The fabric you'll be working on is Charles Craft 14 ct Aida. Use an embroidery hoop to keep the fabric stretched tight while working, but be sure to remove the hoop when you're not so you don't get "hoop marks".

The threads you will be working with are DMC Light Effects and DMC Cotton Embroidery Floss. The key on your Design Chart will tell you the number of strands to work with and what colors to use. Light Effects uses the same color numbering system as DMC cotton Embroidery Floss.

Threading your needle with Light Effects

1. Use a slip knot when threading your needle with Light Effects threads. We recommend using a Tapestry Needle Size 24 with Light Effects.

2. When threading two strands; take a single strand of Light Effects and fold it in half. Thread the folded end through the eye of the needle. Place the thread loop over the point of the needle, and pull firmly.

Stitching Hints for Light Effects

1. It is recommended to work with shorter lengths of Light Effects, approx. 12".

2. If your thread becomes tangled while stitching, simply drop the needle and allow it to unwind itself. This helps to prevent knotting, too.

3. Enjoy creating your stitches with Light Effects. Try stitching slowly, this will allow you to better control the placement and laying of your stitches.
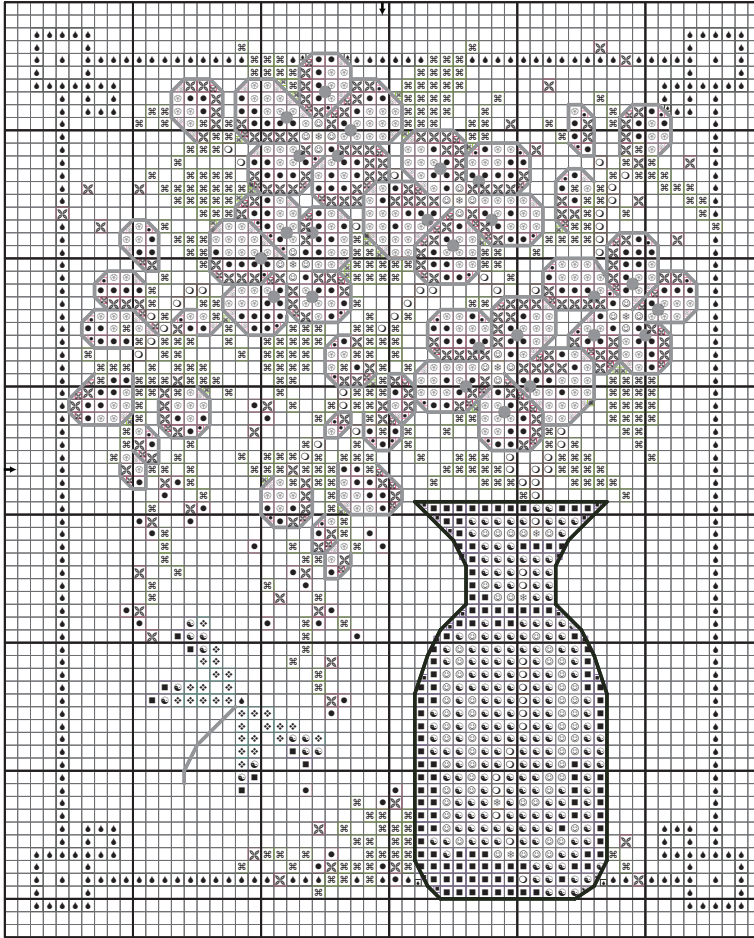
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Design: LE Cherry Blossoms by Joan A. Elliott for DMC
Fabric: Aida 14, White 56w X 69h Stitches
Size: 14 Count, 4"w X 4-7/8"h

Floss Used for Full Stitches:

Symbol	Strands	Type	Number	Color
♦	2	DMC	310	Black
✄	2	DMC	601	Cranberry-DK
●	2	DMC	603	Cranberry
⊛	2	DMC	605	Cranberry-VY LT
☾	2	DMC	E155	LE Amethyst
�ખ	2	DMC	E436	LE Lt Brown
⌘	2	DMC	E703	LE Lt green
○	2	DMC	E898	LE Dk Oak
■	2	DMC	E3837	LE Lavender
❖	2	DMC	E3849	LE Aquamarine Blue
☺	2	DMC	E5200	Pearlescent Effects White

Floss Used for Quarter Stitches:

Symbol	Strands	Type	Number	Color
♦	2	DMC	310	Black
✄	2	DMC	601	Cranberry-DK
●	2	DMC	603	Cranberry
⊛	2	DMC	605	Cranberry-VY LT
☾	2	DMC	E155	LE Amethyst
⌘	2	DMC	E703	LE Lt green
■	2	DMC	E3837	LE Lavender

Floss Used for French Knots:

Symbol	Strands	Type	Number	Color
●	1	DMC	E436	LE Lt Brown

Floss Used for Back Stitches:

Symbol	Strands	Type	Number	Color
▬▬▬	1	DMC	310	Black
▬▬▬	1	DMC	E898	LE Dk Oak