GUARDIANS OF NOTRE DAME INGLESIDE IMAGINARIUM

Travel to Paris, France to stitch the sculpted monsters and creatures that sit atop the towers of the famous Notre Dame Cathedral!

The border of this pattern is inspired by the Rose Window, a common architectural feature found in cathedrals and churches around the world. Each month, a section of the window will be filled with a stitched, stained glass version of one of the carved stone creatures that look down from the cathedral.

While it's very tempting and easy to call these creatures gargoyles, there are several different kinds of carved figures that you find on buildings!

The name "gargoyle" specifically refers to a carved figure with a lead drain spout inside, often exiting through the mouth of the figure. The rain water would be diverted through these spouts and keep the building's mortar and stone intact. The French word *gargouille* is the root of the word gargoyle, which means "throat." It also is a nod to the gargling noise the water made as it poured through the drain spouts and out the gargoyle's mouth!

The common name for a scary, carved figure solely for ornamental purposes on a building is a "grotesque," though the figures featured in this design and on Notre Dame's towers are called "Chimeras."

The name of this pattern refers to an interpretation of these carvings' purpose. Though sometimes used to represent the minions and horrors one might encounter in the Underworld, many were added to scare off other evil spirits and protect those inside the building they guard.

FABRIC

STITCH COUNT - 165 x 162

28 count linen/14 count aida 11.74" x 11.57" 29.8 cm x 29.4 cm 32 count linen/16 count aida 10.31" x 10.13" 26.2 cm x 25.7 cm

The model is stitched on a fat quarter (17" x 26") of 28 count Lugana in "Sterling" by **Picture This Plus**, to represent a cloudy sky.

Legend: FLOSSES

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Backstitch Lines:

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DMC-310 black