

Winter 2020-2021 SAL: Part One

A Note About Variegated Multicolor Floss

In this week's chart, you may notice a type of floss you've never used before:

Variegated Multicolor Floss

Variegated floss (also referred to as fancy floss or hand over-dyed) is the same fiber you're used to working with, however it's been dyed in a way that gives the floss an uneven color throughout the floss. The color changes throughout the floss can be subtle (changing between shades of one color) or dramatic (changing between completely different colors).

Wherever you see the symbol in the chart, you will use variegated floss. Here's the fun part: you can pick any color variegated floss you want! You can chose:

a subtle color shift...



...or a more dramatic one



How to Stitch with Variegated Floss

The main difference between variegated and non-variegated floss is that with variegated floss, the stitcher needs to be aware of what method of stitching they are using to get the desired color effect from the color changes within the floss. You can use one of two methods: the English method or the Danish method.

- The English stitching method is when both legs of an X are stitched before moving onto the next X. This method gives a cleaner look because the top and bottom legs of the stitches are always close to the same color
- The Danish stitching method is when a stitcher completes the first leg of multiple X's in a
 row or column before adding the second leg to complete the X's. This method is quicker to
 stitch and generally uses less floss.

English method



Danish method

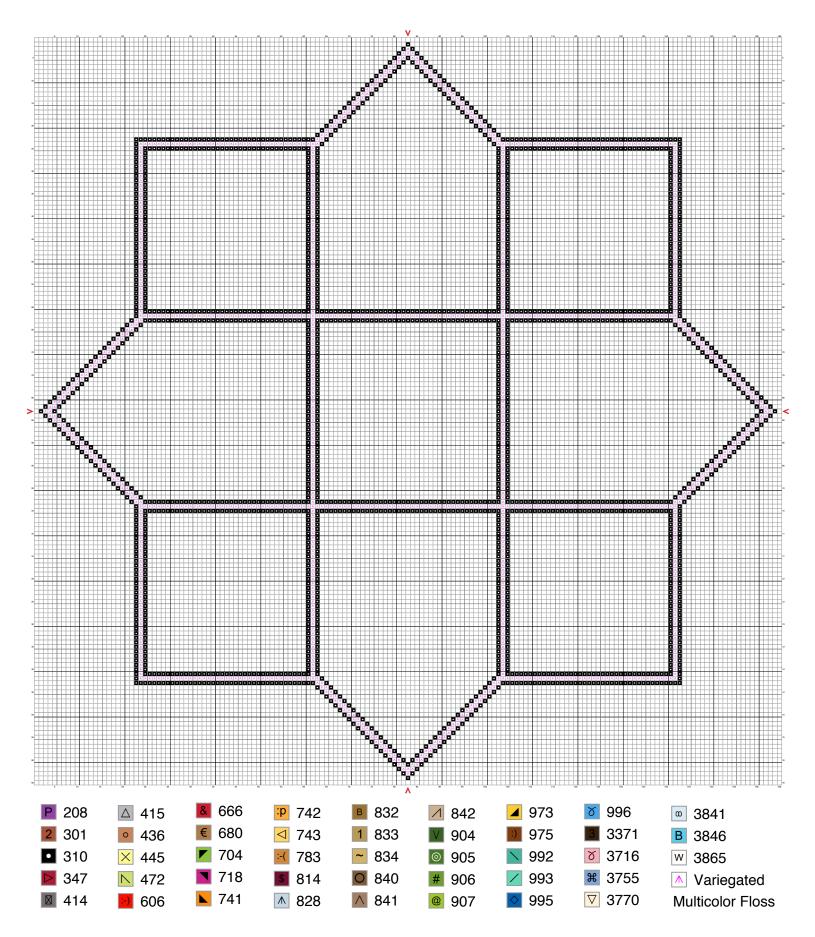


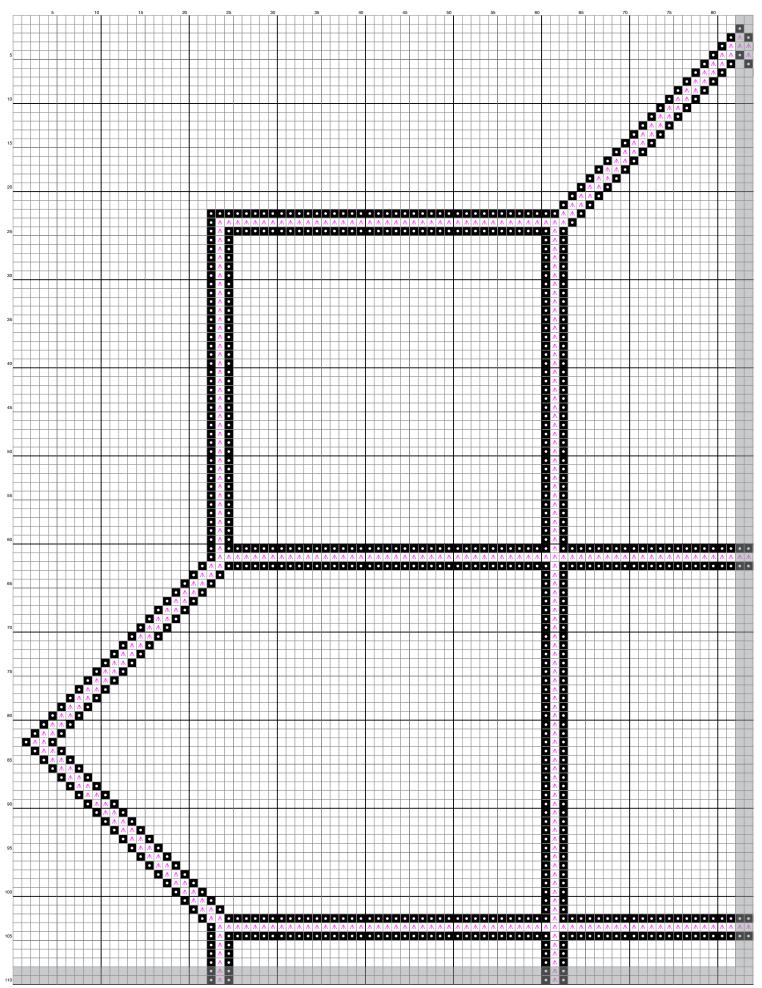
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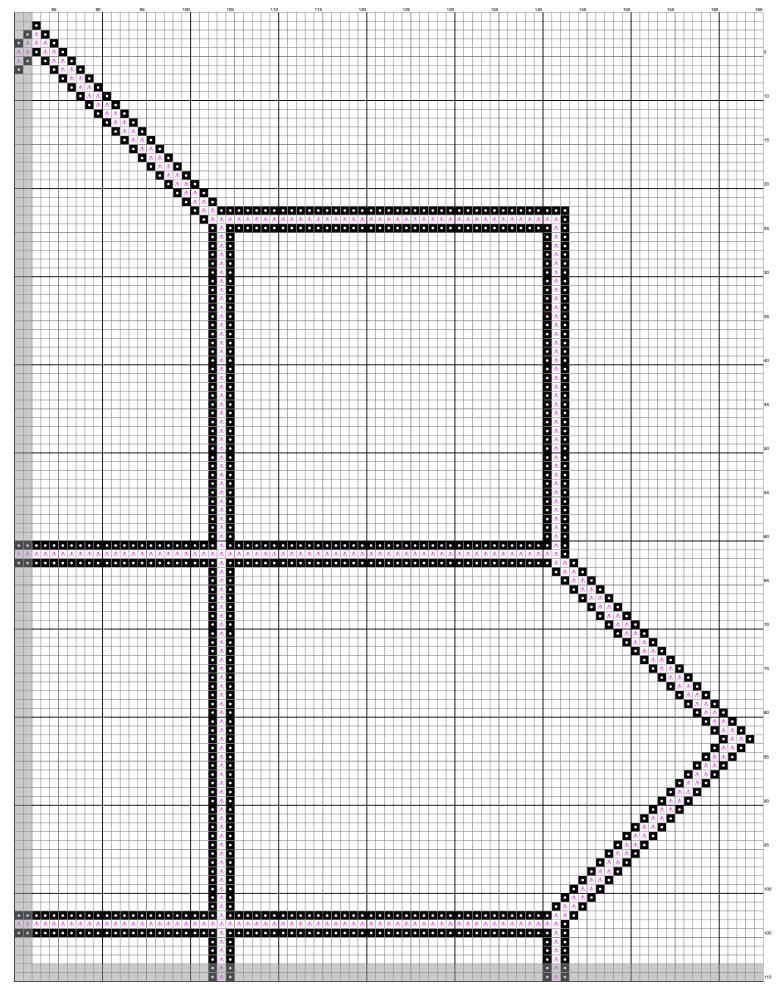
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Let's Get Down to Business





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