

November 2023 Stitch-a-long Project Grandma's House

Grandma's House is a quilt block embroidered in a 10 inch hoop.

1. The ground fabric is 12 inches wide and 6 inches high. Since the pueblo style house is in a desert climate, the fabric chosen resembles the ground. If your house is in a greener area, your ground fabric might be a shade of green.
2. Sky fabric (blue) is also 12 inches wide and 6 inches high. Sew the two fabrics together along the 12 inch side.
3. The pueblo house is a strip of tan fabric 7.5 inches wide and 4.5 inches high. Sew the house silhouette onto the quilt block folding the edges under using a running stitch of 3 strands of floss in a color of your choice. You may substitute the silhouette of any style house.
4. Sew 5 brown buttons along the top of the house representing wooden vigas.
5. Outline architectural details such as doors and windows using 2 strands of floss with backstitch. Fill in the door using long and short stitches with 2 strands of blue floss. Watch parts are couched onto the door representing a peep hole and door knob/knocker. Fill in reflective glass areas with satin stitch using 2 strands of floss in two shades of blue.
6. Embroider a chili ristra next to the door using 2 strands of red floss creating a bullion knot with 12-15 wraps for each individual chili creating 12 chilies. Use straight stitches to create the corn husk tie at top of the ristra.
7. Stitch a climbing rose bush on one side of the house using 2 strands green floss and stem stitch for the stems, daisy stitch for leaves and French knots for the roses in the color of your choice.
8. Use straight stitches of green to alternate blades of grass with brown beads to create a border along the front of the house.
9. Paint bicycle and car scrapbook embellishments and couch to the ground fabric.
10. Finally embroider wispy clouds in the sky with 2 strands of white floss using a split stitch.

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