

2023

STRONGER Together

==== Celebrating Black History Month! =====



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Thread

Symbols	Color	DMC	Skeins
=	Strawberry	3705	1
T	Sorbet	3706	1
★	Pale Pink	948	1
●	Melon	3340	1
+	Sunlight	18	1
↗	Icebox Green	959	1
×	Bright Blue	3848	1
○	White	White	1

Cross Stitch Information

Stitch Count	63w x 63h
Finished Size	4 ½" x 4 ½"
Cloth	Navy 14 Count Aida by Wichelt Imports (SKU# 357-98A)
Thread	2 strands of DMC
Model Finishing	Model finished using the 4" x 4" Griege Frame with Mat by Simply Essentials™ by Studio Décor® (SKU# 10481001) from Michaels.

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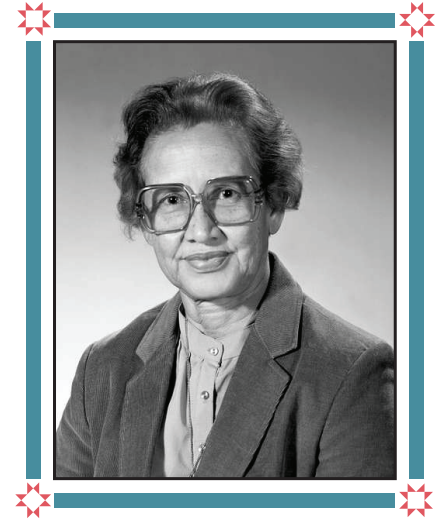
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Katherine Johnson (1918-2020):

Katherine Johnson demonstrated an early affinity and talent for mathematics that allowed her to enroll in college at 15 and later graduate summa cum laude.

In 1953, she joined NASA's all female computing department. As part of the Flight Research Division, she took on the task of calculating the orbital path of spacecraft. She personally calculated the trajectories of many missions including the first orbit around the earth. She would later go on to participate in the Space Shuttle program until her retirement in 1986.

Inspired by and dedicated to Katherine Johnson, the top portion of this year's Stronger Together Quilt symbolizes stars in the night sky. Not only did she reach for the stars, Johnson helped place space within humanity's grasp and to this day continues to inspire young girls to join STEM programs.



Sources:

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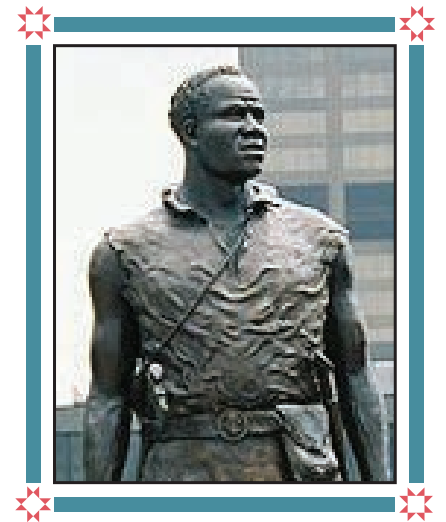


York (1770-75 - after 1815):

When Meriwether Lewis and William Clark made their famed journey to the west in 1804, they took with them an enslaved African American man named York who became integral to the group's survival. As an able frontiersman, York was allowed the use of a firearm and frequently hunted and gathered with the group or on his own. York was viewed as a curiosity by the Native American tribes, and Lewis and Clark often used him to ease negotiations.

York had hoped to obtain his freedom once the group returned east, but sadly it was denied repeatedly by Clark. Although little is known about his later life, it is believed that York became a free man at some point and returned to the west. Zenas Leonard, author of Adventures of a Mountain Man, recounts seeing an African American man living with a Crow tribe in Wyoming who was treated as a chief and claimed to have previously traveled there with Lewis and Clark.

The second portion of this year's Stronger Together quilt is dedicated to York and the westward exploration when he first enjoyed freedom while hunting on his own.



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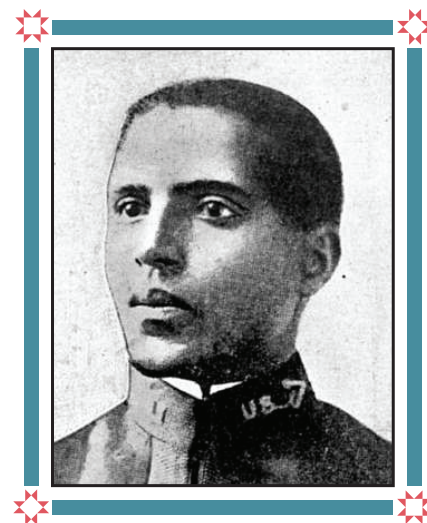
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Charles Young (1864-1922):

Charles Young was born to enslaved parents on March 12, 1864, in May's Lick, Kentucky. His father escaped to join the Union Army during the Civil War, which earned the family its freedom.

Charles Young became the third African American to graduate from West Point. His many remarkable military achievements include an assignment to the Sequoia National Forest Park in 1903 when he became the first African American National Park Superintendent. Prior to his arrival, the Park had suffered from poor management. Young made building roads and paths a priority. He and his troops were able to clear and build more roads in one summer than had been constructed in the previous three years. Soon the park was teeming with visitors who could easily access it by roads which remain in use today.

The last section of this year's Stronger Together quilt is dedicated to Brigadier General (posthumously) Charles Young and his time among the sequoias. The blues and greens evoke the skies and trees of the national park he made accessible for many.



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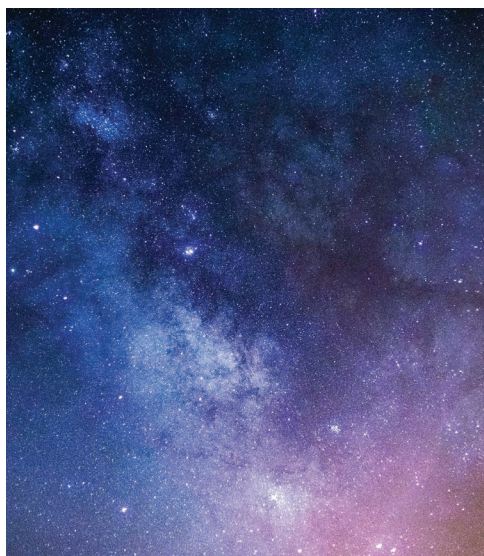
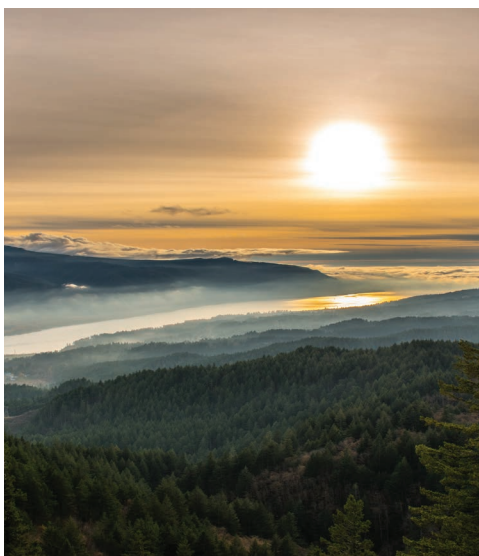


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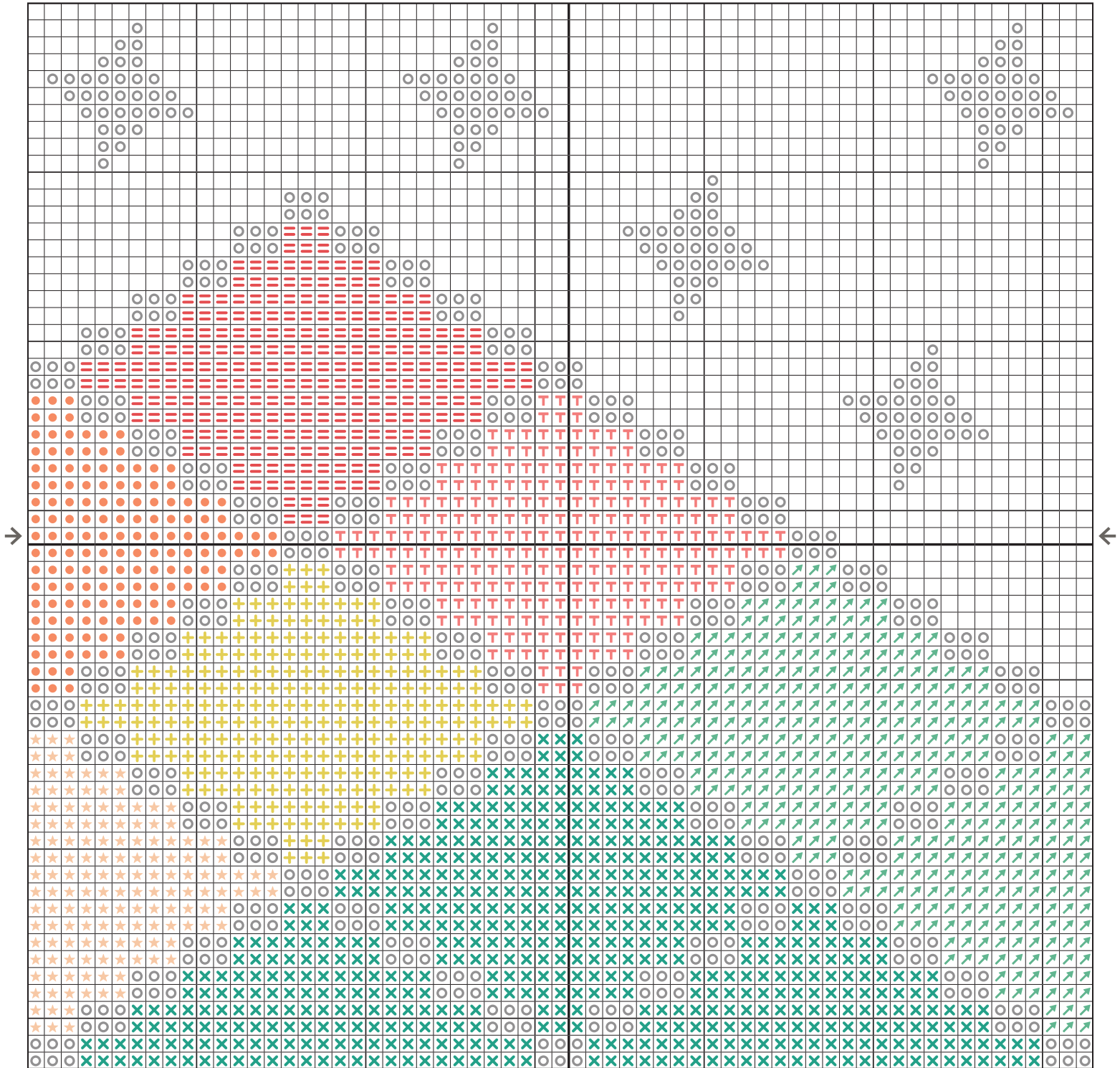
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