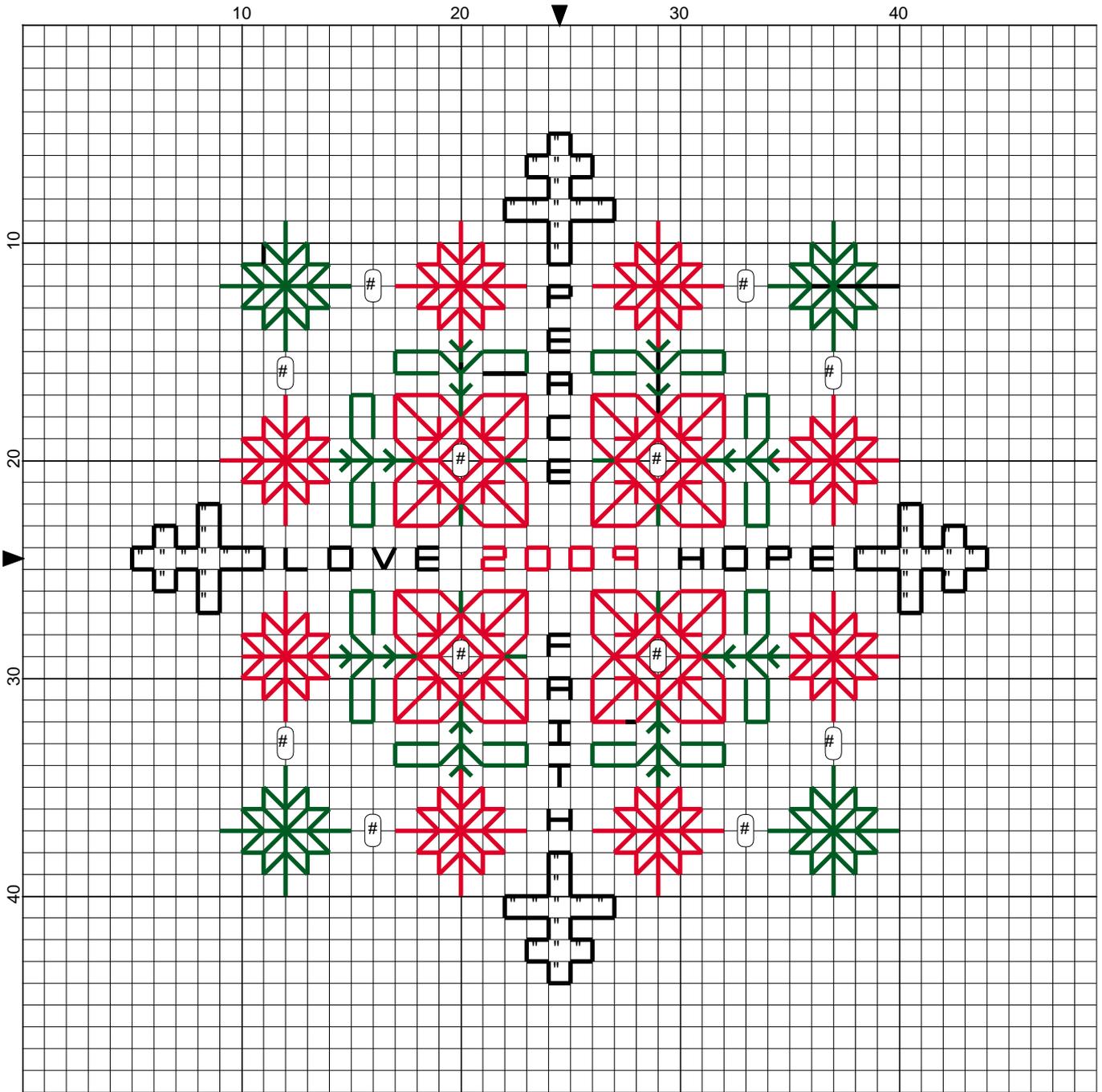


Christmas Wishes Front



# Christmas Wishes - Blackwork Journey

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**Grid Size:** 49W x 49H  
**Design Area:** 2.79" x 2.79" (39 x 39 stitches)

## Legend:

  [2] DMM-5282 Gold DMC Metallic  
Cross stitch

## Backstitch Lines:

 DMC-310 Black

 DMC-666 Christmas red - bright

 DMC-699 Christmas green

## Beads:

 MHG-557 Mill Hill Glass Beads-Gold,  
16 beads

## Materials:

Two 7 x 7 inch squares of 14 count Aida

## Threads:

DMC stranded cotton  
310 Black, one yard  
666 Christmas red – bright, two yards  
699 Christmas green, one yard  
DMC Metallic 5382 Gold, one yard

Tapestry needles No. 24 and 26  
Sewing needle

Buttonhole thread, white, two yards for  
lacing

Sewing thread, white  
Two 4 inch diameter card circles  
Thin wadding

8 inches narrow ribbon in red  
Egg decoration small beads on a rope,  
gold – 18 inches or Mill Hill Seed Beads  
sewn individually around circle edge.

## Method:

Fold the square lightly to find the centre.  
Work outwards using one strand of  
stranded cotton for the back stitch. Use  
the metallic thread without splitting for  
the cross stitch. Add the beads after the  
embroidery has been completed. Turn  
face down on a towel and press lightly.  
Starch if necessary.

## To complete Christmas Wishes:

Stick the wadding to the two card circles  
and trim. Draw a circle in pencil 5½  
inches in diameter on the aida and cut  
out circle. Repeat for both pieces. Work  
a running stitch near the edge in button  
thread.

Place card circle onto aida and draw  
threads tight. Tie off and repeat. Fold  
ribbon and stitch into place for hanger.  
Place two fabric circles together and slip  
stitch.

Stitch egg decoration or gold beads  
round the edge.

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