



Picture of Finished FISH Project

Dig out your needle and thread and create this quick stitch for Dad, Hubby, Bro, Grandpa, or anyone in your life that likes to fish, golf, or stay at home and use the remote! There are 3 designs all the same size and shape and using basically the same colors. Stitch the “frame” and the waving border. Then decide if you want to FISH, GOLF, or HOME. Each has a different stitched object in the border—a fish & hook, a golf ball, or a flower. Do some pulled work above and below the word, just to add some interest. Pop in some charms or buttons. If you feel really adventurous, add an outline in a dark color of your favorite fish / set of golf clubs / or whatever on top of the word. It’s your piece for your favorite person! Enjoy!

Supply List

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Needles:	Tapestry Size 28 and Sharps to accommodate threads
Hoop:	You will need a 6” (or larger) hoop to do the pulled thread portion of this design!
Ground Fabric:	Design turns out to be about 4” x 6”, so use an 8” x 10” piece of ground fabric. READ INSTRUCTIONS STEP 1 BEFORE CHOOSING GROUND FABRIC. NOTE: IF you choose the GOLF design, you may want to choose a darker ground fabric, so the white golf balls show up in the border! Or change the color of the golf balls to that florescent green or orange they sometimes use.
Threads:	I used DMC floss, but substitute whatever.
Button Set:	I used fish charms on mine.
Bead Set:	If you like beads, use them. I would have used Size 15 black seed beads for the fish eyes, but I couldn’t find them, so I did French knots.
Finishing:	I framed it with no glass since the beads could not fit behind the glass.
Cording	NONE
Glue	NONE
Felt	NONE

INSTRUCTIONS

- Step 1: Decide if you are going to do pulled thread in the areas above and below the word. If so, then you should use a linen or evenweave fabric and NOT an Aida block fabric. You can also use canvas, but if doing pulled thread, then use a monoweave and not an interlock canvas.**
- Choose your design
- Do the cross-stitch portion of the design: 2 strands of floss over 2 threads of linen/evenweave or 2 strands of floss over 1 thread/block of Aida.
- To do the pulled thread, place the stitched design in a hoop or frame keeping the design as straight as possible.
- The pulled thread design is by Karen C Anderson from her EGA Petite Project Tulip Bookmark. There are 12 threads in each section above and below the word. You will stitch 3 rows, each row over 4 threads. The stitch is shown on the next page. I used 2 strands of floss in blue for water in the FISH design, but you could use 3 strands or a size 12 pearl cotton. You might want to do it in green for the GOLF design. BE SURE TO READ a. AND b. below for hints.

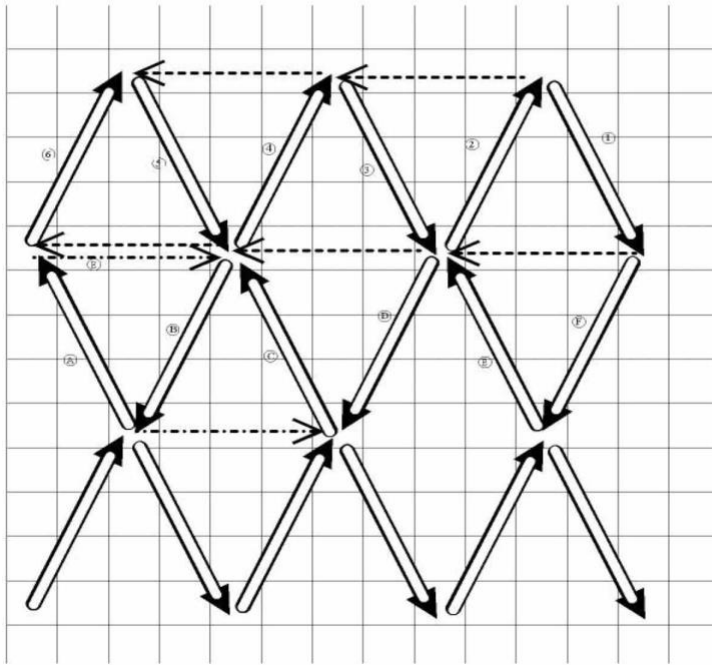
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- a. Stitch 3 rows of the design in the upper area and the lower area. I stitched the first of the 3 rows along the top of the graph and worked down, just as numbered, but be sure to stitch all the way across the entire section before starting on Row 2 and then Row 3. Counting is easier once Row 1 is in, because you will share holes.
 - b. If you have not stitched pulled thread before, the big hint: dampen your fabric!!!! Take a saucer and a paper towel. Fold the paper towel and wet it with water. When you get ready to stitch the evenweave, dampen the area. This will loosen the sizing and when you pull, the holes will be bigger. When it dries, it is drum tight! You can loosen it for more stitching by dampening it as you go along. Again stitch 3 rows of the design.
6. Add your charms over the pulled thread area. Fish, hooks, anchors? Birds? Flowers? Golf Tees? I used nymo thread for hanging the charms.
 7. When putting the design in a frame, place some sparkly paper or dark fabric behind it so people can admire the pulled thread work—otherwise, what's the point? (See pictures below for my thought processes on finishing)
 8. And you're finished! Congratulations!



Tulip – Wave Stitch

The pull for this stitch is on the horizontal.



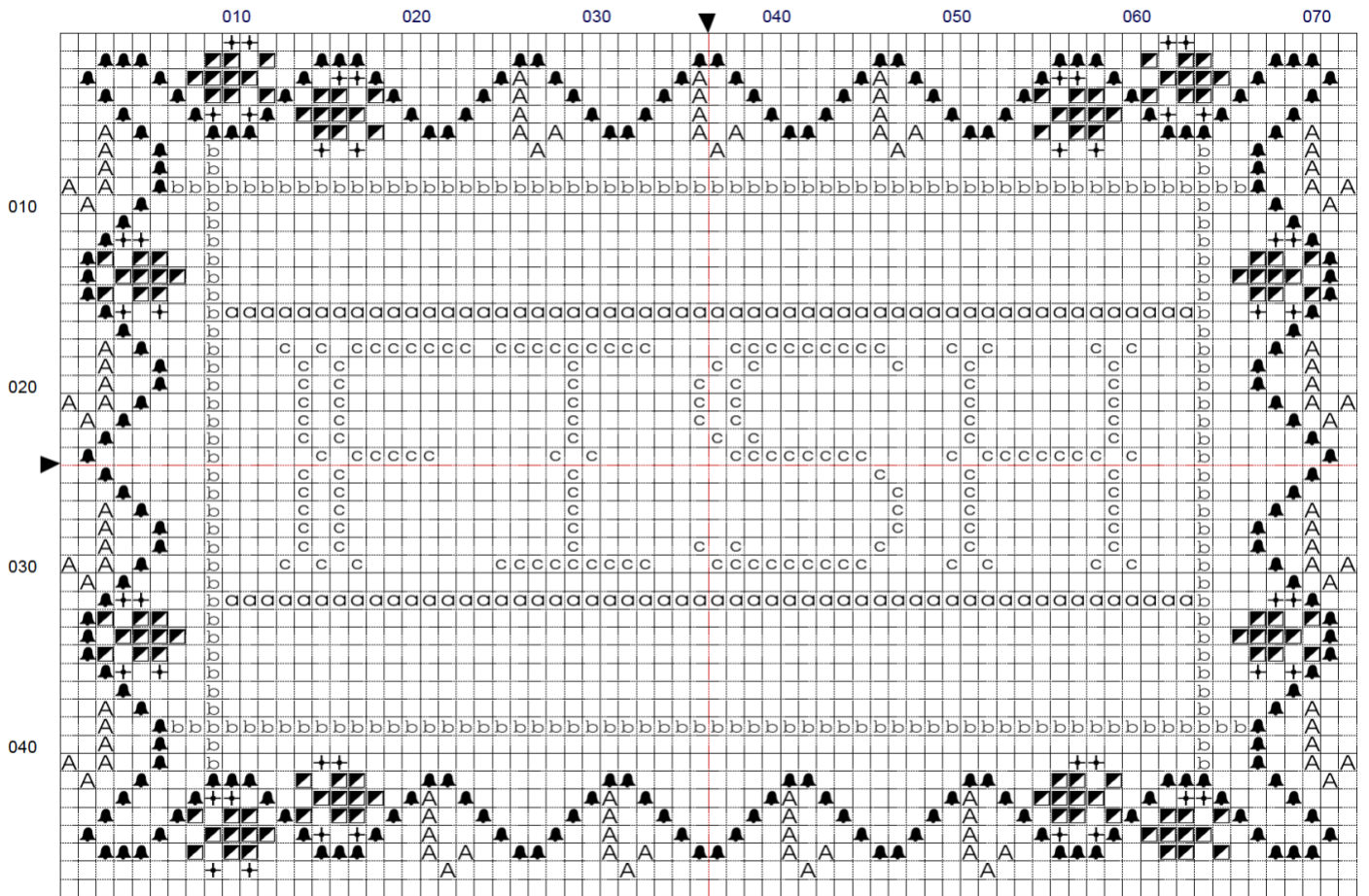
PULLED THREAD : WAVE STITCH. Used with Permission from Karen C Anderson, Petite Project, Tulip Bookmark:



PULLED THREAD : WAVE STITCH. Close Up of pulled thread stitch:

CHARTS & CHART KEYS

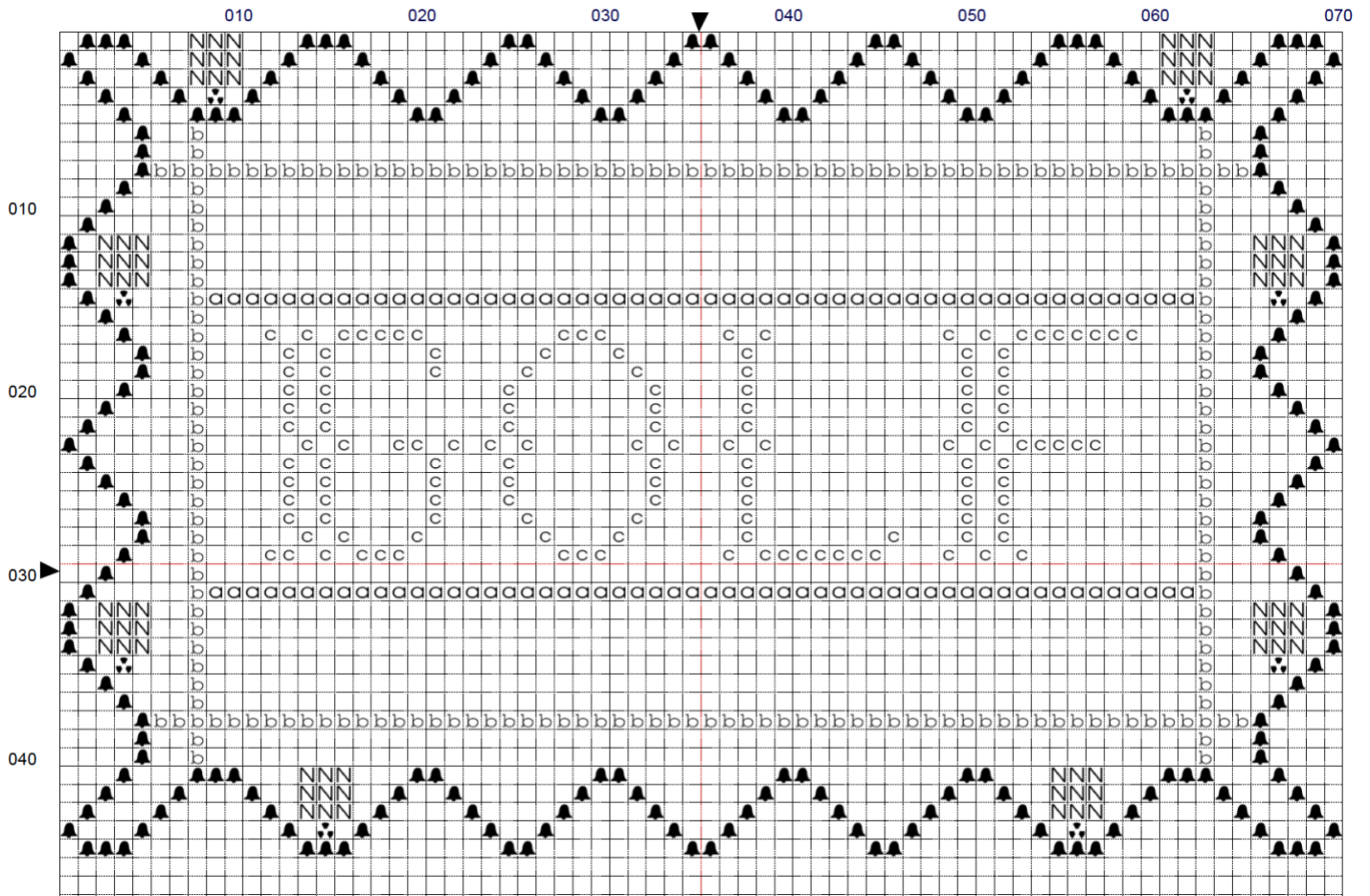
CHART FISH



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| DMC 3347 | DMC 3346 | DMC 564 | DMC 563 | DMC 453 |
| DMC 798 | DMC 799 | | | |

You might want to stitch the hooks in a silver metallic. Or add a fish outline backstitched over the word FISH with their favorite fish.

CHART GOLF



N DMC 5200
C DMC 799

r DMC 3854

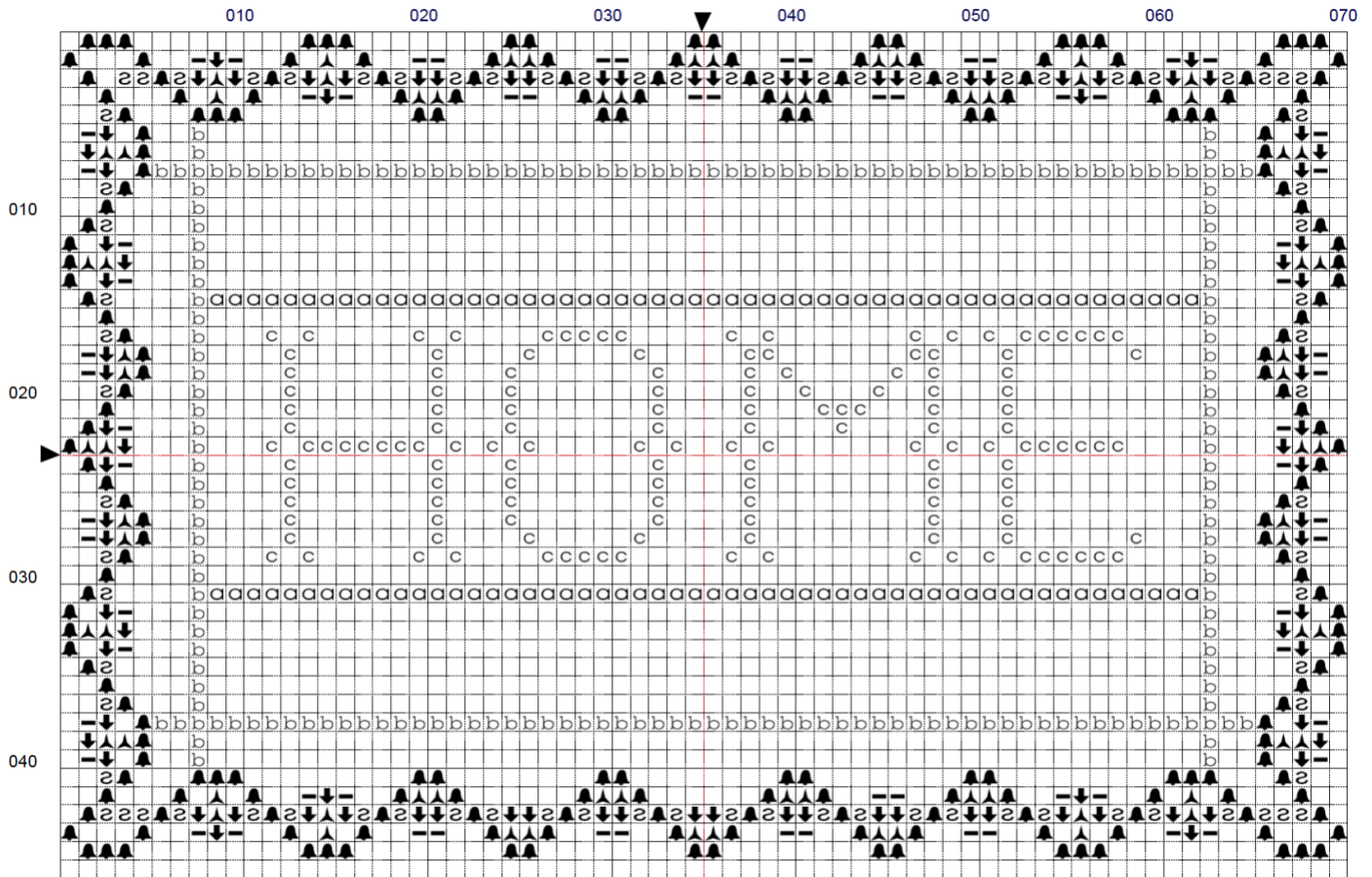
b DMC 3347

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You might want to add crossed golf clubs in backstitch over the word GOLF. Or maybe backstitch some golf clubs in the borders.

CHART HOME



DMC 3347
 DMC 798

DMC 3346
 DMC 799

DMC 604
 DMC 434

DMC 603

DMC 151

You might want to add buttons of remote controls, or footballs or baseballs depending on their sport of choice. Or add a remote control outline backstitched over the word HOME.