

Bless Our Home

This sampler was designed on behalf of the *Gentle Pursuits of Richmond* Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America for the homes of victims of hurricane Katrina. Blue birds of happiness adorn this sampler and extend our best wishes for our friends who lost homes in this disaster. We hope their new or renovated homes will be blessed with happiness, love, and friendship.

Directions

Working over 1 thread of linen or over 2 threads can make a dramatic contrast in scale allowing fine details in some areas and covering large areas in others. This sampler incorporates both techniques in lettering and motifs to add contrast of scale to the design.

The following chart describes each motif, a general color for each motif, and whether to work over 1 or 2 threads of linen. You may choose your own colors, add or rearrange the motifs to personalize your design, and use solid and/or variegated threads. The model was worked on 32 count linen and will fit into a standard 5" X 7" frame.

These motifs are worked over 2 threads of linen

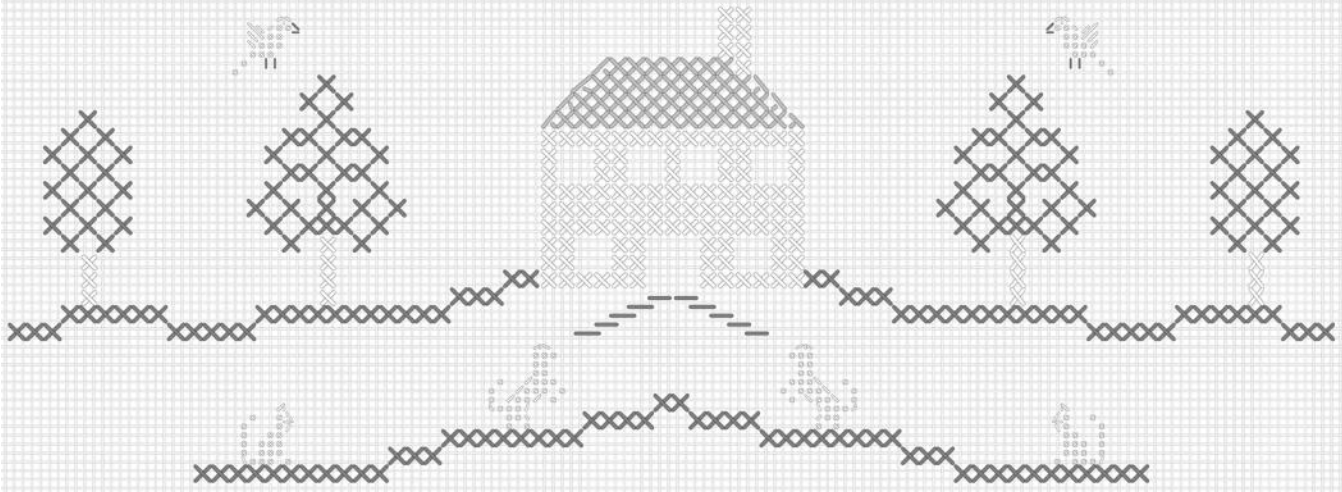
Motif	Stitch	Thread
Bless Our Home lettering	Cross stitch	2 strands blue
House and chimney	Cross	2 strands brown
Front Door	Cross	2 strands red
Windows	Cross	2 strands yellow
Trees	Cross	2 strands green
Grass	Cross	2 strands green for both rows
	Straight stitch	1 strand green randomly placed along top of cross stitch. Cover 2-3 threads of linen with upright and diagonal straight stitches

These motifs are worked over 1 thread of linen

Motif	Stitch	Thread
Animals	Cross stitch	1 strand brown or yellow
Flowers	Cross	1 strand red
Path in front of house	Straight stitch	1 strand brown
Blue birds		
Bodies	Cross	1 strand blue
Wings	Straight stitch	1 strand blue
Beak and legs	Straight stitch	1 strand brown
Verse at bottom	Back stitch	1 strand brown

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'Mid pleasures and palaces
though we may roam
Be it ever so humble
There's no place like home

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