Knitted Birthday Postcard

by Deborah V. Gardner

Send a unique Birthday greeting, a knitted postcard! Yes, USPS will delivery it in excellent condition for under $1. This pattern is based on the Christmas Postcards pattern first published in 2010.

Materials:

- KnitPicks Palette Yarn, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, Fingering weight, 231 yards/50gram ball
  - small amounts of Cream #10 (MC), Serrano #4932 (CC1), Grass #I982 (CC2), Semolina #6240 (CC3), French Lavender #4158 (CC4), Blue #6874 (CC5), Mongoose #FZT (CC6)
- US1 (2.25 mm) knitting needles
- Yarn needle
- Embroidery needle

Gauge: 19 sts = 2"

Though gauge is not crucial, it is important to check it to be sure that your postcard does not work out to be very small or very large.

Size: 3½" x 5⅛" with border

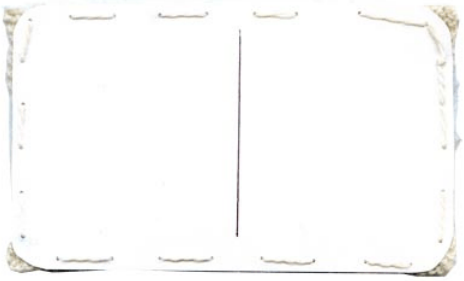
Notes:

- The card has a garter stitch border of 3 rows by 2 stitches. If you increase the border, add 1 row for every 3 stitches.
- Odd rows are knit; even rows are purled.
- Choose your own colors.

Directions: Cast on 51 sts.
Rows 1 – 3: K.
Row 4: K2, knit the first row of the chart, k2.
Row 5: K2, purl the second row of the chart, k2.
Continue working the chart in stockinette stitch and the first and last 2 sts in garter st.
When chart is complete, k 3 rows. Bind off.

Carefully split CC6 and, working with 1 ply and the embroidery needle, embroider the strings on the balloons using the split stitch.

Weave in all ends. Block.



Making the postcard: Cut cardstock a little smaller than the blocked piece, rounding the corners. Punch holes around the cardstock using either a paper punch or a yarn needle. Draw a line down the center or a little right of center to separate the address from the message area. Add message. Sew the cardstock to the fabric going in and out of the holes you punched. Your postcard is now ready to be addressed. Be sure to have USPS personnel weight the postcard to determine the proper postage.

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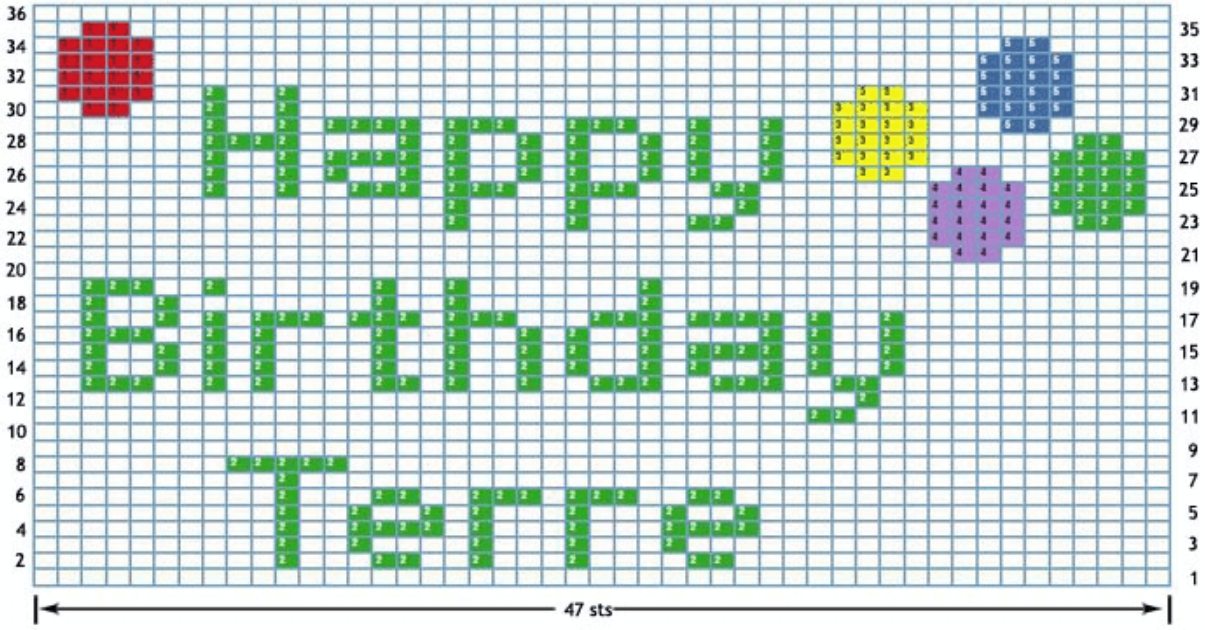

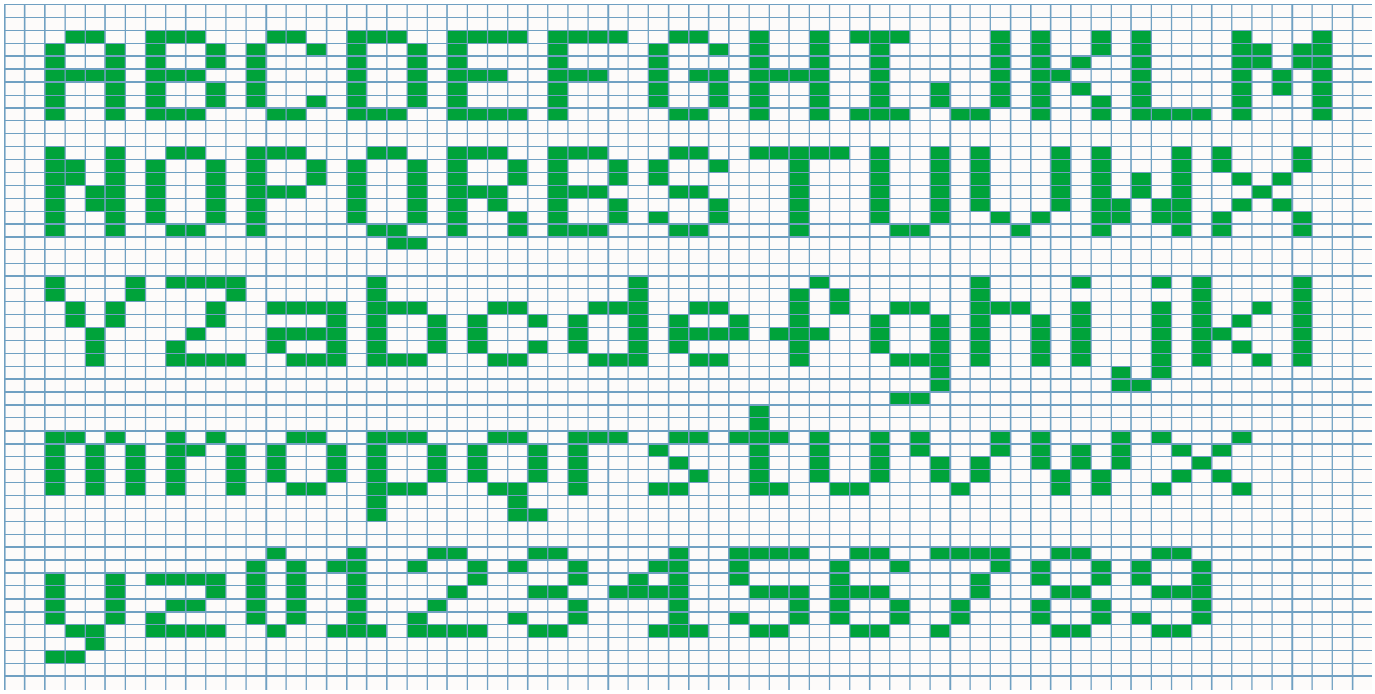

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