1. Starting at the center of your pattern, count right 1 and use your gray 645 floss to begin stitching the outline of the fingers and hand. Begin your stitches just right of center, 2 down along the vertical axis. Stitch up the ring finger, counting as you go. Finish stitching all the gray 645 parts of the hand before moving on to the soil.

2. Finish the basic outline of the hand using your green 3362 floss. Start stitching 3 down from center, using the gray 645 stitches to help you count.

3. Begin filling in the ring finger with the green 3348, starting on the left side of the vertical axis. After you’ve finished the green 3348 stitches, continue filling in the hand with your green 772 floss.

4. Move on to green 3363, starting with the accent stitches in the hand and moving down to the green goo in the soil. Next, use gray 640 to stitch the rest of the soil.

5. Add the gray 640 accent stitches to the hand, followed by the beige 3047. Move on to the small areas of gray 640, green 3013, green 524, green 369, gray 647, gray 317, and gray 415.

6. Start the martini glass with gray 415: count 3 down from
the zombie’s pinky finger and S in from the vertical axis. Start with the base of the glass, then move to the top of the glass, working from the top of the hand up. Use your green 3362 floss to stitch the olives and red 304 to stitch the centers.

7. Moving on to the letters, count over 6 from the center along the horizontal axis to stitch the last F in “STIFF” with your gray 645 floss. Move to the left to stitch the other F, then the I, T, and S.

8. Counting over 6 from the base of the glass, begin stitching the S in “DRINKS” and move left to stitch the K, N, I, R, and D.

9. For the heart, use your red 304 floss and count up 4 and left 1 from the dot of the I in “STIFF.” Stitch from the bottom up. Finish your piece by counting up 4 from the top of the heart and stitching your capital I in gray 645 floss.
Having a dead man's party? Serve your drinks in style. Pick up a wooden serving tray from your local craft store. Sand your tray until it’s smooth and paint the whole thing black with nontoxic craft paint. Trim the rough edges from your fabric and glue it to the center of the tray. Seal the fabric and wood with a few coats of clear varnish, and you’re ready to party. (If you really want to make it splatterproof, cover the top of the tray with a thin sheet of glass or plastic cut to fit.)

Rockin' the crypt! Drinks all around!
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin with red 321 four squares down from center along the vertical axis, and continue stitching up the central stream of blood. Once you’ve finished the stream, move left to stitch the left side bite. Tie off, then move to the right to finish the red 321 blood. Then fill in the dark red 498 part of the blood, moving left to right.

2. Begin stitching the outline in brown 3781. Start on the left, below the blood drip, and move down the left side, around the brain stem, then around the rest of the outline.

3. Fill in the brain with cocoa 3861 starting just under the blood on the left side. Once you’ve finished the cocoa 3861, use tan 738 to continue the fill.

4. Add the detail using brown 3781. Use violet 3740 to fill in the brain stem and cerebellum.

5. For the text, count up 8 along the vertical axis from the brain. Start stitching the bottom of the R using black 310. Once you finish the R, move to the right for the A, I, N, S, and ?. After you finish the right side, tie off and move left to stitch the B. Count 8 left from the bottom of the B to start stitching your T, O, and G.

PART OF A balanced DIET

ALWAYS KEEP EXTRA BRAINS ON HAND FOR UNEXPECTED VISITORS.

FINISHED SIZE IS APPROXIMATELY 4.5” x 3.625”
Zombies aren’t known for their memory skills. Heck, they’d probably forget their heads if they weren’t attached. Send a zombie off to the store and who knows what you’ll end up with. Plus, everyone knows it’s dangerous to go grocery shopping when you’re hungry!

To solve this problem, put your newly cross-stitched brain in a small picture frame and glue a couple of strong magnets on the back. Pop this reminder on your fridge, and the zombie in your life will always remember your favorite tasty treat. Yum!