

## Happy New Year Cross Stitch

**Picture of Finished Project** 

Fabric: 14-count Aida or 28-count evenweave. I used an opalescent navy 28-count evenweave, but boy was it hard to stitch on. I had to use magnification and light.

**Threads for letters/words**: Use what you have on hand. I used a DMC metallic to stitch the words with. I started with the Y in 2 strands and it was a nightmare, so I switched to 1 strand for the rest. Still a nightmare. Between the silver thread and the fabric choice, I was really doubting my selections. I would stitch the words in DMC floss or Etoile or use Kreinik #4 Braid in Silver 001.

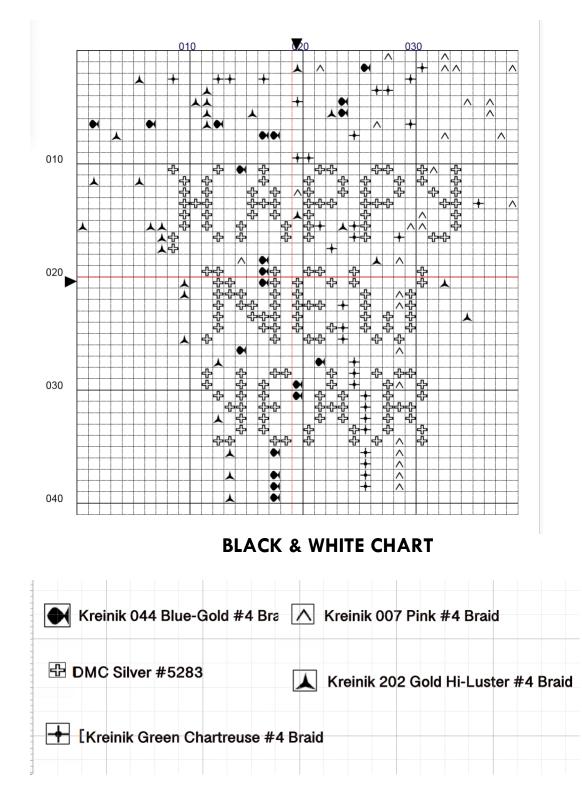
I chose a difficult thread to stitch the words with—big mistake. So please don't look closely at my stitching. It is NOT a good representation of an EGA member. I was just happy that it sort of looks right. Change the letters as you like, change the threads as you like! I initially thought I was going to do the letters in DMC 415, a light gray. They might have looked better that way.

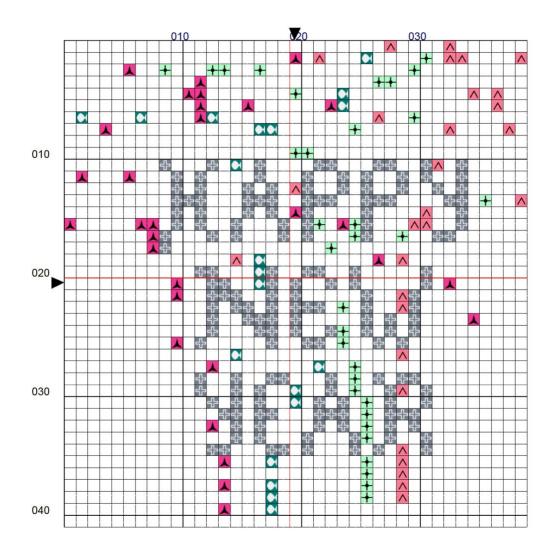
**Threads for fireworks**: I would definitely recommend using Kreinik or other metallic for the fireworks in whatever colors you have. I did 2 streams of fireworks in #8 Kreinik Braid and 2 in #4 Kreinik Braid. I would definitely recommend using the #4 on 28-count evenweave. If you have hi-luster braid, this is a perfect time to use it.

But the combination of the metallic threads with the opalescent fabric was a hit with my fellow stitchers who watched me stitching it and saw the final product. I'm sure the sparkle won't be in the picture you see above, but it is there in real life.

Finishing: I finished this as a pin keep, but you could finish it as a disc with cording to hang off a door knob or any other finishing technique.

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## **COLOR CHART**

