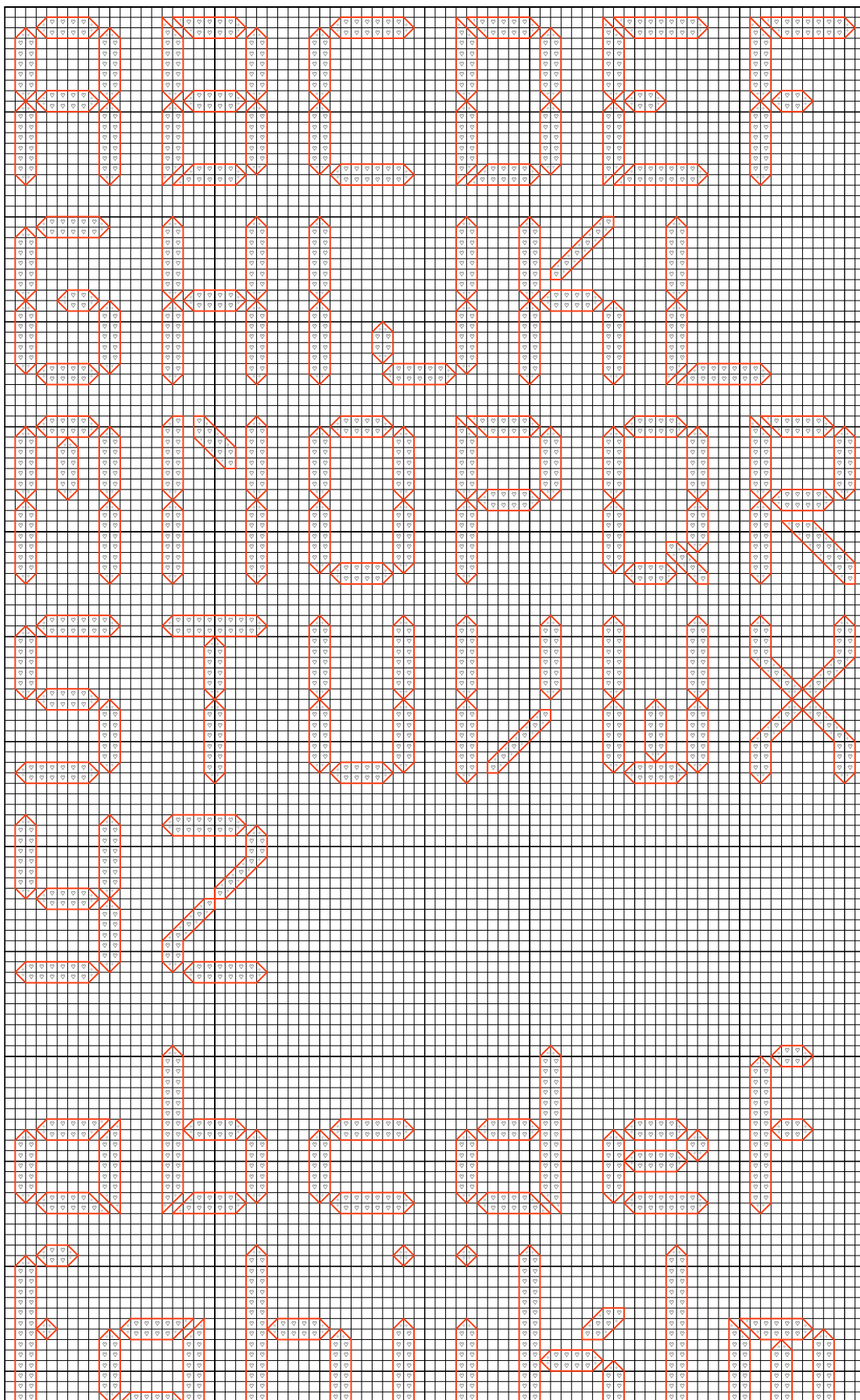
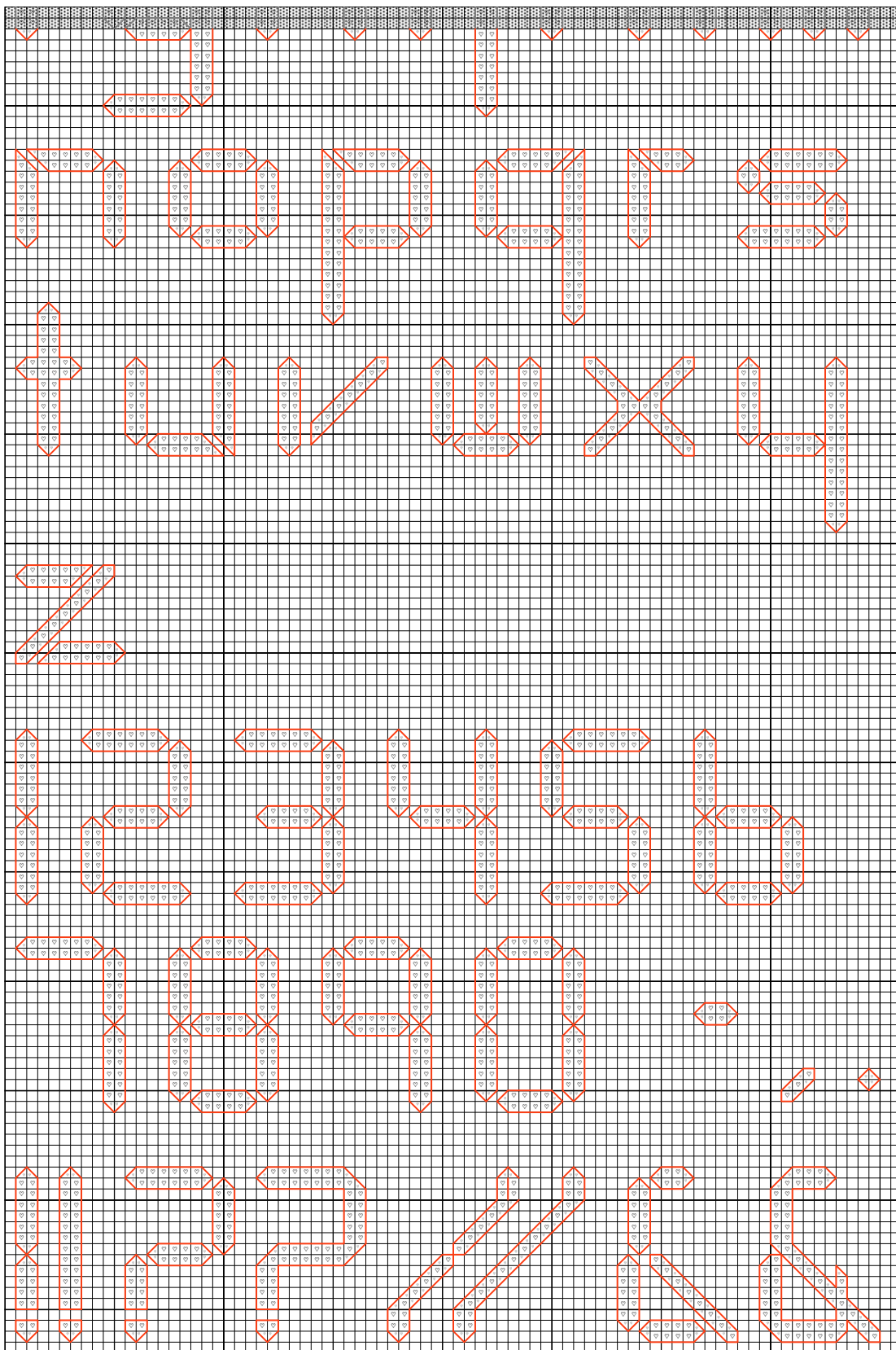


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Fabric: Evenweave
Grid Size: 82W x 254H
Design Area: 5.71" x 18.00" (80 x 252 stitches)

In the Design Example:

It is likely that "Alphabet 20 - Countdown" is the only cross stitch letter set that already exists in every home. It started out on digital clocks, and now can be found on your stove, microwave, television, cable box, cell phone and any other electronic devices that rely on digital readouts. These are easy characters to stitch, using only full cross stitches, 1/4 stitches and backstitches.

When stitched on 14-count evenweave 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
- Numbers
- Punctuation

Height:

- The upper case letters are 16 stitches high.
- The lower case letters without ascenders or descenders (ex: a, c, o) are 9 stitches high.
- The lower case letters with only ascenders (ex: b, d, h) or only descenders, (ex: g, p, y) are 16 stitches high.
- The lower case "j", with descender and a dot above, is 23 stitches high.

Width:

These letters have varying widths, but most of the upper and lower case letters are 10 stitches wide.

Stitch Complexity:

- Full Cross Stitches
- 1/4 Cross Stitches
- Backstitches

Use quarter stitches to shape the angled points on the letters, and use the backstitch outline to complete those sides. You can learn how to make a quarter stitch by clicking on the "How To..." button on the left menu, then selecting "Quarter Stitch Tutorial" at the bottom of the page. Other unfamiliar stitches can be found the same way.

Floss:

You can change the floss color to reflect your tastes and to coordinate with your existing cross stitch project. Use the same number of strands that you are using throughout the rest of your pattern.

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.