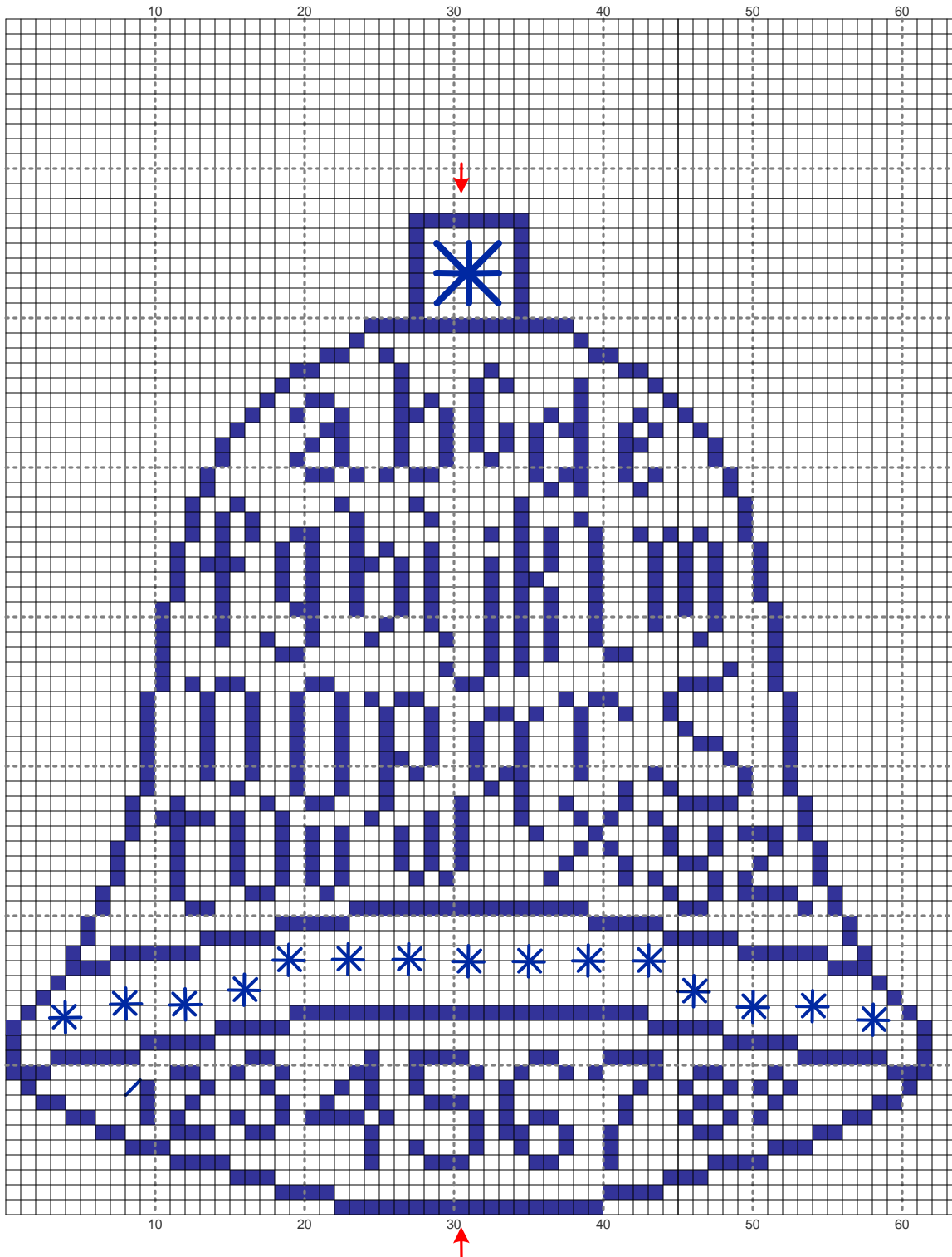


DECORATIVE BELL

This decorative bell project is a great way to use up small pieces of fabric and thread from your stash.

The design was inspired by a project first put together by the Vancouver Guild of Embroiderers. The original design used Congress cloth (24 count), but we've adapted this to evenweave fabric.

The size of the design will depend on the count of fabric that you select. The higher the count – the smaller the design when stitch over one. You may also choose to work your piece over two threads – just make sure that you have enough fabric to leave about 2.5cm (1 inch) larger than the finished size of the bell.



To finish your piece, you'll need:

- Backing fabric – make sure that the material is at least half an inch wider (all around) than your outline
- Needle and thread to match your ground fabric
- Pencil and paper scissors
- Comic board (heavy cardstock)
- Sheet of craft foam
- Warm 'n Natural (or similar thin) batting
- Acid-free double-sided tape

You can also choose to substitute some decorative stitches instead of embroidering the alphabet.

This design looks great in one colour, but will also adapt to other colours, overdyed and metal threads.

Flat finishing instructions can be found in a separate PDF and can be used for this ornament or any other – especially those with unusual shapes.

These are just a few stitches to spark your imagination. You can find more inspiration and more stitches by using the following Google searches:

- Canvaswork stitches
- Surface embroidery stitches
- Specialty embroidery stitches

