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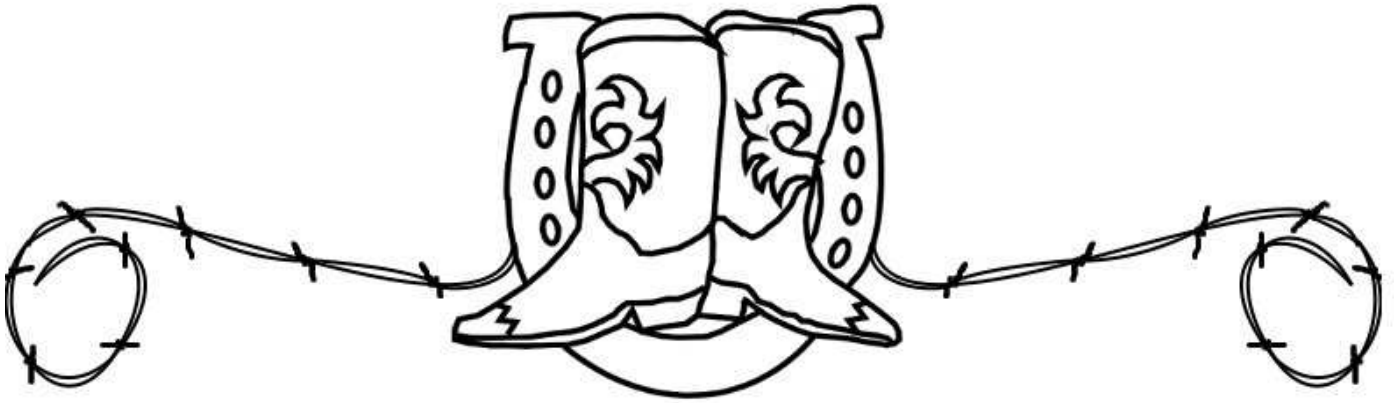
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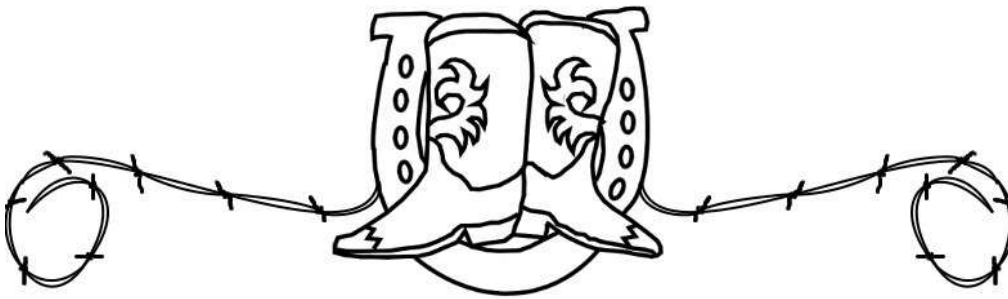
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All images provided are for personal embroidery use only. I provide three sizes in the pdf file. You are welcome to resize the images as needed. Please feel free to link back to my website if you use my patterns for any of your projects. Instructions for transfer are provided at the end of the document.

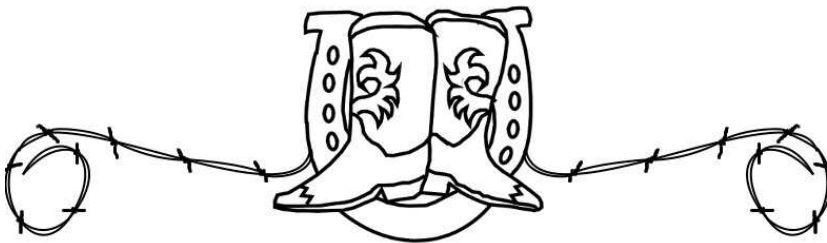
7.5" x 2.25"



5.5" x 1.65"



4.5" x 1.35"



Barbed Wire Stitch

Take three even backstitches side by side for center of barbed wire.. each barb is one backstitch off of opposite corners of the 'wire wrap' (or three backstitches together).

The width of the stitch should just barely be larger than the lines (wires) it's meant to be 'wrapping'.



Transfer Instructions:

There are different methods of transferring images from here to your fabric. I'll list a couple of options that I've tried as well as first listing my favorite method.

Tissue Paper Method

I print my images/patterns onto regular copy paper. I cut and lay a piece of tissue paper over the image and trace the pattern. After placing my fabric into the embroidery hoop, carefully pin your pattern onto the fabric. Pinning before hooping causes the paper to pull tight and makes embroidery impossible for me! After the pattern is finished, I use tweezers or the tip of my needle to pull the paper pieces out of the pattern.

When removing the tissue paper, I apply pressure onto the stitched lines while pulling to prevent the threads from pulling. If an area pulls up from the fabric, running your thumbnail over the back of the work will straighten the threads back out.

Transfer Pen Method

There are different brands and types of transfer pens that can be used.

One method is the iron on transfer pen. You print your image in reverse, trace the lines with the iron on transfer pen/pencil, and then simply follow the directions to iron the pattern onto your fabric.

Another is the transfer pen/pencils that you draw directly onto the fabric with. I've used both and was happy with neither. Maybe I don't know how to use them correctly? I am impatient and I expect a product to write on like I'm writing on paper lol, so yeah... I don't have patience to careful draw/rub on an image.

Transfer Paper Method

There are also carbon papers made for use on fabrics that you sandwich between the fabric and pattern. Once you trace the pattern it transfers the image onto the fabric. Because I end up with places missing, I've given up on that method as well and I simply rely on good ol' cheap tissue paper. The pattern never fades, pulls, or disappears!

Above all... have fun! Add doodles! Be creative! And I'd love to see your work if you share it online!

 Sarah Lynn