

Three Peacocks (a Faithfully Reproduced Antique Sampler)

While wandering the aisles of my favorite local antique show, I found this little bit in a box full of doilies and handkerchiefs. According to the tag, it is circa 1920's, but with no name or date, its really hard to tell if this is accurate. Stylistically, and based on materials, it could be as early as the late 1800's. We'll likely never know the truth, but does it really matter in the long run?

What is truly important is that once upon a time, someone decided to make a little candle mat/chair arm cover/wall hanging thingy, and did so with vining flowers and perky peacocks, then took the time to back it with muslin and neat binding stitches.

And now you get to make something of our mystery design too. I'm very happy to offer this as a



free chart as a way of thanking you, faithful customers. Please feel free to share it with friends. Make as many copies as you want, but please make sure you information post about where you got it any time you make mention online. Just as a way of being nice back to me, you know.



## Information Stitch Count: 54 x 108

Antique stitched on approximately 21 ct. fabric.

I charted this little free design for DMC, but please substitute your favorite threads if you so desire, choose a different count of linen to work it onto, finish it as a pin cushion or needle book, and be sure to send me a photo when you're done! I'd love to share it on my finish blog: www.heartstringsamplery.blogspot.com

I tried to represent the original piece as best as I could, by charting for stitches where I could tell they originally had been placed, but leaving off stitches that have no evidence of ever existing. This means there will be some imbalance and unexpected quirks, so pay attention!

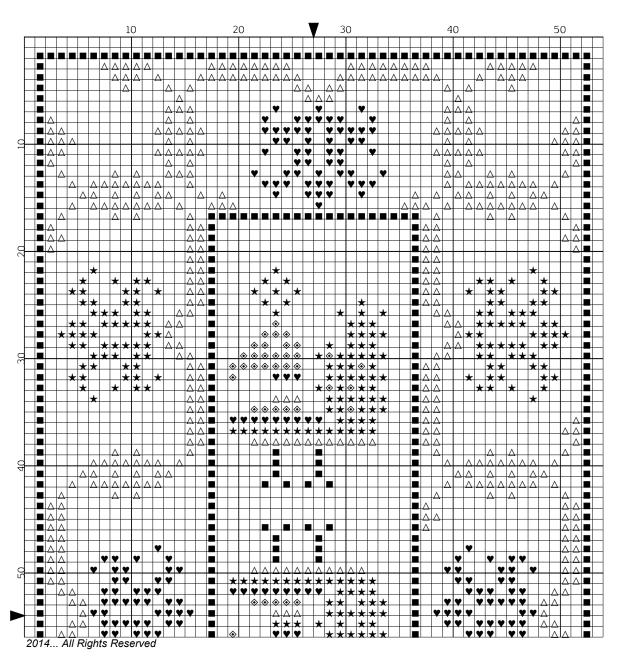
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Legend:

DMC-319 pistachio green - vy dk

DMC-814 garnet - dk

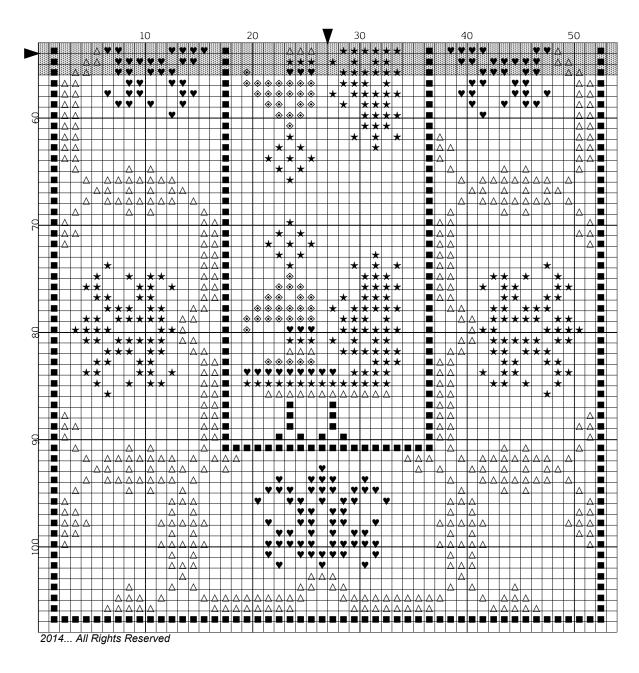
DMC-829 golden olive - vy dk

DMC-977 golden brown - lt

DMC-3768 gray green - dk

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