

## Botanical Blackwork SFL 2022 – Introduction

Hello! Welcome to this SFL! It's another free year-long weekly blackwork SFL with a botanical theme! Hopefully, this introduction will explain how everything will work, but if you do have any questions, please contact me via the contact form on my website or email [clare@thesteadythread.com](mailto:clare@thesteadythread.com) and I will do my best to help.

### Schedule

Templates and borders are now available

The first instalment will be released on Saturday 1st January and then after that, we will revert to Friday releases so the next design will be released on Friday 7th Jan and then every Friday for 49 weeks again in total so the final chart will be released on Friday 2nd December.

### Layouts

This time around there are two layouts – another garden layout which is the exact same size as last year's one and also a 'floral squares' layout which is arranged as a 7 x 7 block, but feel free to arrange as you wish! Those of you who know me will know I love to see your own creativity thrown into the mix, so please do feel free to add your own ideas, I always love to see them. There is a sheet with lots of little squares on included in the files which you can scribble on to perhaps plan a different way to arrange these little blocks.

### Thread usage

Approximate thread amounts needed are given with the charts and these are intended as a rough guide. Thread usage will depend on your stitching style, the count of the fabric you are using and the density of the fill for a particular week. This is a good project for using up little leftover bits of thread – but if you are concerned the length of thread you have may not be sufficient for the block you are stitching, maybe use it for a smaller section or save it for later in the project when you will have started to gauge how much each section needs. It is very hard for me to be accurate about thread usage with so many

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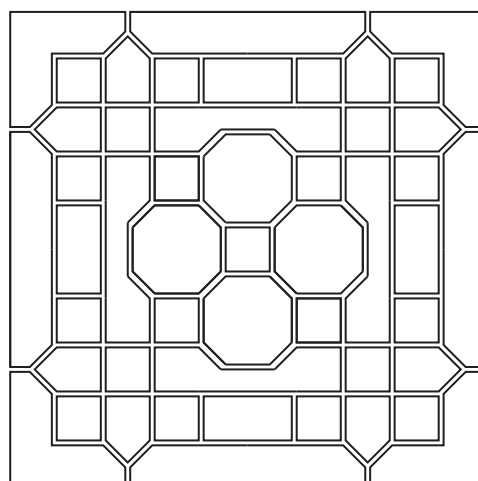
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## Garden layout

This will consist of a mixture of floral blocks and leafy blocks. The square sections will feature a floral design with a green element too such as leaves or stems (these blocks are used in both layouts) The non-square sections in the garden will have a leafy fill.

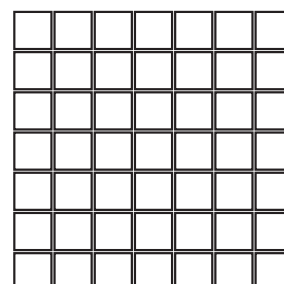
The garden layout once again measures 194 x 194 stitches

On 18 count 28 cm square, on 16 count 32 cm square, on 14 count 36 cm



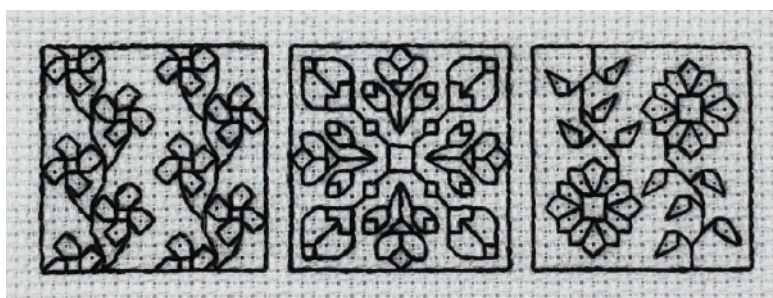
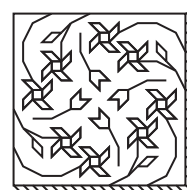
## Floral Squares layout

Each week a little floral block will be released, If you wish to stitch the stems/leaves in greens, this has been designed so that there is a green element each week, for balance, and the chart will give an idea of where I think the green bits are. You can, of course, stitch each block in a single colour and you can also add a drop shadow to your squares to make them more tile-like (I really love this effect!)



The floral squares layout measures 138 x 138 stitches

On 18 count 20 cm square, on 16 count 22cm square, on 14 count 25 cm square.



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### Colour!

How to start planning colours? For me this is always tricky, I find colour unfathomably complicated sometimes, partly why monochrome blackwork will always have a special place in my heart!

We had a great suggestion one year about planning a palette, it was to find something you like, a print on a scarf, wallpaper etc and to take a section of colours from this as your colour range.

I've not used it myself but Stitch Palettes seems to be a fantastic resource if you have something you like the colour of and would like some help translating these colours into thread codes (<https://stitchpalettes.com/>) Or you could choose a single colour for all designs, we had some lovely mono red/blue versions in previous years. I would also suggest having a browse through the SfL galleries on my website for inspiration!

Each layout file has a blank template included for you to print out if you wish to doodle colours/ note thread codes onto, in case that helps.

### Borders

There are some border designs for you to look at – I included several different 'railings' designs in case you would also like to choose one to add to last year's garden.

Of course, you do not have to add a border at all and are, of course, very welcome to design your own, I have included some blank graph paper in the group files for this purpose. I love seeing your own ideas so please do feel free to do this. I do not have thread usage guides for each of the borders I'm afraid.

So to recap in the 2022 SfL section of my website you will find:

Layout PDFs for both versions containing all the information you need to get your template stitched including blank templates to help you plan colours.

### Borders charts

Paper with lots of little squares in case you want to plan your own squares layout

Graph paper in case you would like to design borders/text/other layout

If you joined in last year you will know that you are very welcome to be imaginative with this SfL. In previous years we have had many different layouts and ways fills were used, always a joy to see.

We have had text and poems added, chessboards stitched, biscornu and fabric dice, greetings cards, little fabric books, pillows, quilts so feel free to exercise your creative side if you feel inclined to, but of course, you are also most welcome to stitch up a template and simply add your stitching as the weeks roll by!

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