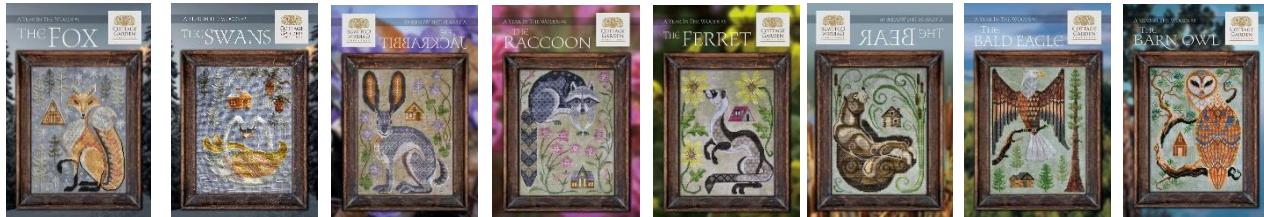
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HELP WANTED!

Think you would enjoy knowing the latest in the needlework world? Want to learn more about the industry? Perhaps you would enjoy being part of our team? If this sounds like something that you would like to do, please come and see Pam.

COMING ATTRACTION

3 XXX Rated Stitchers

First Thursday Evening in December
Thursday, December 1, 2022

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



The **3 XXX Rated Stitchers** group will NOT MEET IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER due to classes. It will meet December 1, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:30. Please call to let us know you are coming. It is a great opportunity to sit with others and stitch. Bring your questions and we will supply answers. **Please call** for reservations **if you plan to attend**. We need to know you are coming. The shop is always open during this time for extra shopping.



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3 Stitches Gathering

October 5, 12, 19, and 26
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Wednesday morning is **stitching time** from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Enjoy the morning by starting the day off right. What a great place to stitch - good lighting and share stitching with others who enjoy your interest. Be a part of a group who enjoys stitching and having fun. There are so many good people in this industry. Come meet them.

Saturday Stitchers!

October 8, November 12 & December 10, 2022
12:30 PM to 4:45 PM



We would like to invite you to join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month! Come relax and enjoy the afternoon. Meet new people and say hello to the regulars who have been around for a while. Don't miss out stitching with fellow stitchers. Think of all the projects you could get finished if you were here. Bring your project and come and stitch. What a perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon. If you don't have a project, remember there is one here just for you.

Don't forget to check out our website!

www.3stitches.com

Have you joined the Redbird Club? The club started in January and there are 12 charts in a complete year. This year charts were passed out every three months instead of once a month. Who knows what it will be in the 2023 year? One thing for sure, it will be something that everyone wants.



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Little Miss Witch

DESIGNED BY PAM KELLOGG

This delightful little darling makes a perfect Halloween treat for any cross stitcher. It's quick and easy, and the glow-in-the-dark Kreinik braid makes it extra fun.

We stitched our model over two threads on Zweigart's 25-count Lugana (Gold/Sand), but you can also stitch it over one thread on a tan 14-count Aida. Or why not stitch it on 14-count waste canvas attached to a denim shirt or canvas tote bag and wear it around this Halloween.

DESIGN SIZE: 23 WIDE X 45 HIGH

Materials needed

- Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid in 012 Purple, 053F Lime, 054F Lemon-Lime, 055F Watermelon, 026 Amethyst
- Cotton embroidery floss as listed in color key
- Zweigart 25-count Gold/Sand Lugana
- #24 Tapestry Needle

Instructions

Each square on the graph equals two Lugana fabric threads.
Cross stitch:

use two strands of cotton floss or one strand of Fine (#8)
Braid according to color key

Backstitching:

- Collar and buttons: one strand white floss
- Eyes, mouth, hat: one strand black floss
- Witch's hair: one strand Fine (#8) Braid 026
- Stem on flower on hat: one strand Fine (#8) Braid 053F
- Flower on hat and pattern in dress: one strand Fine (#8) Braid 054F
- Hatband and heart: one strand Fine (#8) Braid 055F

French Knots (●):

- Eyes: one strand (wrap twice) White floss

- Flower: one strand (wrap twice) Fine (#8) Braid 055F

Color Key:

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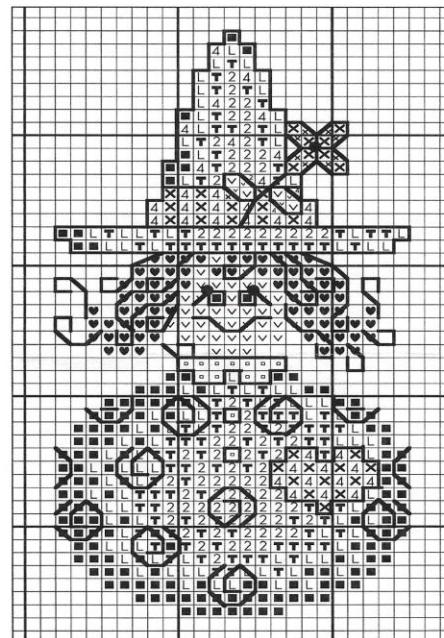
◦	White	1
■	310	403 Black
2	317	400 Pewter Grey
T	413	401 Dk Pewter Gray
L	3799	236 Vy Dk Pewter Gray

KREINIK FINE (#8) BRAID

♥	012	Purple
▽	053F	Lime
×	054F	Lemon-Lime
△	055F	Watermelon
◆	026	Amethyst (backstitching)



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Black Star Designs

All Hallow's Eve
Designed by Marva Owen
for Old Mill Stitchery

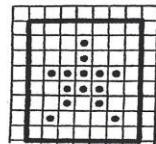
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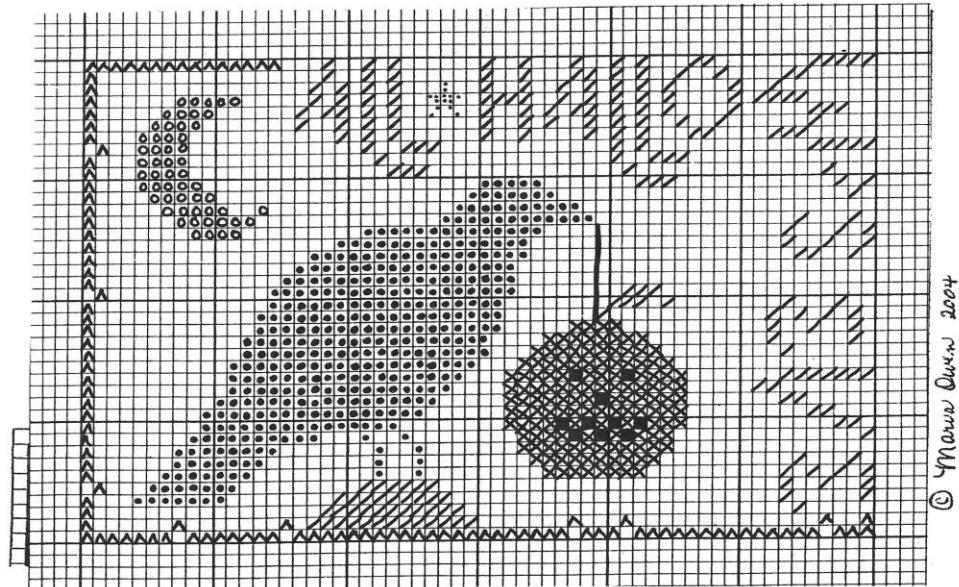
This piece was stitched on Olde Town Blend 32 from R&R Reproductions. Use two strands over two linen threads of Weeks Dye Works floss except where noted.

- ▲ Rum Raisin
- ✓ Kudzu
- ✗ Hazelnut
- Schneckley
- Mascara
- * Mascara – Smyrna Cross



Detail of
star over 1

Use one strand of Mascara for backstitching. Use one strand of Mascara over one linen thread to stitch the black star.



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Aida, Ivory

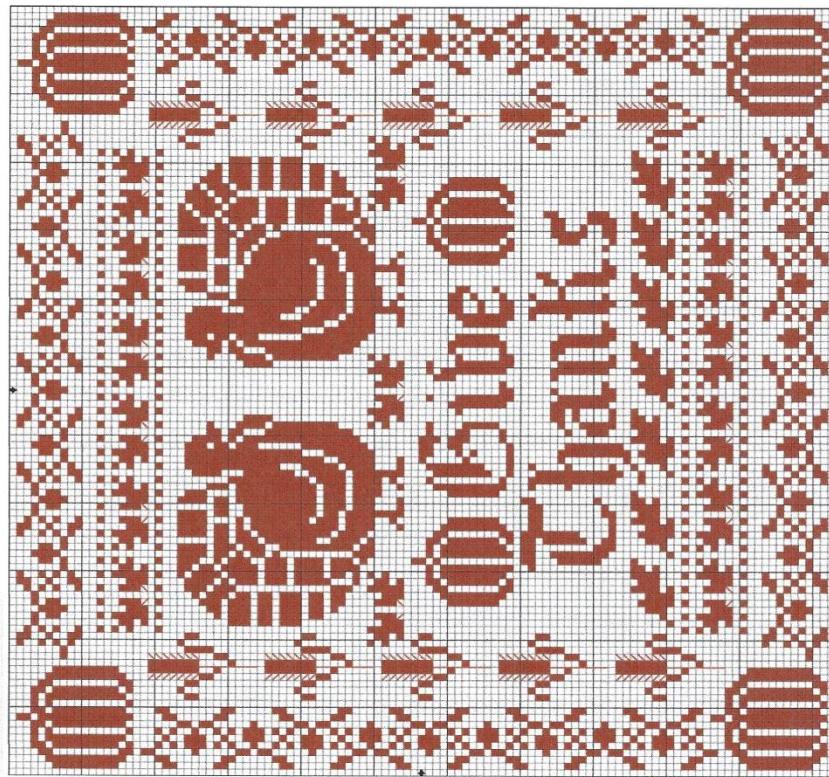
Thread: DMC Color Variations
4135 (Terra Cotta)

Design Size: 111w x 111h Stitches,
7 7/8" w x 7 7/8" h

Cross Stitch using 2 strands, back
stitch using 1 strand

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