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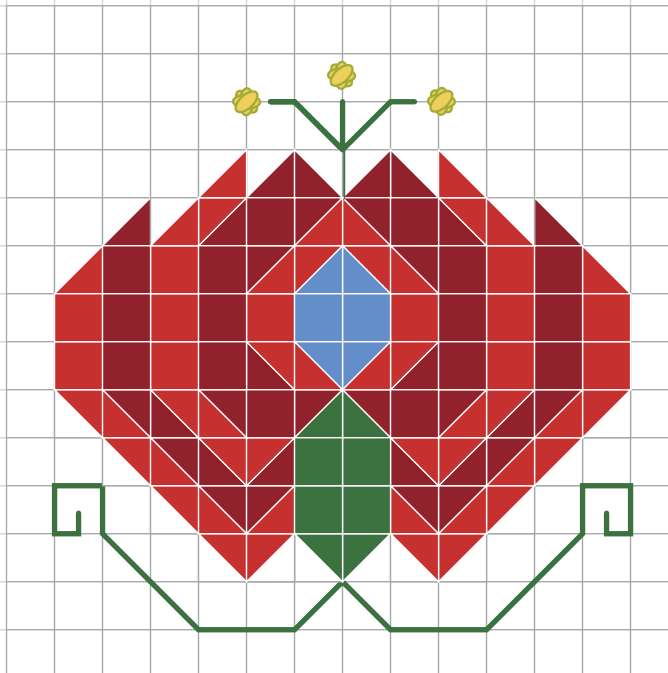
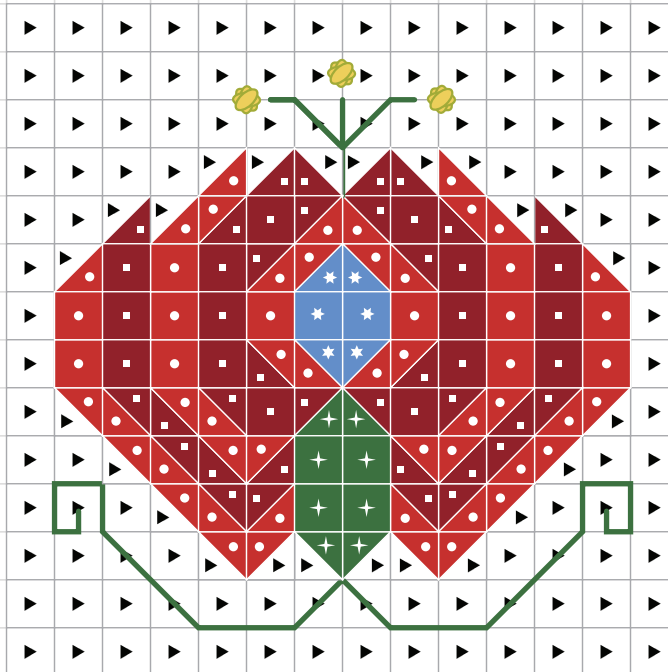








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Hi, I'm Renata (36) from Hungary! I am a financial manager living near Budapest with my husband, Misi, and our dachshund, Cheddar. My grandmother and my mother taught me stitching. I've been stitching since elementary school and I joined the Stitch People community last year.

My pattern is inspired by traditional Hungarian needlework called Matyó embroidery (the original handwork uses flat stitch and running stitch, not X-stitch). It is a peony, or so-called Matyó rose, which is the most common element. The colors of the embroideries are

also significant, not only for the sight: red is the color of joy, yellow is the color of summer and the sun, blue symbolizes sorrow. There is a tale about how it was first created: "Once a Matyo boy was taken by the devil. His bride was very sad and begged the devil to give back her most precious treasure. But the devil said - You'll get your fiancé back if you fill your apron with roses! The girl was in trouble because it was wintertime. So she took the colored threads and embroidered her apron with roses. And this is how she won back her fiancé."



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