

Assisi Dragon

Cross Stitch Pattern

Sample stitched on 14 count white aida.

PATTERN SIZE

60 x 60 stitches

14 count: 4.3" x 4.3" in

18 count: 3.3" x 3.3" in

FINISHING SUGGESTION

Instructions on how to finish this design as a quilted ornament can be found on my website.

http://sirithre.com/quilted-cross-stitch-ornaments-christmas-in-july/



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CROSS STITCH TIPS

FIRST TIME STITCHING?

If you'd like a step by step on how to start stitching, check out my beginner's guide:
http://sirithre.com/cross-stitch-beginners-guide/

START FROM THE CENTER

To make sure your design is properly centered on your fabric, it's recommended to start from the center. To find the center of your fabric, fold it in half vertically, then horizontally. Where the folds meet is the center point. The pattern also has arrows pointing to the center to make it easier to figure out where to begin.

SPLIT YOUR THREAD

Embroidery thread is made up of 6 strands. It is recommended to only use 2 of those strands while cross stitching, and only 1 thread for backstitching.

Start by cutting a length of thread of the color you will be working with first. The ends of the string will start to fray and you should be able to grasp 2 of the 6 strands and pull them away from the rest. Use those two strands to thread your needle.

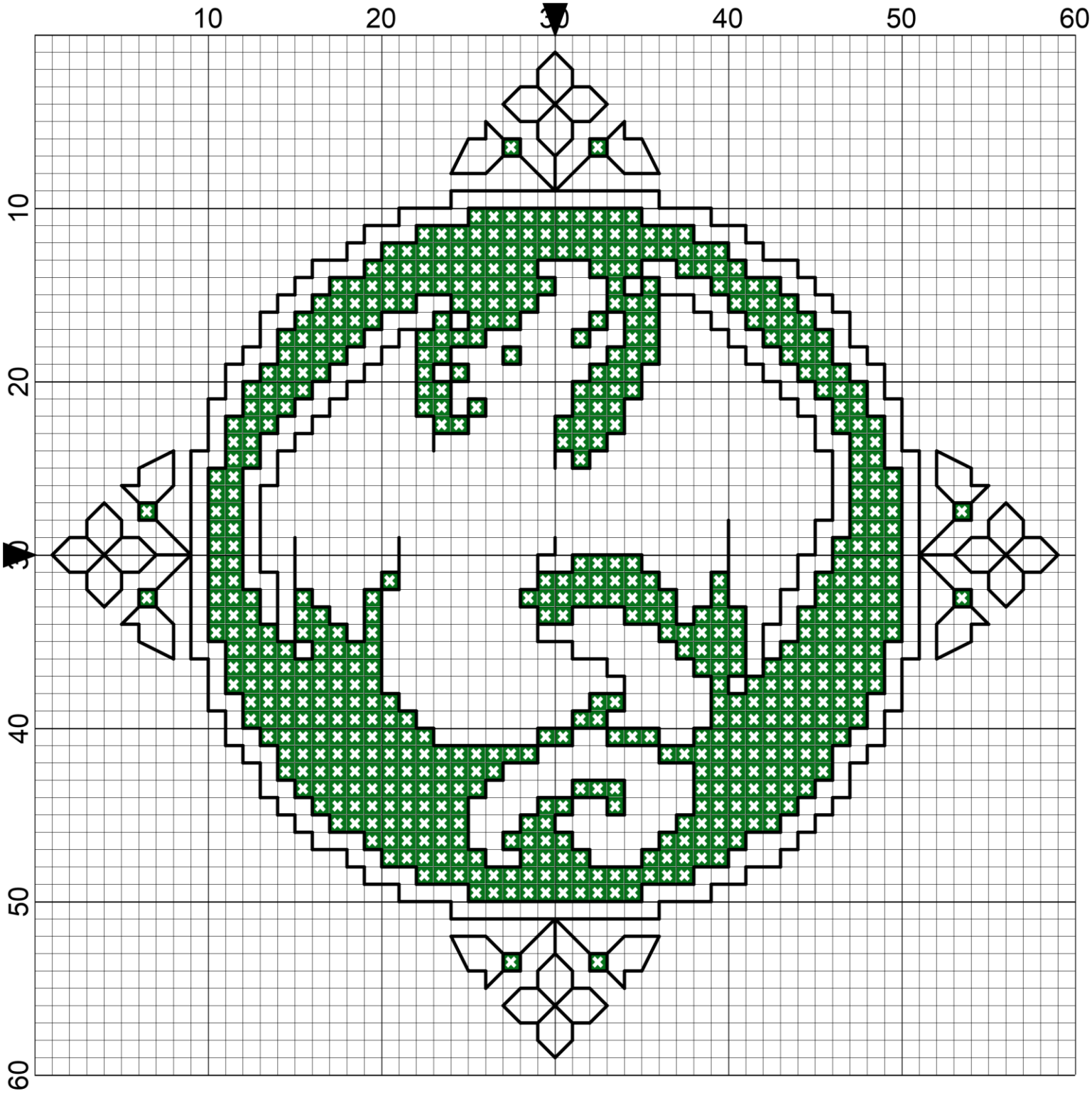
BE CONSISTENT

While not required, it is generally neater looking if you start all your Xs the same way. In other words, always stitch stitch / first then cross it. Or always start with a \ and cross it the other way, whichever feels more comfortable to you.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO CUSTOMIZE

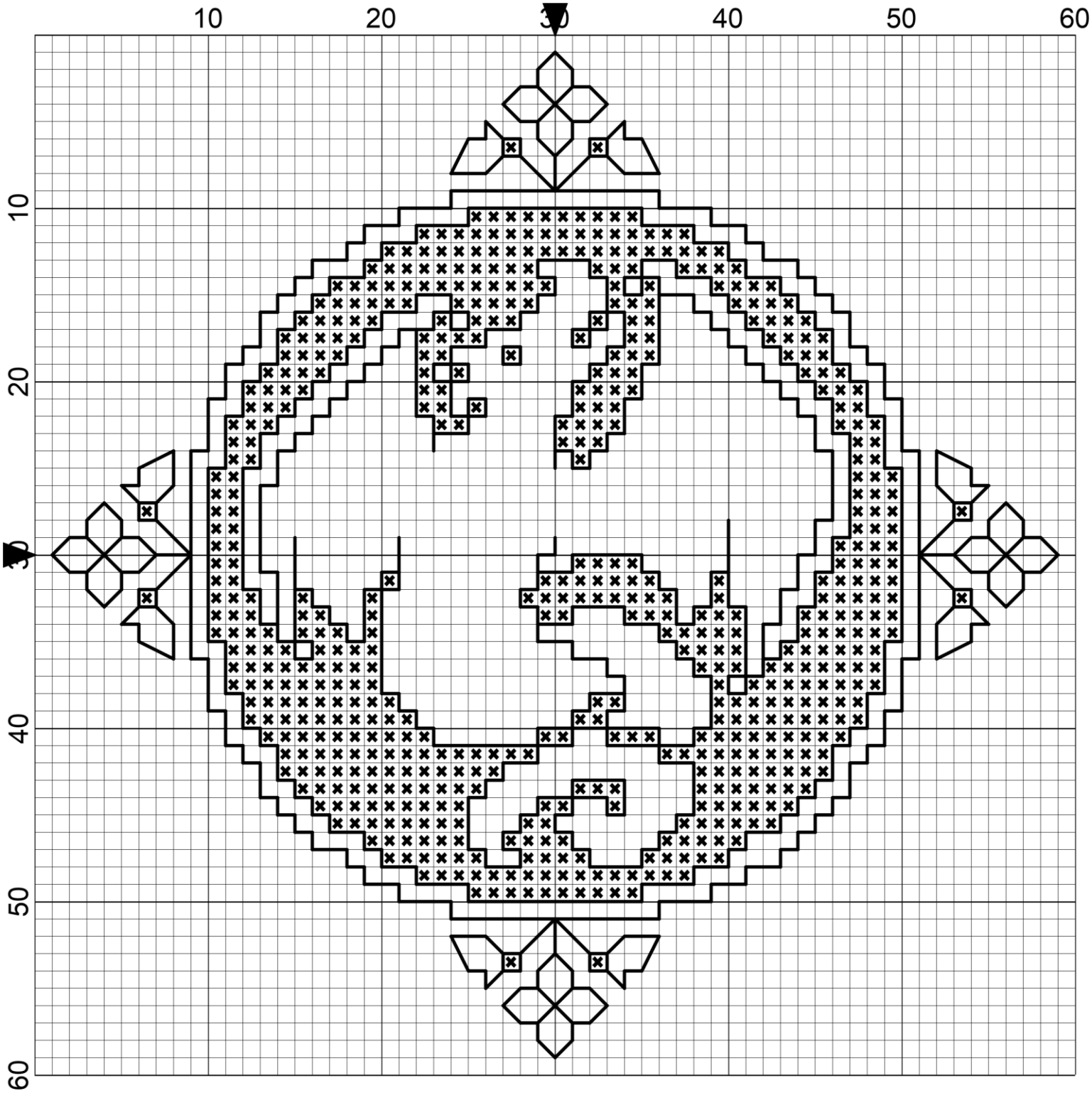
If you don't have all the colors called for in the pattern or simply feel the design would look better or fit your decor more with a different color palette, that's okay! Feel free to swap out colors as needed. I'd love to see how creative you can get with my design!

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Colors

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Use any colors you like for this! For a traditional Assisi Embroidery look, a red or blue is ideal. I went with a green, DMC 562 for my sample.

For more information on Assisi work and how to stitch long arm cross stitch, Italian cross stitch, and Holbein stitch there's a brief exploration of the techniques over on my website where this pattern was originally posted:

https://sirithre.com/assisi-embroidery-learn-with-me-plus-free-pattern/

But if you want to, you could just stitch it as normal with cross stitch and back stitch and don't worry about the backside! 😊