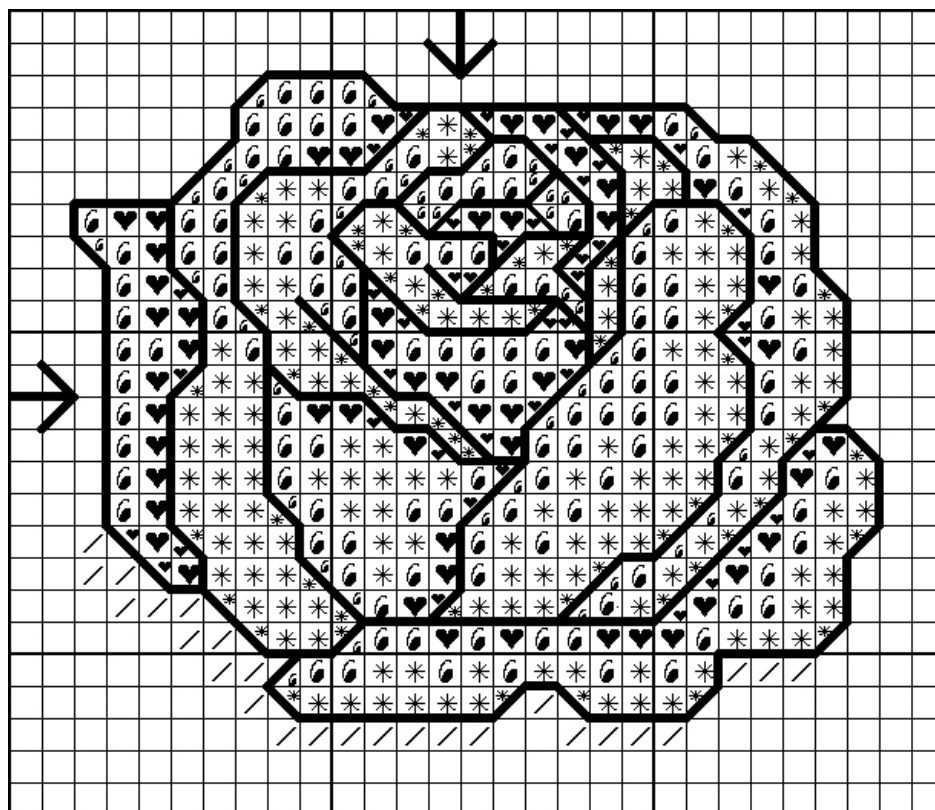




SYMBOL COLOR

♥	Dark
◉	Medium
*	Light

You may select your own colorings for this pattern, if you have scrap materials you'd like to use up for this project. The backstitching on the original rose was done with dark brown (peach rose), and the shadow is a medium grey (1 strand).

While you may stitch the design with 2 strands of floss, and use a loop start, most of X's & Oh's designs use 3 strands of floss (especially when using a dark fabric). If you can work this design on a 28ct black or navy linen (over 2 for a 14ct stitch size), using 3 strands of floss, you're the stitcher we want!

I will be looking for the following:

- work centered on fabric
- neat back (ie stitches vertical, tails running AWAY from outer edges and under at least 3-4 stitches)
- which also means NO TAILS showing through from the front of the fabric
- all stitches laying in the same direction (preferably with bottom leg stitched from top right to bottom left, and the top leg stitched from top left to bottom right)
- half-stitching laying in the same direction as the bottom leg
- backstitching neat and even