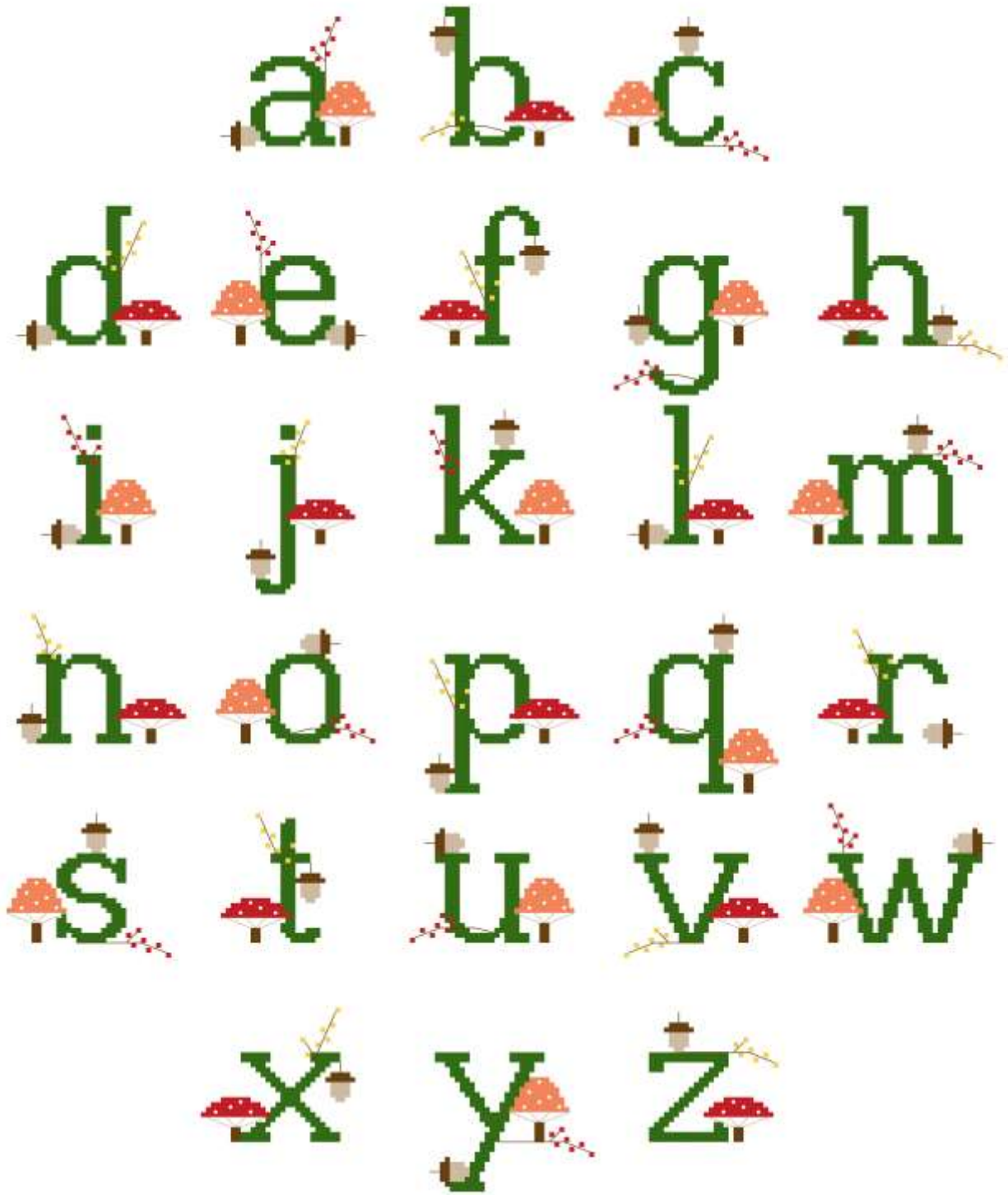


Mushroom Monogram

Cross Stitch Pattern



Basic cross stitch instruction

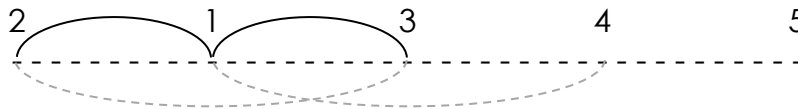
Each square on the cross stitch fabric represents a square on your pattern. You may start at any point, but be sure to center the design on the fabric. To find the center, fold your fabric in half lengthwise and crosswise. On the pattern, count the number of squares from the center of the chart to where you wish to start. Then from the fabric's center, find your starting point by counting out the same number of stitches (or squares).

To begin stitching: Thread your needle with 2 strands of floss. (There are 6 strands total.) Leave a long enough tail on the back side of your work so you can hold it in place while your first few stitches are worked over it. This secures your thread. Do not tie a knot in your thread.

Full stitches: Create each stitch using diagonal lines (left to right) then stitch back over the row (right to left), creating Xs.



Back stitches: Begin by bringing your needle up through the fabric (1) and then back down (2) to make a single stitch. Bring the needle back up a space away from the first stitch (3) and back down through the end of the first stitch (1).



French knot: Bring your needle up from the back of the fabric. Pull the length of floss all the way through. Point the needle downward and wrap the floss around it three times. Hold the length of floss with your left hand (or right, if left-handed) and insert the tip of your needle back through the same hole in the fabric.

With your left hand, gently pull the wrapped floss tight around the base of the needle, forming the knot. Once the knot is settled against the fabric, slowly draw the needle through while maintaining tension with your left hand. Do not pull too tightly or the knot will pull through to the back of the fabric.

To end stitching: On the backside of your fabric, run the needle under 4 or 5 stitches to secure the thread. Cut the thread close to the cloth so there will not be loose strands that could get caught up in other stitches.

Pattern summary

Floss key (DMC) – Use 2 strands of floss for all stitches.

Full stitches:

○	White	White
	721	Orange Spice – MD
L	725	Topaz
▲	801	Coffee Brown – DK
●	817	Coral Red – VY DK
×	3345	Hunter Green – DK
△	3864	Mocha Beige – LT

Back stitches:

—	801	Coffee Brown – DK
—	3864	Mocha Beige – LT

French knot: (spots on mushroom caps)



Finished dimensions (for individual letters)

14-count fabric – 2.9" x 2.9"

18-count fabric – 2.25" x 2.25"

