



Crabapple Hill Stitch Along

February 2024 for International Embroidery Month

Every day in February, I'll post the instructions for stitching the individual hearts on my Instagram @meghawkey1 and Facebook @Crabapplehillstudio.

You can share your progress with everybody on Instagram by using the hashtag #crabapplehillsal. Follow #crabapplehillsal and you'll see what everybody else is doing too!

- Find a piece of floral or print backing fabric to mount the hearts on. It's important to know that your backing floral has the same overall background color as the stitching background fabric to hide the cut edges of the hearts later. If you have a floral with a white background, use white stitching fabric.... If you have a floral with a creamy background, use a creamy stitching fabric... and so on.
- Press a 14" x 17" piece of stitching background fabric. Press another piece of white muslin to back the stitching (optional).
- Prepare your fabric by tracing the design. You can use any form of tracing you'd like! I usually use a size .01 brown Pigma Pen but you could also use a Frixion pen because nothing will be pressed until all stitching is completed.
- You can colored pencil tint your hearts if you'd like, but you don't have to. I did a tiny bit of tinting after all stitching was completed. Since my project would never be washed, I didn't add fixative.
- You can use any floss or colors you'd like! I used Cosmo Embroidery Floss and a #7 Scarlet Today Embroidery Needle.

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| #5003 multi pinks w/orange | #8005 pale peach | #8016 pale green |
| #5004 rosy pinks and red | #8008 med pink | #8028 yellow |
| #5005 red | #8011 bright pink | #8039 taupe/beige |
| | | #9005 bright green |

For instructions about how to do the stitches, please either visit my website www.crabapplehillstudio.com and go to the "Downloadables" page to print off or download my stitch guide... or check out my video tutorials at... Youtube.com/c/crabapplehillstudio

- You can finish your hearts any way you'd like. This is what I did with mine:
- Press finished embroidery well from both the back and the front.
- Layer the embroidered piece with a same size piece of fusible fleece and another piece of fabric as a backing. Fuse in place using the manufacturer's directions.
- Shorten the stitch length on your machine, and sew around the edges of the stitched hearts (VERY CLOSE TO THE EDGE)
- Cut the hearts out just outside the sewn lines.
- I used Tacky Glue to secure the backing floral fabric to pieces of foam core cut to the size needed for my frames. I could have used one, larger frame but decided I liked two littler frames to fit the space I'm going to display them. Let dry.
- Mount the foam core in the frames.
- Arrange the hearts how ever you'd like! Secure them to the backing fabric with Tacky Glue. Let dry.
- So easy and fun for such a pretty little project!
- Know that you're loved!!!!



I will be posting the stitching instructions for the squares on Instagram and Facebook every day in February.



