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Counted Cross Stitch Pattern

#10015 - Ten Commandments

Finished size: 9.75" x 11.75"

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Materials Required

- DMC floss in the colors shown in the "Color List". Yardage used is shown following the color number. A skein of DMC floss contains 8.7 yds. or 8 m.
- 14" x 18" piece of 14-count Light Blue Aida cloth.
- Tapestry needles, scissors, and embroidery hoop or frame.

General Instructions

- Find the center of the fabric by folding it in half lengthwise and then crosswise. Pinch the fabric along the folds. The center is at the intersection of the folds. Mark with a pin.
- Follow the arrows on the outer edges of the chart inward; the point of intersection indicates the center of the chart. Mark this with a pencil for reference. Match this mark with the center of the fabric as instructed above. Begin stitching here. This will ensure the completed design is centered on the fabric. **(It's helpful to trim and tape the tiles of the symbols chart together before stitching.)**
- A "strand" of embroidery floss consists of six "plies". Separate the floss into the number of plies listed in the following "Color List".
- Each square on the chart indicates one stitch. Blank squares are left unstitched. **Bold** lines indicate backstitching. Symbols in the "Color List" correspond to the symbols on the chart.
- DO NOT knot the floss. Leave a 1" "tail" on the back side, holding it down with your finger while you stitch over it. This will secure the floss. To end, carry the needle under 4 or 5 stitches on the backside. Clip.
- Wash your hands frequently to prevent soiling the fabric.

Detailed Instructions

- Work all cross stitches first then apply the backstitching and French Knots to provide details. All cross stitches are worked with 2-plies of the appropriate color as designated by the symbols on the Color List.
- Olive branches are backstitched with 2-plies #839 Dark Brown. Roman numerals and lettering are backstitched with 2-plies #310 Black. All other backstitching is worked with 1-ply #310 Black.
- French Knots are worked with 2-plies #310 Black.

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Color List

DMC floss in the following colors

Symbol	Plies	Color #	Yds.	Color Name
⋮	2	Blanc	8	White
♥	2	310	11	Black
↓	2	646	37	Dark Beaver Grey
m	2	648	50	Light Beaver Grey
☼	2	727	1	Yellow
☽	2	760	1	Salmon
☾	2	839	1	Dark Brown
○	2	840	1	Medium Brown
♡	2	3072	25	Very Lt. Beaver Grey
☀	2	3345	3	Dark Green
☾	2	3347	2	Medium Green
+	2	3761	2	Sky Blue

Stitches Used

Cross Stitch

Work from **left to right**, bringing your needle up at **A**, down at **B**, up at **C**, down at **D**, etc. until you have reached the end of the row. Next, work from **right to left**, up at **E**, down at **B**, up at **C**, down at **F**, etc. across row, crossing the stitches to create an "X". All top stitches should lie in the same direction.



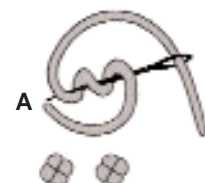
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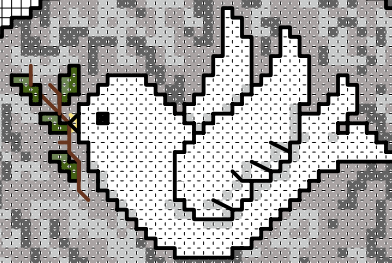
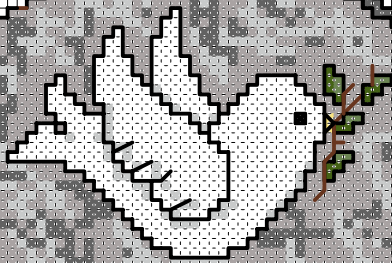
Using the **bold** lines on the chart as a guide, backstitch using a one stitch backward, two stitches forward motion as in the diagram. Bring your needle up at **A**, down at **B**, up at **C**, down at **A**, etc. This will form an outline that will define the cross stitch design. Use diagonal backstitches where indicated on the chart.



French Knot

Bring your needle up through the fabric as indicated by **bold** dots on the chart. Wrap the floss around the point of the needle (the number of wraps are listed in the "Detailed Instructions") and insert the needle back into the fabric through the same hole. Keep the wraps pulled snug at the base of the floss (**A** on the diagram) as you pull the needle and floss through to the back.





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