



2015 Free SAL – Diamond Sampler

My Method of Stitching the Sampler

There are several methods you can use to stitch this sampler. First I am going to describe how I am stitching it.

I am using 28-count Glass Blue Monaco Evenweave Fabric from Charles Craft (over two threads). Since the design dimensions are 197stitches wide and 197stitches high that means the design size is 14 inches squared. But, I still need to add extra fabric for finishing so I am adding 3 inches all the way around so my fabric is 20 inches by 20 inches.

The main colors I am using are DMC 310 (black), DMC 729 (old gold). There are also a few stitches each of DMC 322 (dark baby blue), DMC 326 (dark rose), DMC 721 (orange spice), DMC 895 (hunter green), and DMC 899 (medium rose). Note: Since there are only a few stitches each of these latter colors, you could substitute flosses from your stash if you don't have these exact colors.

I am using 2 strands of floss for all stitches and a size 24 tapestry needle.

I will be stitching the borders as I go along but you could also stitch all the borders and then fill them in as new sections are released.

Other Options for Stitching the Sampler

1. All in one solid color of your choice
2. All in one variegated color of your choice
3. In four colors – outer border one color, border motifs in a second color, diamond borders in a third color, motifs in each section a fourth color.
4. 28 +/- colors – stitch the outerborder in one color, the border motifs in another color, the diamond motifs in a third color and then do each diamond filling in a different color.
5. Your own method – stitch the design with colors from your stash of your choice in any pattern you decide.

A Note on Gridding

Gridding will work for stitching the border chart, but the grid lines for each individual section will not match the grid lines for the over all border chart.