



Retrocomputer Ornament/Desk-o-ration
Pattern designed by Sarah Walkowiak



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Supplies:

- 1 sheet of 10-count clear plastic canvas
- Tapestry needle
- DMC Embroidery Floss:
 - Beige: #842
(2-3 skeins)
 - Brown: #840
(1-2 skeins)
 - Dark Gray: #844
 - Red: #321
 - Orange: #940
 - Yellow: #973
 - Blue: #3844
 - Pink: #718
 - Green: #907

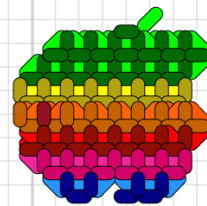
(These are the colors I used, feel free to substitute or use other brands.)



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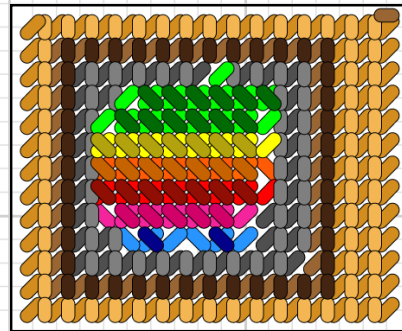
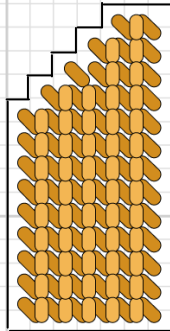
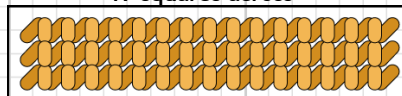
Notes and Tips:

- If you've never done counted-cross stitch or plastic canvas projects before, you can find introductory materials online or in craft books about basic stitches, backstitching and joining sides of a box together to get the basic techniques down.
- Typical plastic canvas projects use yarn and the larger 7-count canvas. I use the smaller 10-count clear kind. It's harder to find these days, but you can order it online if your local craft store doesn't carry it.
- I use embroidery floss at "full strength" for most of the stitching, with all 6 strands. For the gray outline of the keyboard, the keyboard vents, and the back of the monitor, I used floss split in "half" so it's 3 strands.
- I like to cover the plastic canvas so it doesn't show through. For most of the stitching I use a "slash" stitch "/" followed by a vertical stitch "|". This is hard to see in the pattern. So, I used two shades of each color in the pattern so you can see how I stitched them, but you should be using the same color of floss in real life. The keyboard and apple are cross-stitched, and the apple has some extra horizontal and vertical stitches to fill in the gaps.
- For the plug, I cut a tiny piece of canvas with two squares, and cut the middle out of one side to leave the "prongs." I tied a knot, and stitched around it in all directions to cover up the non-prong side. Then I took the other end of the floss, and sewed it through the corner of the back computer piece (before joining) and then tied a knot from the inside to keep it from falling out. For the loop at the top, it's a similar process, just sew a piece of thread and tie a knot on the inward facing side before joining the pieces. I also took a dab of regular white glue and ran it over the plug and cord to keep it from fraying.
- When stitching with embroidery floss, it sometimes gets twisted up after a while. I hold onto the loop of the stitch while I'm pulling it through to keep it from getting knotted up, but it does have a tendency to do that. An alternative is to try using shorter strands of floss.

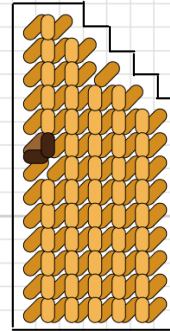


APPLE—add extra stitches to fill in (detail)

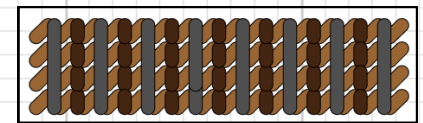
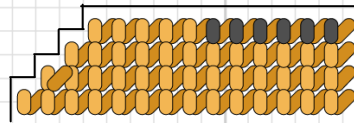
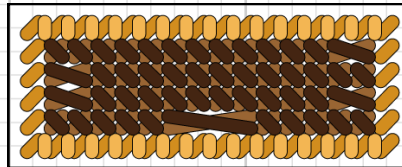
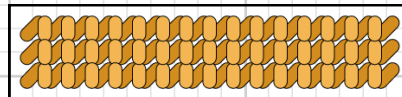
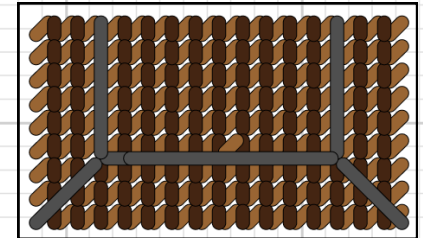
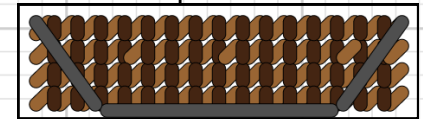
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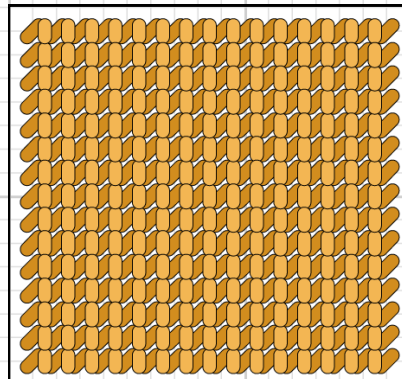
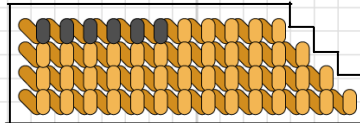
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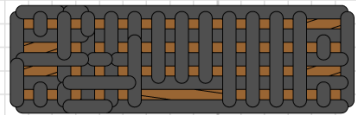
17 squares across



16 squares across



16 squares tall



KEYBOARD—Stitch keys first, then outline with gray (detail)



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