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Legend:
[Red cross] [Pink square] DMC-3716 [Green cross] [Purple square] DMC-3350
Backstitches:
[Red line] DMC-150

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Grid Size: 77W x 270H
Design Area: 5.43" x 19.07" (76 x 267 stitches)

Legend:

  DMC 3716 dusty rose - vy lt   DMC 3350 dusty rose - ul dk

Backstitch Lines:

 DMC-150 dusty rose - ul vy dk

In the Example:

The "Alphabet 29 - In My Heart" is a basic letter set stitched in dark rose, with pale hearts inlaid. As you can see from my "I Love You," this is an example of an alphabet that looks better stitched than it does in the chart. I've also a plain set of lower case letters. If you decide to change the colors, do so carefully. With the right shades, the hearts are a suggestion. With others, the hearts could overpower the letters, making them less readable. When in doubt, stitch a couple first on scrap fabric.

This alphabet is an obvious choice for Valentine's day, birthdays for loved ones, Mother's Day, weddings, engagements. Keep it in mind, too, to combine with the baby heart patterns.

When stitched on 14-count fabric using DMC floss, use:

- 2 strands for cross stitches
- 1 strand for backstitches

Description:

Block letters, standard/straight.

Characters Included:

- Upper Case Letters
- Lower Case Letters -- one with hearts and one without
- Numbers
- Punctuation

Height:

- The main body of the upper case letters is 14 stitches high. The "Q" extends an additional stitch below.
- The lower case letters without ascenders or descenders (ex: a, c, o) are 8 stitches high.
- The main body of the lower case letters with only ascenders (ex: b, d, h) or only descenders, (ex: g, p, y) are 14 stitches high.
- The lower case "j", with descender and a dot above, is 20 stitches high.

Width:

The majority of both the upper case letters and the lower case letters are 9 stitches wide.

Stitch Complexity:

- Full cross stitches
- Backstitches

This is an easy to stitch alphabet that uses only full cross stitches and backstitches. If these are unfamiliar to you, click on the "Backstitch" button on the left menu, under the "Tutorials" section. Note that only the edges of the letters are defined with outline; the hearts are not. This difference helps the letters to stand out more than the hearts.

Floss:

As discussed above, if you change these colors, stitch some sample letters first. If combining it with another project, use the same number of strands that you are using throughout the rest of your project.

How to Fit Text into a Design:

Learn how to select and adapt cross stitch alphabets by clicking on the "Alphabet 123s" button on the left menu.