

Over the weekend, a new customer introduced me to a breath-taking website that features a TON of charts, all of them pertaining to Fine Art. Had enough of “Country Cute”? Direct your browser to <http://xs-collectibles.com>. Do you have a favorite painting you’d love to stitch? Chances are very good you’ll find it here. Cassatt; Currier & Ives, Degas; Leonardo, Picasso; Van Gogh, just to name a few. The site also has a terrific assortment of classic dog charts by Robert J. May. If you have a hard-to-find-anything for breed, it could be here. Anyone heard of a Boykin? I have now, and they’re gorgeous.

Did you, or maybe your children, have a “*Spirograph*” toy? Mine gave me hours of pleasure as I changed disks and pens while creating squiggles on paper. This site features a designer by the name of “**Mollo**.” His or her work reminds me of those drawings. What a challenge they’d be to stitch.

What’s so fabulous about these designs is they can also be rendered in needlepoint. No half-stitches or backstitches anywhere! The highly-detailed charts run \$15 each. The floss called for is DMC. Since I don’t carry it, I’m happy to help you convert to Presencia.

As you may know, I don’t have much in the shop pertaining to cross-stitch. Where would I put all that fabric, for starters? Keep in mind that I’m always willing to special order anything you like.