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An embroidery pattern for free,
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This embroidery pattern was designed by Shannon Downey. Based on a quilt block by Melinda Newton and Social Justice Sewing Academy inspired by Leland, a SJSA youth activist from Baltimore, MD. for The National Quilt Museum Block of the Month January 2020.

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Join Sara, Shannon, and SJSA in the fight to erase injustice stitch by socially conscious stitch!



Founded in 2016 by Sara Trail, the Social Justice Sewing Academy (SJSA) is an art program that bridges artistic expression with activism and empowers youth to amplify their voice through art that advocates for social justice. By using textile

art as a vehicle for personal transformation and community cohesion, SJSA empowers youth to become agents of social change. We support youth to become civically engaged artists as they are challenged to tackle current social issues in their community that directly affect their lives. A unique part of our program intentionally bridges generational, racial, and socioeconomic divides by sending youth art blocks to hundreds of embroiderers across the world.

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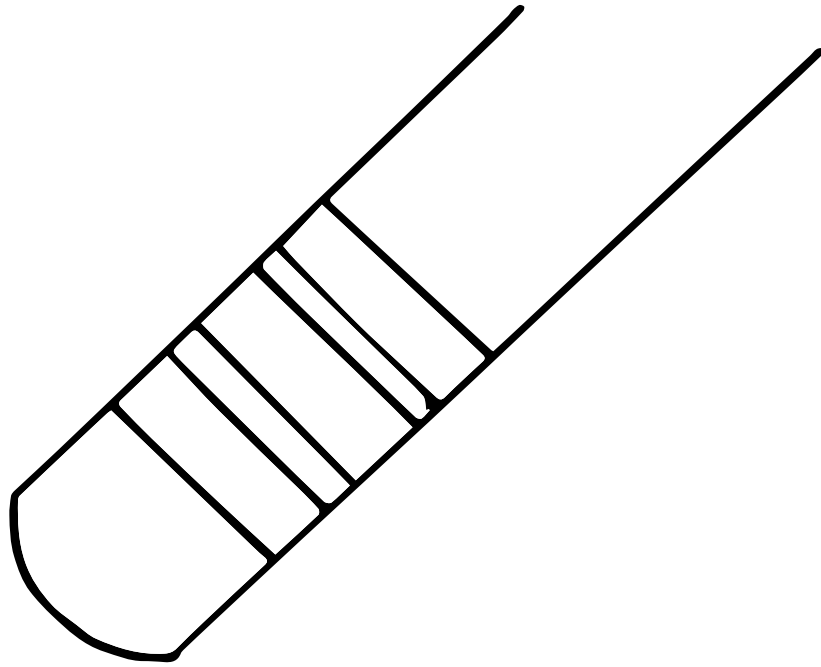
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Shannon Downey better known as **Badass Cross Stitch**, is a community organizer disguised as a fiber artist and craftivist. Shannon blends her politics, activism, and art into projects that are designed to inspire others to take action, think, discuss, engage with democracy and their community, and find some digital/analog balance. She is the instigator behind #RitasQuilt and @BadassHerstory. Shannon teaches at Columbia College and is founder of Seriously Badass Women. Her life motto is: **Make Art. Build Community. Destroy Systems of Oppression.**

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Shannon's Avatar by: Gretta Goldstein



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Floss List

- Pink DMC 761
- Green DMC 963
- Yellow DMC 725
- Gray DMC 0399
- Black DMC 310
- Blue DMC 826
- Pink DMC 365

Stitch List

- Satin Stitch
- Back Stitch
- Running Stitch
- Cross Stitch

