

Halloween in My Heart



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A Halloween cross stitch hoop with a surprise visitor hanging from the bottom. This packet contains all of the tips, tricks, and instructions you'll need to complete this project.



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THE NEED TO KNOWS

Skill Level: Beginner

Finished Size: 9" around

Stitches Used: Cross Stitch, Backstitch (see general instructions on last page)

WHAT TOOLS WILL I NEED?

- 2 skeins of DMC 310 (or black embroidery floss in whatever brand you prefer)
- 14-count aida cloth in white (a piece at least 12" x 12")
- 9" wooden embroidery hoop
- Craft glue (I prefer Aleene's Tacky Glue)
- One plastic spider ring
- Scissors
- Embroidery needle in size 22, 24, or 26

INSTRUCTIONS

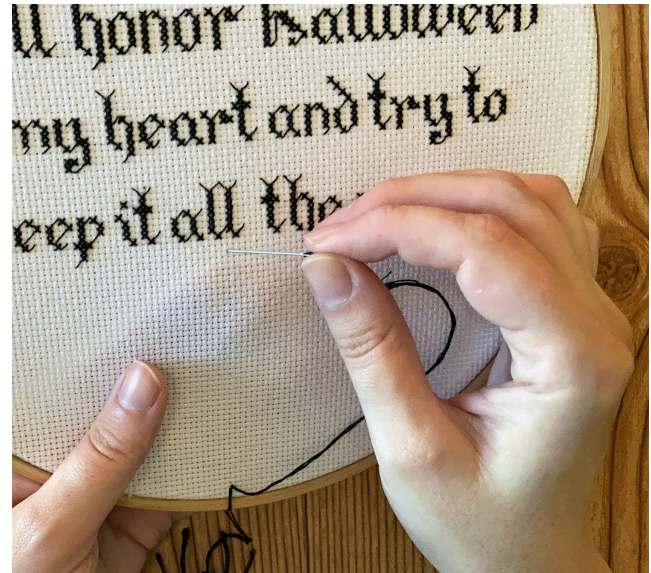
1. Get yourself nice and cozy and comfy. Grab your favorite drink and put on a movie or a great playlist or one of those ambiance YouTube videos (I suggest an autumn or Halloween one by AutumnCozy).
2. Cut and prep your aida cloth, folding to mark the center position.
3. Stitch the design as indicated on the chart.
4. Place your design inside the embroidery hoop, being careful to get the center of the cloth in the center of the hoop. Pull the cloth taut and turn the screw to tighten.
5. Cut away the excess cloth on the back of the hoop. Run a thin bead of glue along the back of the hoop, spreading it with your fingertip or a paint brush. Let dry.
6. Clip the ring part off of the back of the plastic spider ring using a pair of craft scissors.



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7. Cut a 24" long piece of black embroidery floss and separate two strands. Create a slip knot in the middle (at about 12"), and slide that slip knot over the body of the spider, pulling tight. Take both ends of the floss and thread them onto your needle.



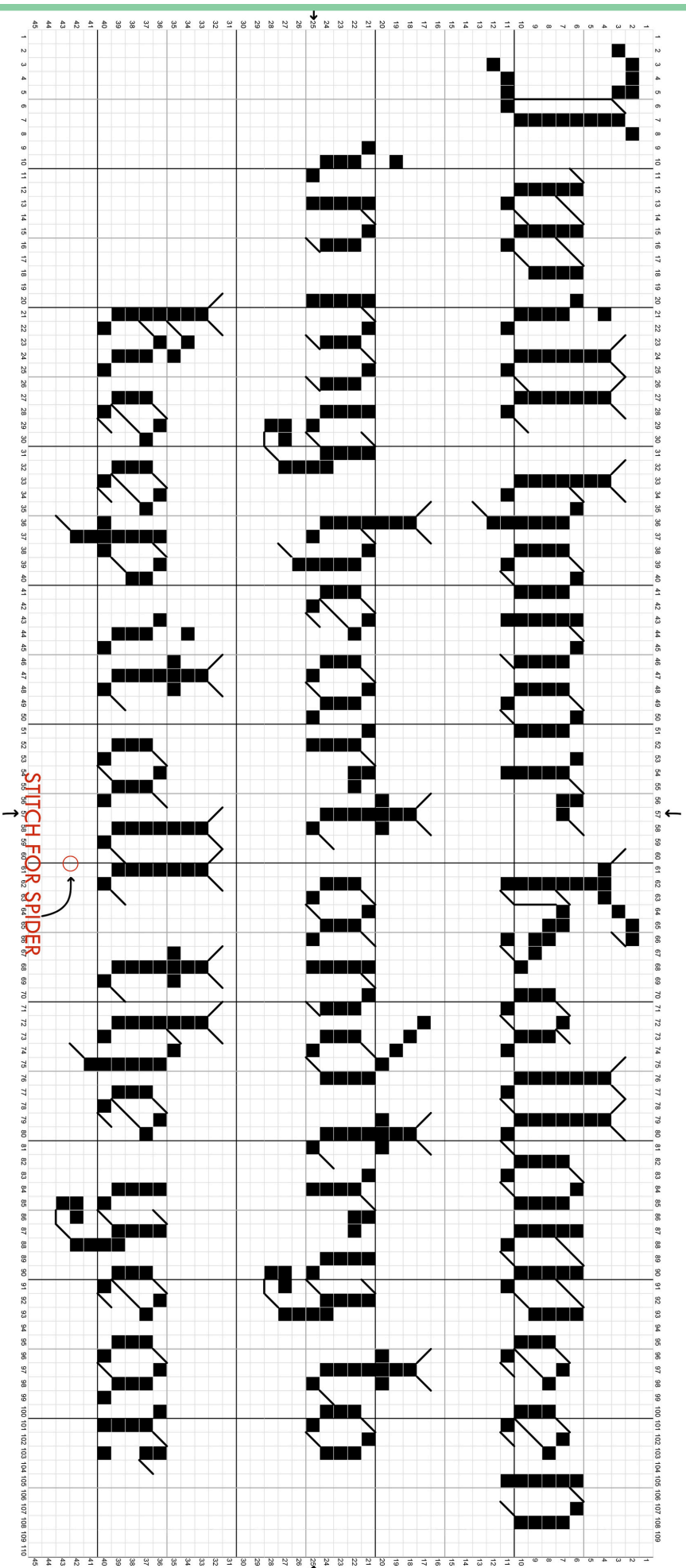
8. Bring the thread up from back to front through a stitch in the middle of the cloth near the bottom of the embroidery hoop. Decide how much you want the spider to hang from the hoop (mine hangs about 3") and hold it in place. Now, bring your needle under the embroidery hoop and come back up through the same hole to the front. This keeps your spider securely in place.
9. Make a long straight stitch to the spot indicated on your pattern (right below the letter L in the word "all"). Turn your hoop over and tie a knot to secure your thread. Clip the excess thread. Done!



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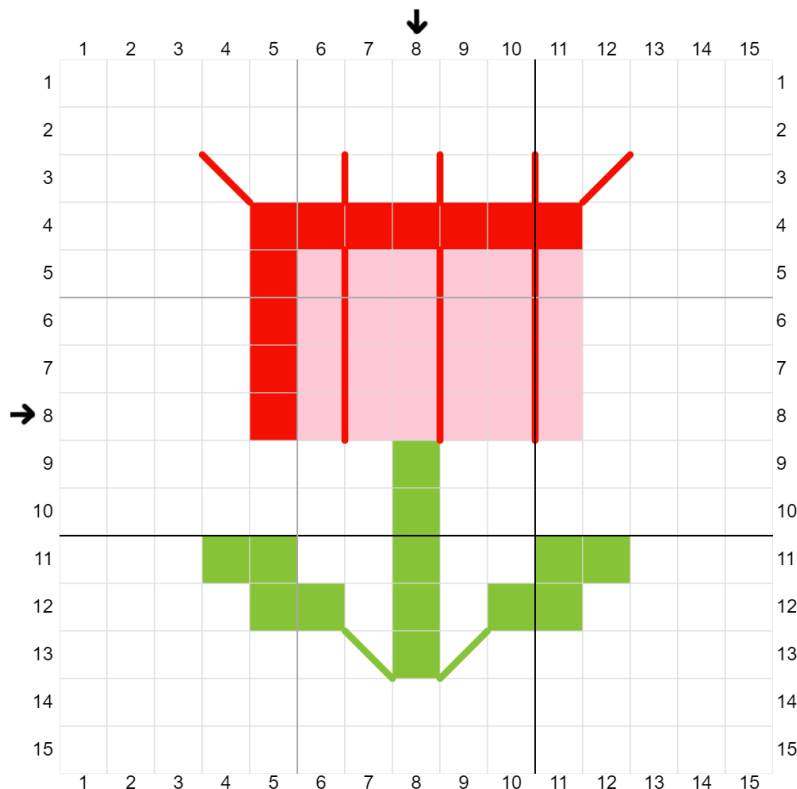
THE PATTERN

■ DMC 310 - Black



CROSS STITCH GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

For a full cross stitch tutorial, including an easy to follow video, visit ThatJaneCrafts.com



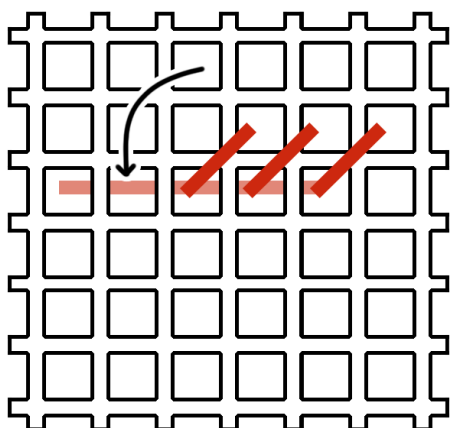
Reading a Pattern

To prepare your aida cloth, fold it in half vertically and then horizontally so you can find your center point.

Now look at the pattern, and check for the arrows at the top/bottom and sides of your pattern to see where the center of the pattern is. A good rule of thumb is to start your first stitches near the center point, as you now know the center of the pattern and the cloth.

Each square in the pattern represents one cross stitch. Lines represent back stitches or half stitches.

The colors will be indicated with a key, showing the color of floss used and which block of color or symbol on the pattern it corresponds with.



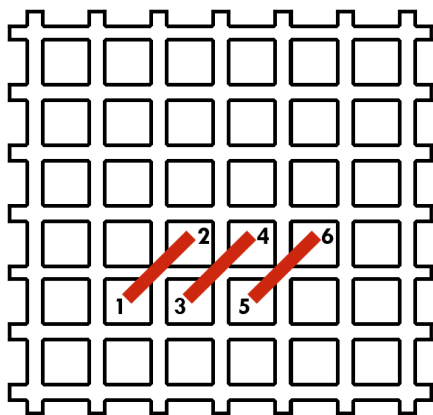
Getting Started Stitching

Cut a length of floss about a yard/meter long and separate it into the number of strands needed for your pattern. For most cross stitching, you'll need two strands, and for most backstitching, you'll need one. Thread your needle. When starting your stitches, hold about an inch of the tail against the back of your cloth and form your stitches so they catch that tail. (See the image to the left.)



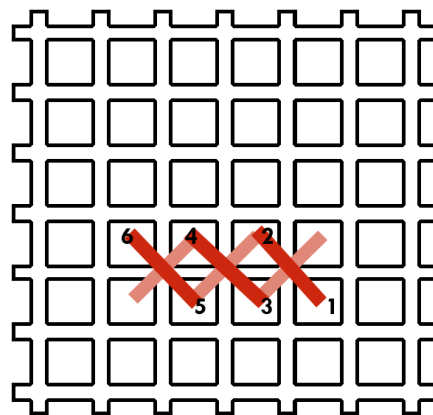
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CROSS STITCH GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS



Cross Stitch - Step 1

Bring your needle up through the small hole in your cloth at 1, and go down at 2, forming a diagonal line. Continue in this manner until you have completed a row of half stitches.

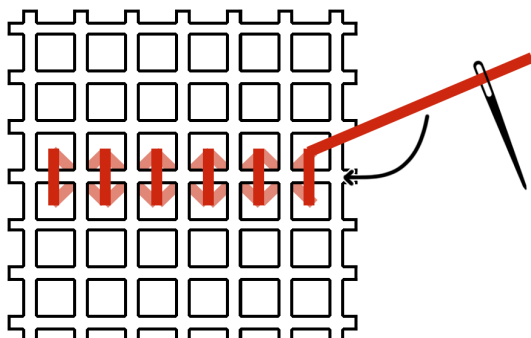
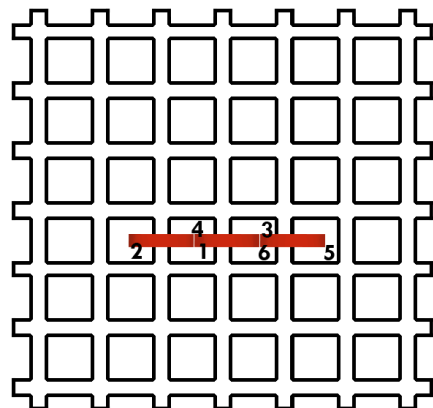


Cross Stitch - Step 2

To complete the stitch, make diagonal lines in the opposite direction on top of your previous half stitches. This is the Dutch method. In the English method, make each full cross stitch one at a time as you go.

Back Stitch

Bring your needle up at 1, and then go down at 2. Come back up at 3 and go down at 4 (which is the same as hole 1). Continue in this manner, creating a straight line of stitching.



Finish Your Project

To end a length of floss, turn your piece around to the back side and run the needle underneath the backs of a few stitches, clipping the floss.



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