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I love all things Harry Potter so much that I have a crochet book of Hogwarts patterns — even though I don't know how to crochet.!! I turned a crocheted blanket pattern into a cross-stitched Hogwarts <sup>w/over</sup> 8000 <sup>stitches</sup> Crest. I did this piece while listening to a weekend Harry Potter marathon, too.

Being a loyal friend, being true to yourself, and being courageous in the face of adversity are traits that Harry, Ron, & Hermione display that <sup>really</sup> resonate with me. I'd love to be part of their world.

Just like Harry gives me a brief respite from life inside the fences, so does cross-stitching. Art also teaches me how to pivot. It was unfortunate that my paint ~~supplies~~ didn't make it in time, so I improvised with markers.