

2008 CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DOUBLE FLIP BANNER INSTRUCTIONS

Here's how to combine our Christmas words into one long banner as pictured. We stitched the entire series together on 32 ct. Light Mocha Belfast linen from Zweigart. You can use whatever neutral colored fabric you prefer, and the fabric count you choose. The stitch count for the entire project, including the border, is 77 wide x 346 high.

The threads we used for Christmas Spirit with Charm are as follows. The numbers following each color are suggested numbers of skeins to complete the entire series. If you use a different fabric count, your quantity may vary.

Gentle Art Sampler Threads green apple (1)
Weeks Dye Works emerald (2), garnet (2), holly (1),
hunter (1), Louisiana hot sauce (1), pecan (1), peony (1),
whitewash (2).
DMC 310 (1), 950 (1)

When stitching the whole series together, omit the double line border on each graph. This includes the outer solid border, and the contrasting inner border that is broken in several places. Substitute the checked border with solid outline that is provided here and position each design within the new border as shown on our graph.

*To position each individual design within the new border, identify the outermost stitches in all directions, left and right, and top and bottom. These will form the perimeter of your rectangle, which you will place in the outline provided for each word. If you wish, draw a light pencil line around the perimeter, or highlight it if this is useful.

Begin by stitching the new border all the way across the top, centering it at the top of your fabric. Then stitch the border several inches vertically down each side. This will provide a "frame" for you to place your individual graphs inside. We stitched the border checks in WDW emerald, solid outline in WDW whitewash and the bow in Louisiana hot sauce (2 ply).

Now you can begin stitching "holly" within this border. Insert the "holly" design inside the top box shown on our graph. Be sure to find the outermost stitches on each design when placing the design in the box. Continue the series downward, using the boxes provided to place each design within the border. If your spacing varies slightly from our suggested boxes, don't worry! You can easily adjust the border at the bottom to fit!

As you progress, continue stitching the border vertically so it frames each design. We recommend not stitching the bottom horizontal bow border until you have complete the entire interior of the stitchery. If you space your designs a bit differently than ours, you can adjust the position of the bottom border – no problem!

MERRY STITCHING!!!

