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Welcome...



...to the first *Crazy* of 2015! January's issue is filled with 100 fabulous charts you'll love, meaning you can start the New Year as you mean to go on – stitching!

We couldn't resist including one more festive project though, so this month's free gift is Christmas-themed and

quick to stitch – the perfect last-minute make!

Inside are two wonderful wintery designs to cosy up with – a delightful snowy scene from *All Our Yesterdays* on page 10, and the most adorable penguin and polar bear pals on page 28. There's also a selection of bright, colourful cards to celebrate New Year on page 67, and – ready for New Year's Day – a set of pretty eye masks on page 41, so you can look forward to that much-needed lie-in!

And, if you're looking to stitch yourself a treat after all that time spent making gifts for others, turn to page 20 for Lesley Teare's beautiful vintage floral gift ideas. Go on, you deserve it!

Chelle x



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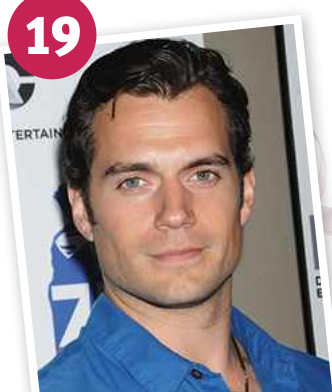
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Over to you...

These stitchers are this month's reader panel stars –
keep an eye out for their comments throughout the issue!



Pat Knight, Essex

Which project are you most proud of?

A large poppy design that my mum asked
me to stitch in memory of my grandad who
died when I was 18. It still hangs in my
mum's front room to this day.

When you're not stitching you're...

Spending time with my daughter, reading
Crazy or looking after my fur babies!

Favourite design from a recent Crazy?

The National treasure designs from issue
194. I work with children and would really
like to make these pictures into a multi-
cultural display for them.



Alison Lubbe, South Africa

Who do you like to stitch for?

My favourite person to stitch for is my
mum as she really loves and appreciates
everything I stitch for her. Then it's my two
daughters – they always have a list of what
they'd like me to stitch for them!

If you could invent an amazing new cross stitching tool, what would it be?

I love my husband, he always takes an
interest in what I'm stitching, and he knows
I don't enjoy backstitch. So he said he'd
invent a backstitching glue gun to finish off
all my backstitching for me!

Dorothy Ford, Northern Ireland

How cross stitch crazy are you?

I'm so crazy, I have a small kit beside my bed and by
my living room chair at all times, and even keep one
in my husband's car in case we're stuck in traffic!

Which celeb would you like to stitch?

I'd love to stitch Lady Gaga in one of her costumes.
I think she'd look amazing as a picture or as a card.

What occasion gets your needle twitching?

I love Christmas and would stitch for it all year
round. I love the colours and making ornaments,
stockings, table linen, you name it!



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By now, we're pretty sure most of you will have at least made a start on your Christmas cards. And if you're anything like us, stitching up and churning out the same handful of designs over and over can sometimes get a little tiring! So why not take a break from that well-thumbed chart and revive your stitching mojo with this delectable duo of eye-catching cards which you can make using all the elements in your free kit this month!

Stitched on plastic canvas, these brilliant baubles are super-sturdy and look delightful twirling and dancing gently in their circular apertures. Plus,

they'll also double up as gorgeous tree decorations! Once the card is finished with, your recipient can attach a length of thread or a longer length of ribbon to the top of the bauble, and use it to adorn their tree in Christmases to come.

Inside your kit you'll find 28 threads in all the colours you need to stitch both designs, along with two pieces of plastic canvas, ribbon, two printed aperture cards and two envelopes, so that's two more cards you can cross off your Christmas list! Both designs are worked in whole stitches and backstitch with a sprinkling of French knots – turn to page 80 for help with these dainty stitches. ●

Baubles

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira ▼ Colour

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

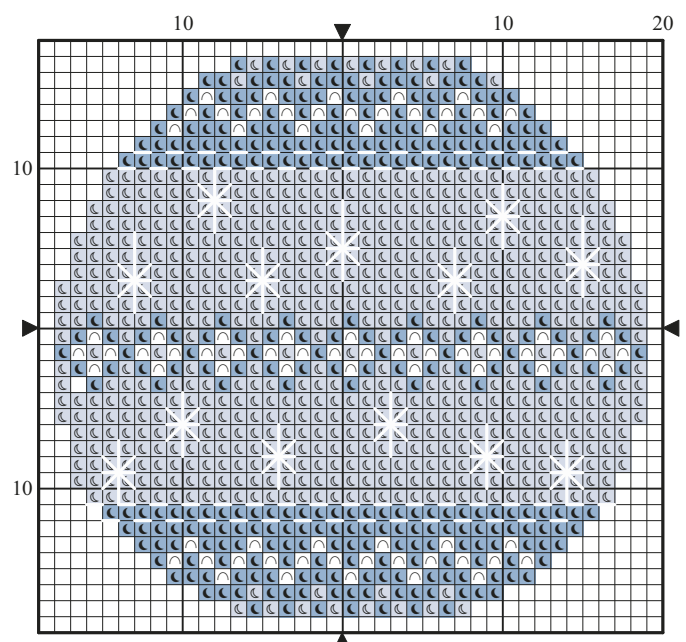
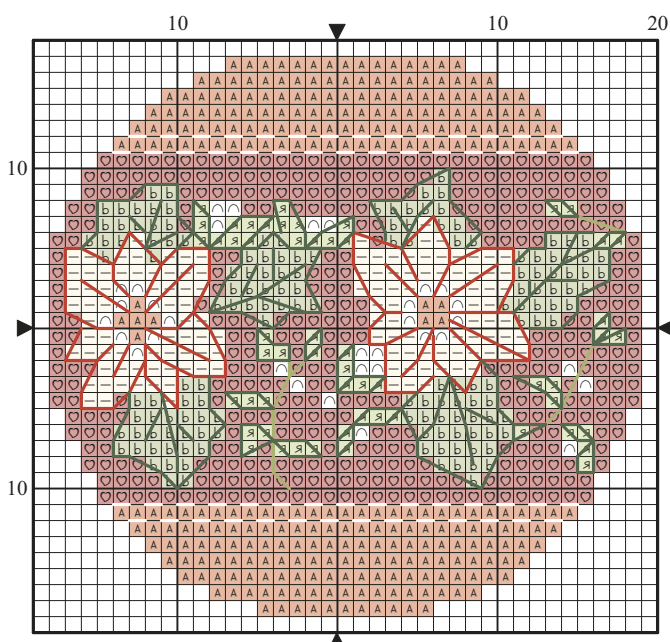
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✕ Backstitch in one strand

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—	350	11	213	red
—	987	244	1403	dark green

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 35 (h) x 37 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
6.5x7cm (2½x2¾in)
Stitched by Marilyn Johnston



Snow sweet

Step into a winter wonderland with this adorable design – the perfect addition to your All Our Yesterdays collection
Exclusive to Crazy!

Faye Whittaker's All Our Yesterdays designs are a must-stitch at any time of year, but we particularly love this gorgeous scene of two little ones enjoying a wintry walk with teddy! They could be brother and sister, cousins, or simply the best of friends, making this a treasured



StitchTime
35-40 hrs
(approx)

design you could stitch for almost any occasion.

With the snowy winter's sky created using variegated thread, this scene will come to life quicker than you'd expect. Choose a special frame for an elegant finish, then find the perfect spot to hang your work, and enjoy this nostalgic depiction of winters gone by. ●

StitchList...

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Fractionals
- ✕ Backstitch

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 33x28cm (13x11in). Call ☎ 0800 013 0150 or visit www.sewandso.co.uk to buy

Extras - Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 23x18cm (9x7in)

*Stitch Faye's
whimsical
scene for a
nursery or
playroom*





ReaderSays...



This design makes me remember being young, walking with friends as the snow crunches under our feet! Faye has captured it perfectly.

Pat Knight, Essex

All Our Yesterdays

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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✕ Cross stitch in one strand

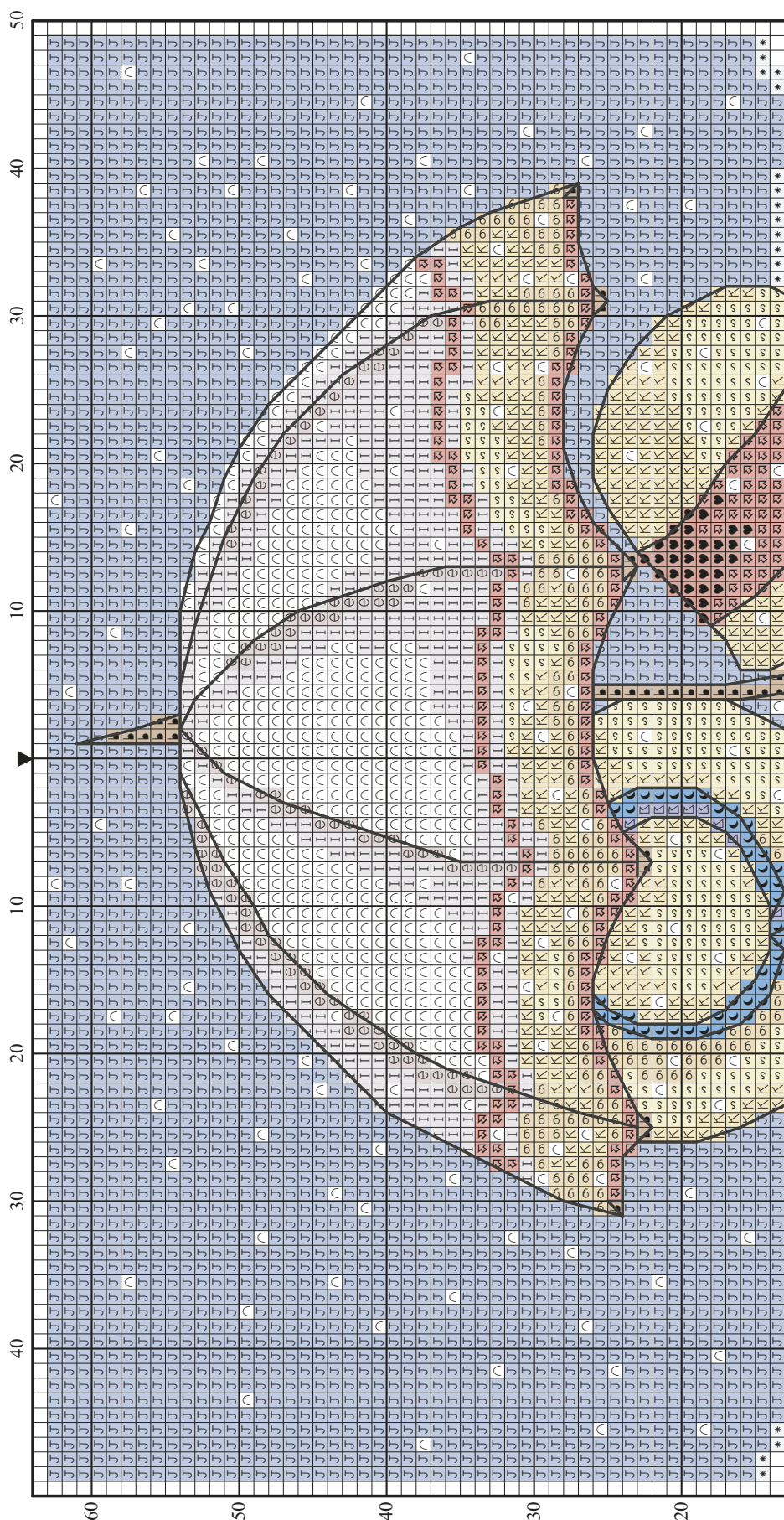
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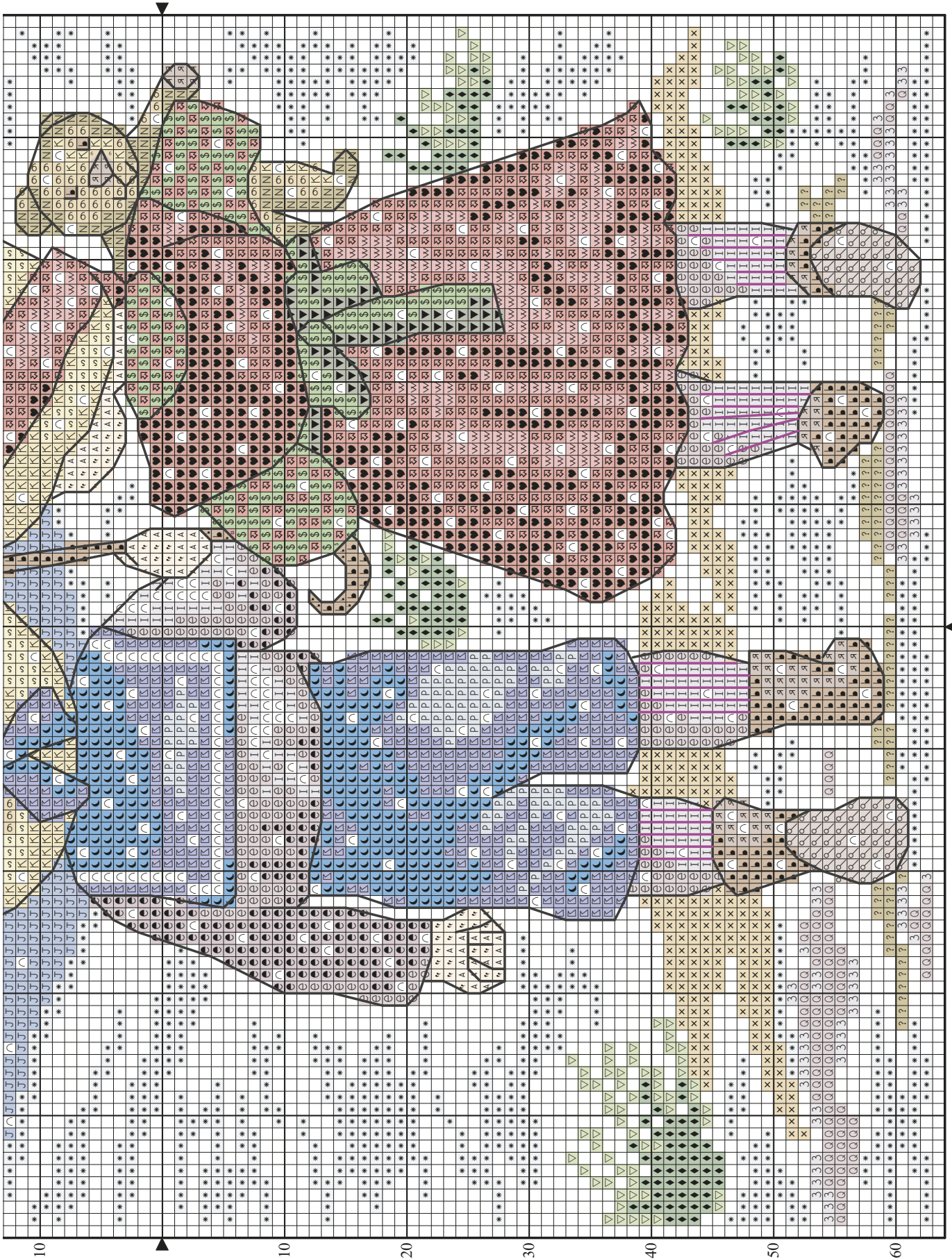
✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 126 (h) x 98 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
23x18cm (9x7in)
Stitched by Gillian Muggeridge







Your Letters

We love seeing what you've been busy stitching, so send us an email or letter along with a photo and if it gets printed you'll win a prize!

Star letter Photo finish

You are
a winner!
*Magdalena
Drabik*

I thought I'd share something I made for Christmas some time ago, as it was my first time stitching a Christmas bauble. I stitched a simple design of a bell on 25-count aida to make it small, so that I could attach it round a styrofoam ball. I covered the rest of the ball with white and green threads, and at the top I put a length of ribbon so I could hang it up. This bauble was made for my mum as a Christmas gift, and she liked it so much that this year I decided to stitch her another five in different colours to make her a small bauble set. I hope you enjoy it as much as my mum and I do.
Magdalena Drabik, Poland



Rachel says: What a unique and beautiful bauble, Magdalena. I love the design you've chosen, and the Christmassy colours!

WIN!

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Ding dong

As soon as I bought issue 196 of *Crazy*, I couldn't wait to start stitching the free Christmas bell kit. I changed a couple of things, such as using evenweave instead of aida, and adding seed beads instead of French knots, which I find very fiddly. I also added a bead to the centre of each Algerian eye. I hope you like it!
Alison Cullen, London

Yvette says: It's great to see you've adapted our design to make it suit you, Alison. Your decoration will look so sparkly on the Christmas tree!



▲ Alison added seed beads to her Christmas bell from issue 196



▲ Alison's Halloween wreath is packed with gorgeous autumn colours

In the round

Here's my version of your beautiful Halloween wreath from issue 181. I love the pictures, and the colours are fantastic. I've been stitching it in-between other projects, and I'll finish off the remaining two lovely designs for next Halloween.
Alison Vizulis, Surrey

Rachel says: What a spooky and special way to welcome your guests, Alison! I'm so pleased you've enjoyed stitching Joan Elliott's fab designs.

Fairy cute

I thought you might like to see what I did with Lucie Heaton's fairy kit, which came free with issue 192 – just in time for my friend's daughter's second birthday. I personalised it with the girl's name and hair colour and added tiny heart-shaped buttons. I then attached the finished stitching to a card, so it would be easier to post. Thank you for a quick, super-cute design. My friend's little girl was delighted with her fairy!
Marianna Bozzoli, Italy

Yvette says: This is so cute, Marianna. The buttons give it a really fun finish!



▲ We bet any two-year-old would be thrilled with this pretty card!



▲ Well done to Charlotte on finally finishing this large and detailed design

Labour of love

I started this when I was 14 years old, and was told I'd never finish it. Well, now I'm 21 and I've finally done it – I wonder how many people can say they were stitching a design for seven years! Now I'm going to frame it as a reminder that you can finish anything, whatever anyone else says, as long as you put your mind to it!

Charlotte Arlow, Leicester

Rachel says: We're impressed with your dedication – it looks great!

Quick stitch!

Send us a picture of your first finished project from this issue of *Crazy*, and you could win First Past the Post!

I've just finished stitching the Heritage reindeer from the latest issue and really enjoyed it. I'd love to see more designs from Heritage Crafts in *Crazy* – they're so bright and cheerful.

Lorraine Clarke, Aylesbury

Yvette says: Wow, what a quick finish, Lorraine! We put our reindeer in a frame, but this festive fellow makes a fantastic Christmas card. The silver peel-offs and sparkly aida are a lovely touch, too. We'll do our best to bring you more of the same – keep your eyes peeled!



The night before Christmas

I really loved doing part of the Santa's Coming design from issue 196. I only stitched the bottom half, as I used 11-count aida, so it ended up a bit bigger. I enjoy using 11-count as it shows more detail in your projects.

I used metallic threads and changed the colours a little, but I just adore it. I'm going to hang it above my own fireplace.

Linda Jackson, Cumbernauld

Yvette says: Good idea, Linda. You'll enjoy this design year after year!



▲ Linda used metallic threads for this oh-so-Christmassy scene

Pooch perfect

Here's a picture of my first Christmas project this year – one of the designs from the Little Dog range by Mouseloft. I changed the aida to a sparkly one, and added a few beads and some Memory Thread from DMC. I'm trying to get back into a larger project, and am hoping that doing a few small ones will give me the impetus I need!

Audrey Walker, Co. Dublin

Rachel says: Who doesn't love stitching a few small designs to pass the time in between larger projects? Especially cute ones like this! I really love the 3D effect of the Memory Thread, Audrey, and the little hoop looks festive too!



▲ Audrey's Christmas stitch is sure to give her a bit of motivation!

Subs stars



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£20!

Frame not included

Prizes every month!

Each month, three subscribers are selected to win a prize as a thank you for their loyalty to *Crazy*. This month, winners will receive this gorgeous Snowy Days kit, worth over £20! For your chance to win, turn to page 32 and subscribe to *Crazy* today. See below for this month's winners.

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- ▶ Tracey Dunkerton Subs no: CSCZ54473
- ▶ Gemma Bielby Subs no: CSCZ58018

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▼ A lovely example of the fab free bell kit from Crazy 196



Fine finish

Here's my free Christmas bell from issue 196. I used the threads in the kit to have a go at the bonus chart, and the reverse is backed with stick-on felt. I also thought it deserved a ribbon!

Marie-Therese Kielty, Clydebank

Yvette says: Backing your stitching with felt is a great idea, especially if the bell won't be hanging flat against a wall. Well done!

Under the sea

The design on the right is called Moonlight Laguna by Nora Corbett of Mirabilia. She's stitched on a sparkly fabric and I just love her.

The one on the left is a complementary chart which I've just started, called Sunrise Laguna – there was a border to stitch, but I wanted her more free-flowing so chose to leave it off. She took me about a month to complete and was a great summer stitch!

Janie Holmes, Canada

Yvette says: What a beautiful pair – you should be really proud of these, Janie.



▲ Janie couldn't resist these two gorgeous mermaids by Mirabilia



▲ Paula's friend can pop her floral pics inside this cute photo album!

Floral inspiration

Every time I read Crazy it inspires me to take up my needle. So when I saw the cute Forever Friends design in issue 187, I knew I had to stitch it for a friend who loves to make bouquets. My friend takes classes in flower arrangement, and takes pictures of all her work, so I decided to put my finished piece in the front of a photo album and personalise it with her name. She loved it, and I hope you like it, too.

Paula Spee, Netherlands

Rachel says: I love it, Paula, it's a gorgeous gift for your friend. I'm so pleased we inspired you to stitch it!

Cross Stitch quickie!

Next month
NORWEGIAN
FOREST CAT



Turn this long-haired feline into a greetings card for a cat lover – it won't take you long to stitch!

Birman cat

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

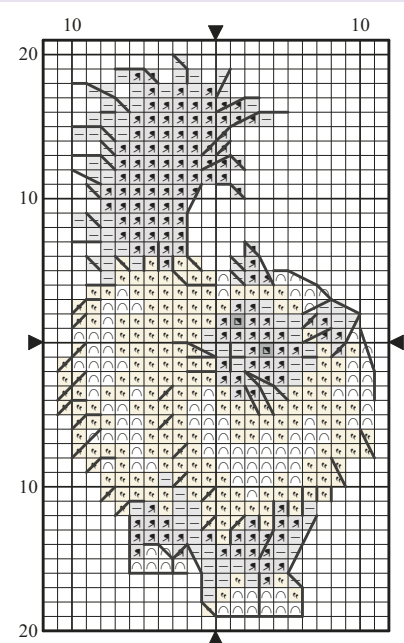
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■	415	398	1802
■	739	366	2014
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✳ Backstitch in one strand

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✳ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 39 (h) x 22 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x4cm (2¾x1½in)



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All the words in this month's wordsearch relate to Sean Bean. Words can read up, down, across, backwards and diagonally. Can you see which word is left over?

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SHARPE
SHEFFIELD
SOLDIERS OF / FORTUNE
TROY

You can find the answer to this puzzle on page 82!



▼ Scented sachets make a special gift

Something new

I stitched these for my daughter-in-law to give to her bridesmaids to hang on satin hangers for their dresses. The one with the date was for the bride herself. I filled each of them with scented beads.

Diane Davies, Canada

Yvette says: I bet the bride and bridesmaids really appreciated this personal touch, Diane.

Autumn colour

My daughter asked me to do something new for her room, but she said she didn't want another picture and would prefer something she could play with. So that's how the idea of a cube first arose. Do you recognise the designs from *Cross Stitch Crazy?*

Rachel says: I certainly do, Ela! These spooky squares make a perfectly bewitching toy for your daughter to play with. I love it!



▲ Be creative like Ela and make a cool cube toy!

First festive stitch

As soon as my subscription copy of *Crazy* came through the letter box and I saw this Joan Elliott design, I just had to stitch it straight away. It's so traditional and I loved the way it was separated into two designs, showing two different scenes of the same night. It's my first Christmas piece of the year and I'm now doing the small Winter Woodland designs from issue 197 by Helz Cuppleditch. I may finish these off in the same way with the red snowflake ribbon if it looks okay, so that all the designs match.

Yvette says: This has been such a popular design! I love the festive ribbon, Jo, and I'm sure it'll look great on your other designs, too.



▲ Joan Elliott's design is a firm favourite with *Crazy* readers like Jo!

Get in touch!

We love to see what you've been busy stitching, so get in touch and tell us all about it, and don't forget to include a picture! Every letter printed wins a super-cute kit from www.Mouseloft.co.uk

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CelebStitch

Henry Cavill

He's flown in specially to be here in stitches, so bring the *Superman* actor to life today!

He's a fully-fledged Hollywood star with several blockbusters under his belt, but this British-born hunk began his career in classic shows like *Midsomer Murders* and *The Tudors*. If you haven't spotted him in *Man of Steel*, then you're in for a treat – as the most recent actor to take on the role of Superman, we think he's done Britain proud!

Superhero fans will love this easy design, which uses whole stitches only to recreate Henry's chiselled good looks – simply stitch some glasses over the top for a touch of Clark Kent! ●

Henry Cavill

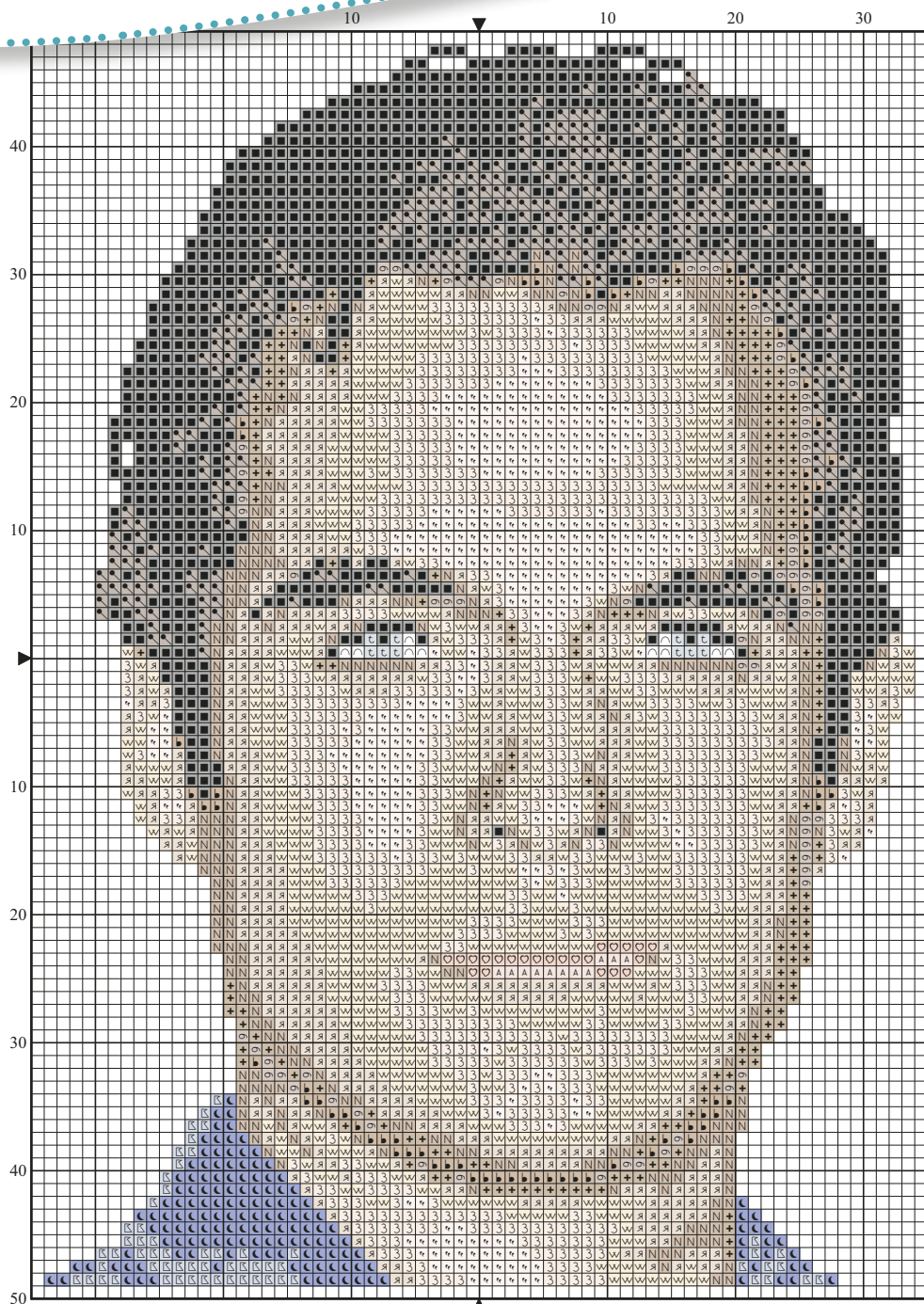
▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✱ Cross stitch in two strands

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N	3863	379	1912
☾	3864	376	1910

✱ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 97 (h) x 68 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
17.5x12.5cm (7x4 3/4in)



Reader's pick!
This celeb was chosen by
LISA WATKINS-PRICE

Who would you like to see as a Crazy Celeb stitch? It might be your favourite actor, a Hollywood icon or even a sporting great! Email your requests to celebstitch@cross-stitching.com or post them to: Celeb stitch, Cross Stitch Crazy, 9th Floor, Tower House, Fairfax Street, Bristol BS1 3BN.

If the celebrity you request is picked to appear in a future issue of *Crazy* then you could be the lucky winner of a fantastic mystery gift.

And, don't forget to email any photos of your stitched celebrities to yvette@cross-stitching.com for your chance to appear on *Crazy's* Letters page and possibly win a prize!

50 Vintage floral Gift ideas



Celebrate the new season with this timeless collection of designs – they're perfect for all your special spring gifts!

Designed by Lesley Teare

Now the chaos of Christmas is over, why not ease yourself back into your stitching routine with a small, sweet design that won't take too long? This gorgeous collection of vintage flowers by Lesley Teare uses beautiful shades of rosy pink, soft lilac and sage green to capture the romance of a bygone era, and bring a touch of style to all your new-season gifts. Or, you could even stitch a little treat for yourself! Choose an elegant floral border to decorate a bag or pillowcase, or mount your favourite motif in a silvery handbag mirror to complete the chic vintage look. ●



StitchTime
2-3 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Fractionals
- ✕ Backstitch

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring a maximum of 12x10cm (4³/₄x4in) for most designs. Available from Craft Department – to buy, call ☎ 01539 823 199 or visit www.craftdepartment.com

Extras - Craft Creations Single Fold card blank (DEC2U) in Creative Hammer White (45). To buy, visit www.craftcreations.com or call ☎ 01992 781 900. Silver Handbag Mirror from www.framecraft.com or call ☎ 01543 360 842. Peach backing fabric and 4in wire hanger available from Craft Department. Backing fabric, zip and ribbon of choice from local craft stores. All other items from high street stores



Just for you



Blooming lovely!



Pretty as a picture

Happy 2015!



Scents of spring

Oh sew sweet



For a floral fan

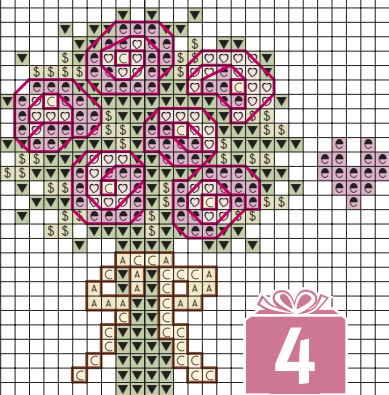
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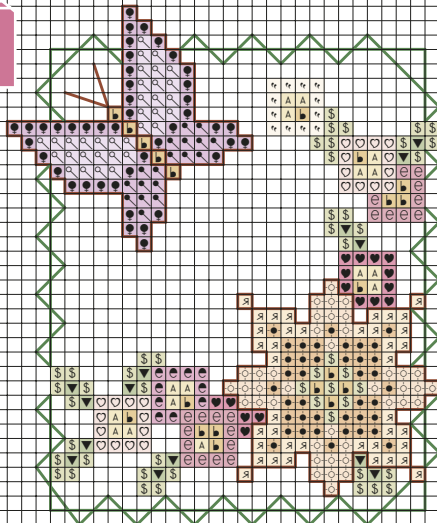
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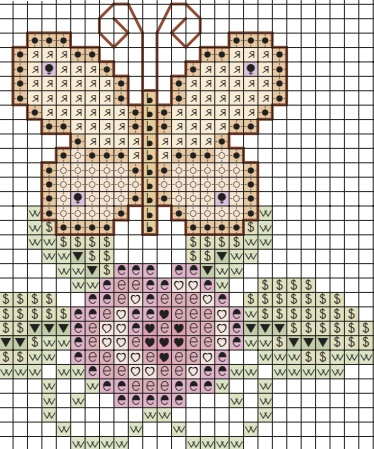
► Stitch a set of vintage-style invites for your next tea party



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Vintage florals

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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✕ Backstitch in one strand

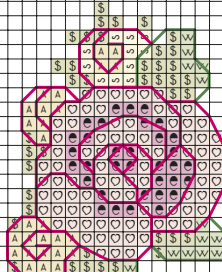
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✕ Contains fractionals

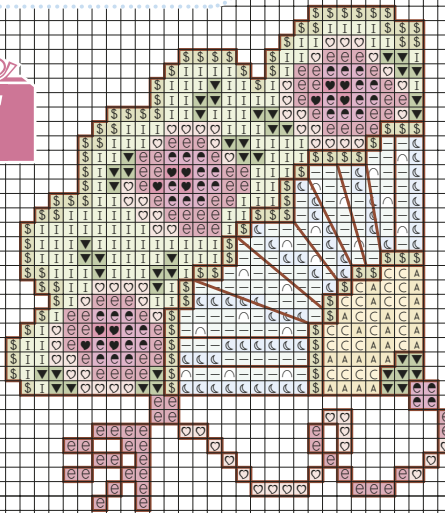
Max. stitch count 42 (h) x 58 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7.5x10.5cm (3x4in)
Stitched by Angela Ottewell

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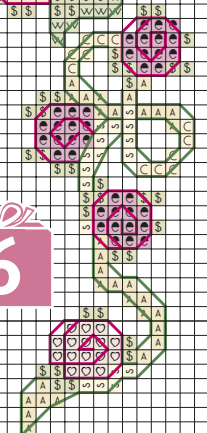
► A box of macarons or French fancies will look even tastier with one of these motifs attached



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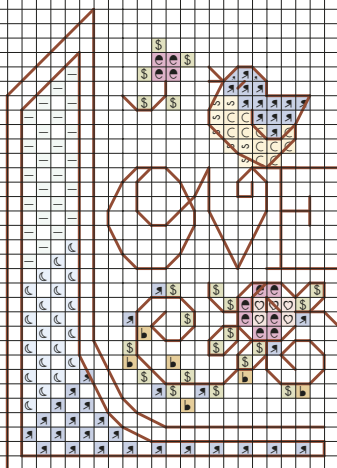


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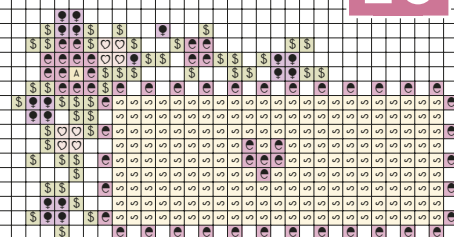


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► Stitch designs onto antique evenweave or linen to add an aged feel to these vintage blooms



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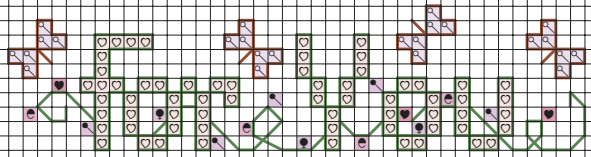


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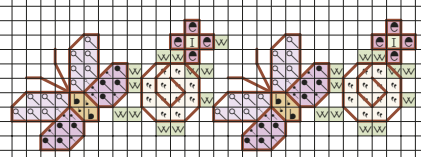
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► Embellish a potted plant with a stitched design made into a pretty plant poke

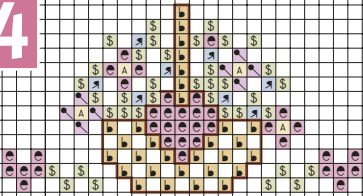
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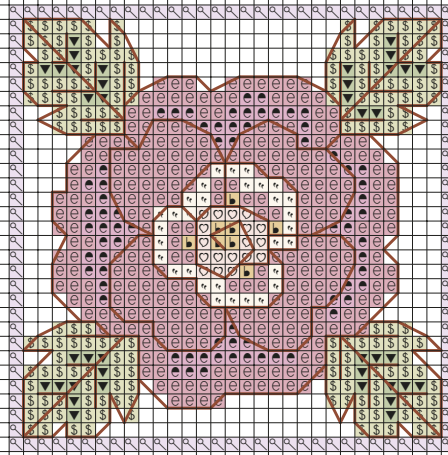
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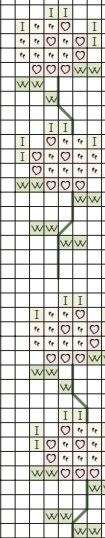
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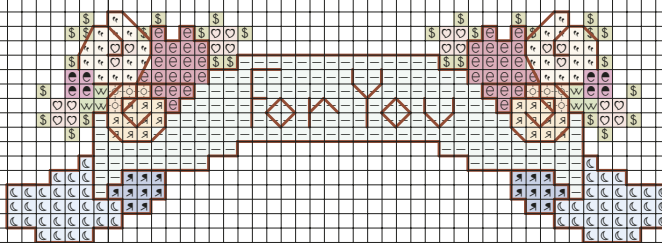
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► Stitch flowers, birds and butterflies onto aida triangles to create bunting for your home

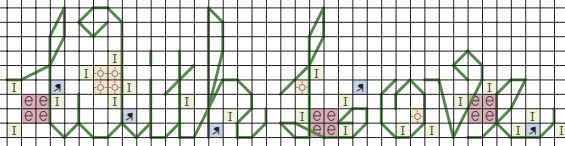
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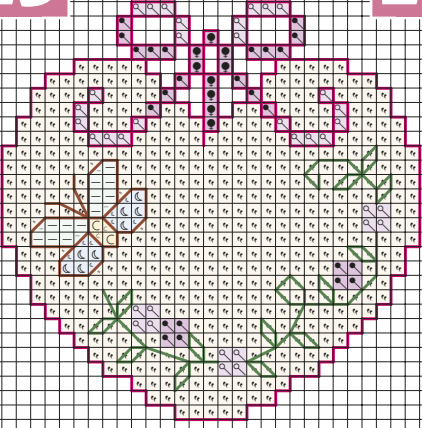
► Combine a motif and greeting to create the perfect card for someone special

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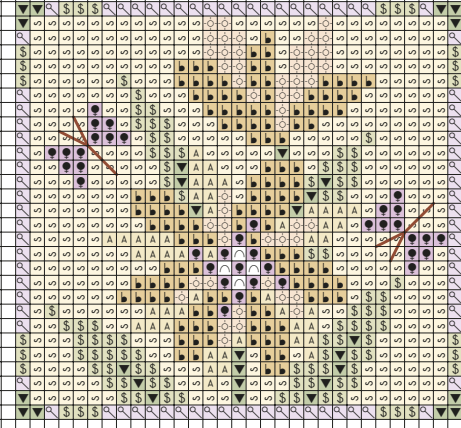


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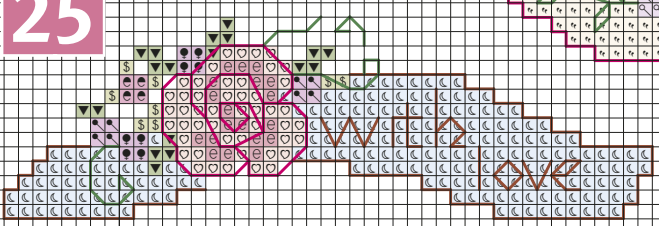
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► Use one of the square designs to make a beautiful biscomu pincushion

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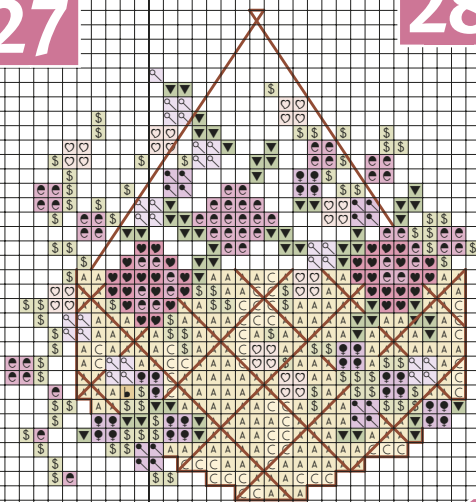
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► Patch a motif onto a gardening apron for a green-fingered friend

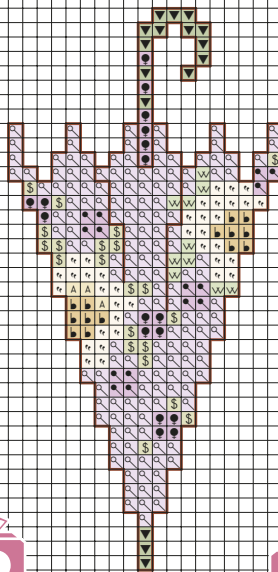
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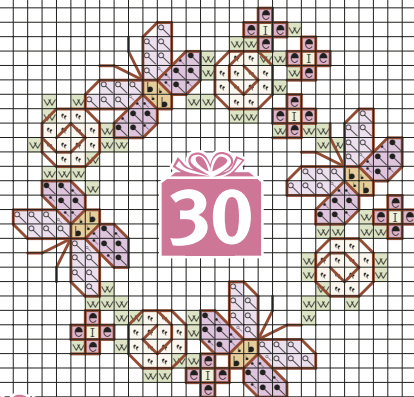


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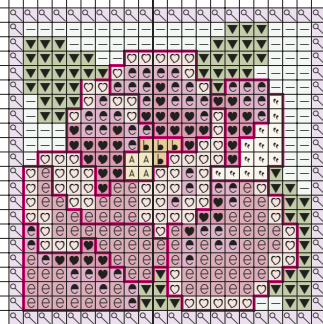
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► Search for old wooden embroidery hoops and mount your designs inside for a vintage display

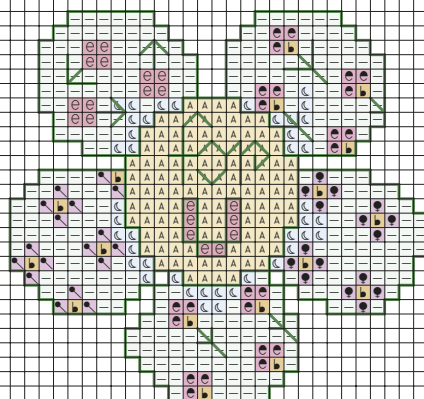


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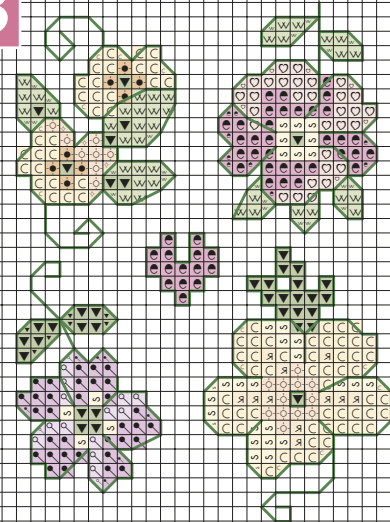
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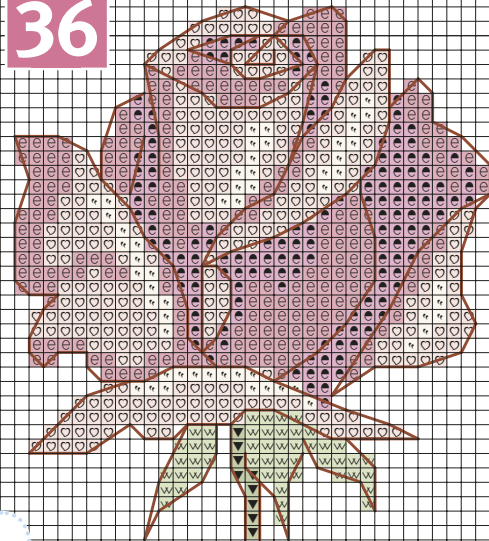
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► Pair these motifs with polka-dot or dainty floral fabric to make stylish cushions and bags

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► For added vintage glamour, attach some silver or gold seed beads to your designs

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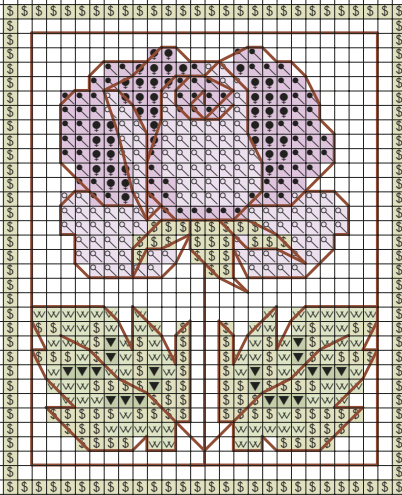
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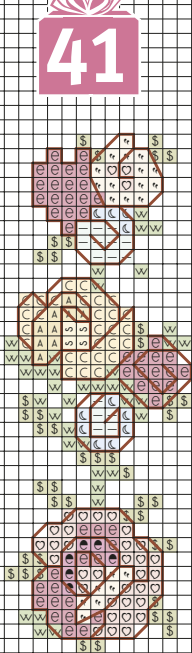
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► Turn one of our motifs into a hanging decoration to brighten up a boring doorknob

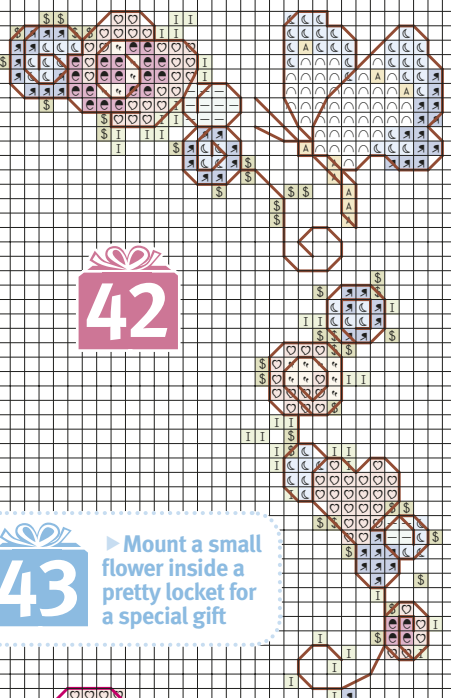
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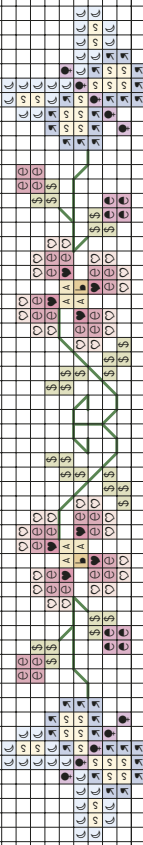
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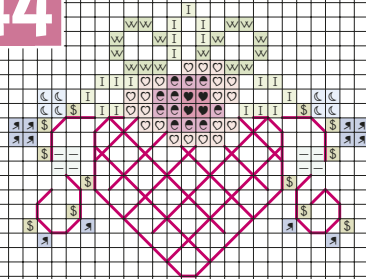
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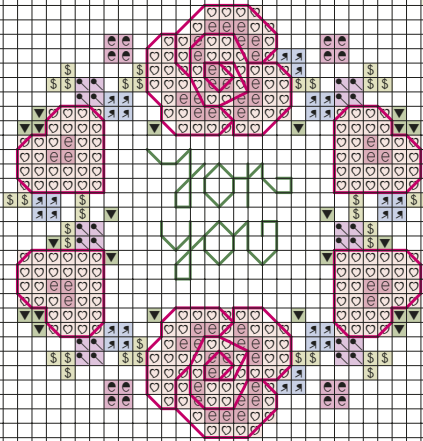
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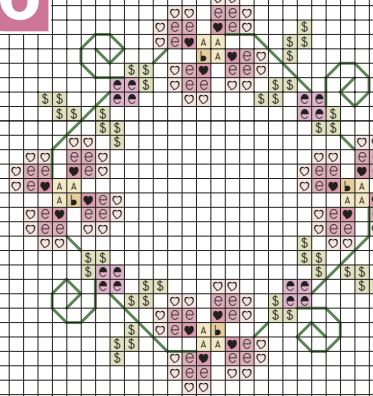
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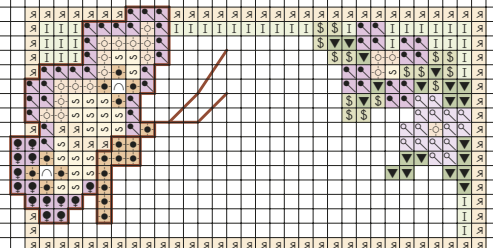
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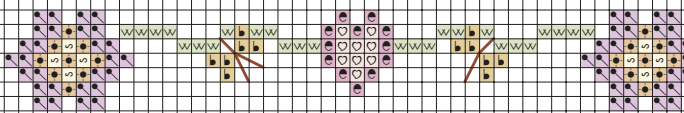
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► Decorate the edge of a vintage mirror using one of our repeat motifs stitched on aida band

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► Mount a small flower inside a pretty locket for a special gift

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Winter's night



Come in from the cold and snuggle up on the sofa with two of our favourite polar pals in this oh-so-cute scene

Designed by Lee Holland

One of the beauties of cross stitch is you can conjure up the most magical moments in the sweep of a needle. So it's with enormous pleasure that we bring you this charmingly cuddlesome penguin and polar



StitchTime
50-60 hrs

StitchList...

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Fractionals
- ✕ Backstitch
- ✕ French knots

bear enjoying a big bear-sized hug on their little slice of ice.

Worked on navy blue aida to emphasise the chill of a polar night's sky, and decorated with shimmery snowflakes created using DMC Light Effects, this is the perfect project to while away those wintery evenings. ●

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton and metallic thread as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count Navy Blue aida measuring 33x33cm (13x13in). To buy, call ☎ 0800 056 7811 or visit www.willowfabrics.com

Extras - Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 23x23cm (9x9in)





*Get a cosy glow by stitching this
adorable heartwarming hug*



Polar pals

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in three strands

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✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	310	403	2400
—	318	399	1801

✕ Backstitch in two strands

—	350	11	213
—	702	226	1306

— E5200 (DMC Light Effects)

✕ French knots in two strands

●	350	11	213
●	702	226	1306

✕ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 127 (h) x 127 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
23x23cm (9x9in)
Stitched by Sandra Doolan

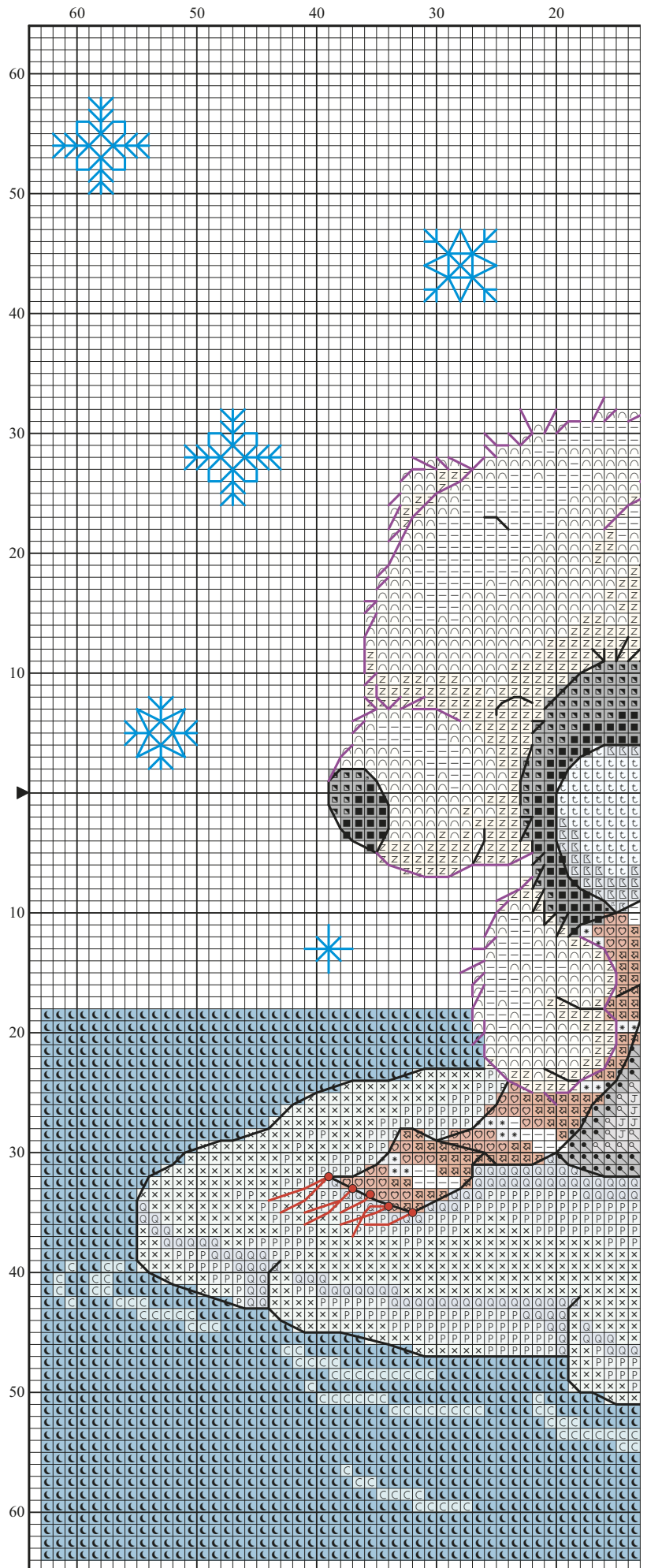
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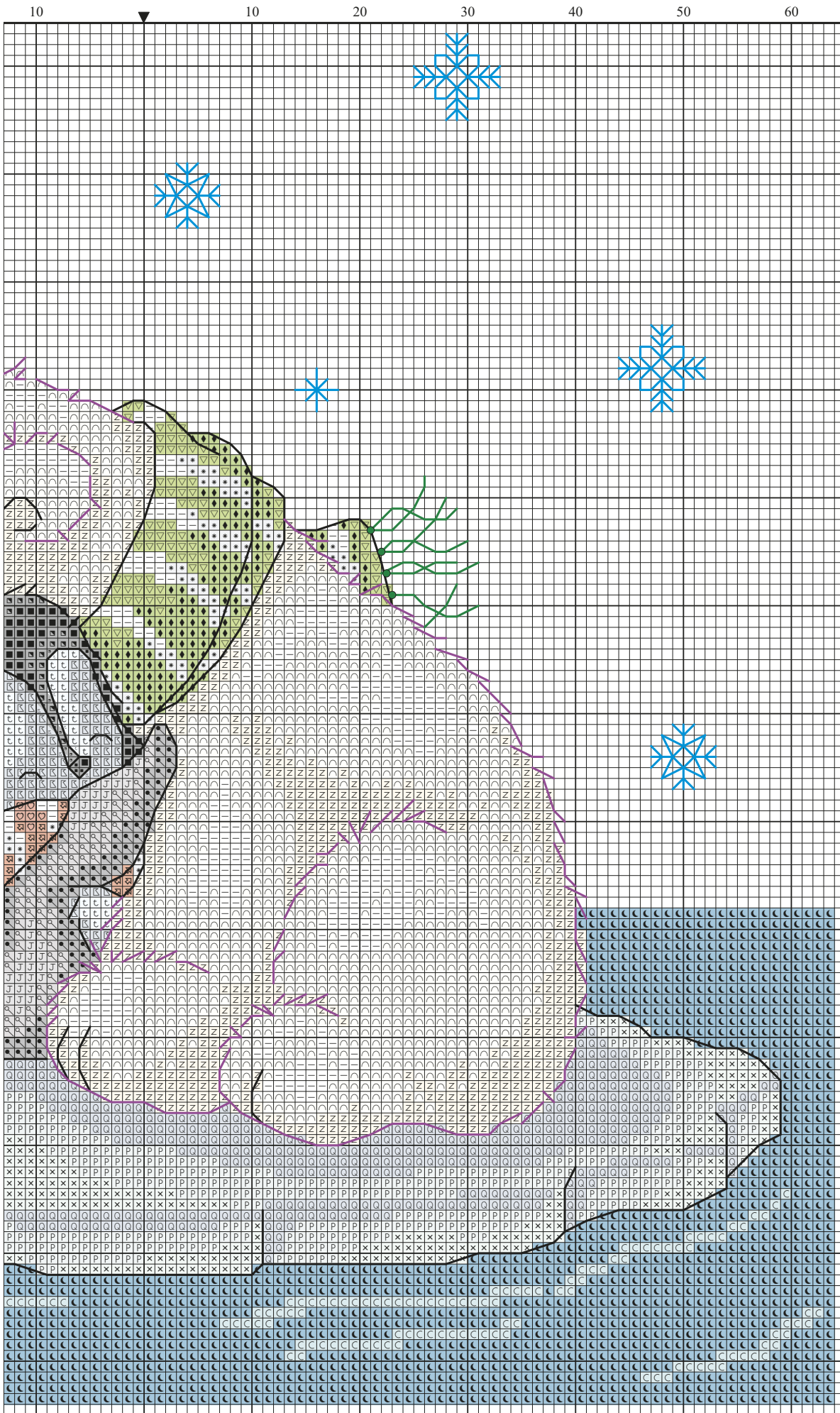


This peaceful design of the polar bear cuddling the penguin is just so cute. I think my daughters

would really love it too!

Alison Lubbe, South Africa





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January Must-haves



This month, Rachel has been searching out new treats for the New Year – here's what she found!

◀ Keep believing

Realising the world is a huge and exciting place can sometimes get forgotten in the humdrum of daily life, so stitch yourself some inspirational messages to help you remember! Do More of What Makes You Happy, £4, and If You Dream Big Enough Anything Can Come True, £5, are both available as instant PDF or JPG downloads from RedBear Design, so you can start stitching straightaway!

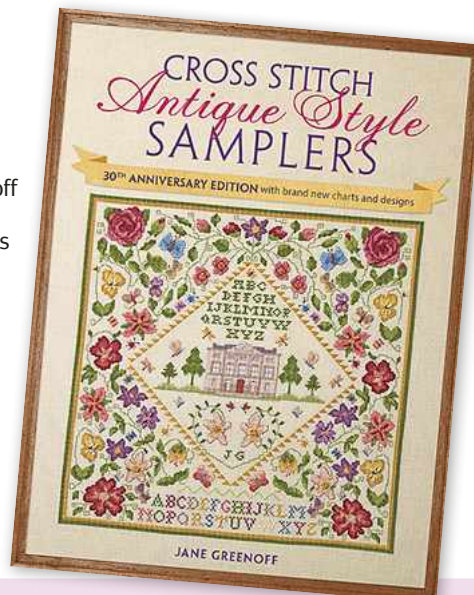
* To buy and download, visit www.redbeardesign.etsy.com



▶ Something old, something new

To celebrate 30 years of stitching, Jane Greenoff has released a new edition of her best-selling book, *Cross Stitch Antique Style Samplers*. This beautiful collector's 30th anniversary issue features new charts and more inspirational examples of antique samplers from Jane's very own collection. Each chapter focuses on a popular sampler style, so you're sure to find the perfect one for you! Plus, the hardback version features a bonus chart. At just £20, every stitcher should have a copy!

* Visit www.ilovecrossstitch.co.uk or call ☎ 0844 880 5851 to buy



▲ Sew you

Add a splash of colour to your craft room with this gorgeous Long Sewing Kit, part of a cool new range of Sausage Dog sewing accessories from John Lewis. Great for taking with you on your travels, this perky pooch is sure to brighten your day whenever you decide to whip out your stitching! The kit costs £11 and contains a stitch picker, safety pins, tape measure, buttons, thimble, needles and needle case, plus 12 mini assorted thread reels.

* To buy, visit www.johnlewis.com or call ☎ 0345 604 9049





▲ Wash and go

Don't you just love clever things that look much more complicated than they really are? We do too, and these new cross stitch patch kits from Bobo Stitch definitely fall under this category. The range currently includes Grey Skull, Pink Skull, Kapow! (from left to right) and Patchwork Bunny, each £15, and each super-simple to use! Just tack the soluble canvas included onto any item of clothing, stitch your design, then soak it in warm water. The canvas magically disappears, leaving the design behind. Genius!

* To order, visit www.bobostitch.co.uk

► Tree of life

Celebrate a newborn in stitches with a beautiful personalised sampler their parents can keep and treasure forever! We love these stylish and subtly different designs for boys and girls, new from The Historical Sampler Company. Tree A-Z Birth Sampler – Boy (left) and Tree A-Z Birth Sampler – Girl (right) measure 28x34cm (11x13½in) and are available to buy as chart packs for £9, or as kits on 16-count aida or 32-count linen for £29.50 each.

* Visit www.historicalsamplercompany.co.uk or call ☎ 01268 711 918 to buy



◀ A sneak squeak!

Make sure there's always a little ray of sunshine in your home with this glorious bloom-filled design, new from Bothy Threads! Teapot Mouse looks pleased as punch to be peeping out of this terrific teapot, or maybe it's those scrumptious-looking cupcakes he has his eye on! This kit is worked in whole cross stitch and backstitch, costs £19.99, and comes with 14-count Zweigart aida, pre-sorted threads, a needle and the chart. The finished size measures 18cm square.

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▲ Thread heaven

Keeping needles threaded with different shades is one of the top tips for stitchers, so why not follow suit, keeping them within easy reach on these magnetic Cross Stitch Needle Minders? We love the rustic look of these wooden versions which cost \$7 (approximately £4.50) plus postage. They'd also make nice little gifts for crafty friends. Just saying!

* Visit www.aneedlerunsthroughit.etsy.com to buy

Splurge or save?

This month, we've picked two jewellery kits to suit your stitching budget, whether you're counting the pennies or splashing out!

Rainbow bright

Who wouldn't feel uplifted with this cute cloud hanging about their neck? This Cloud Rainbow Cross Stitch pendant kit costs \$19 (approximately £12) plus postage, and includes everything you need to make it. To buy, visit www.beadeux.etsy.com.

splurge!



Winging it

Breathe life into a well-loved jacket with this pretty Garden Butterfly Pin. The kit includes Mill Hill glass beads, thread, perforated paper, a needle, the pin back and the chart. Visit www.sewandso.co.uk to buy for £5.39 or call ☎ 0800 013 0150.

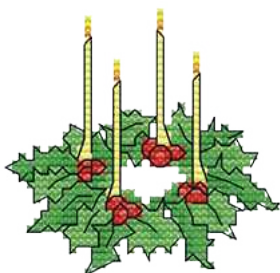
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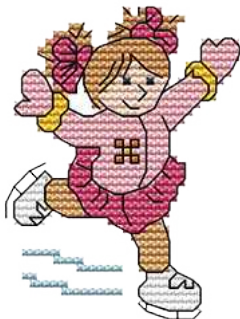
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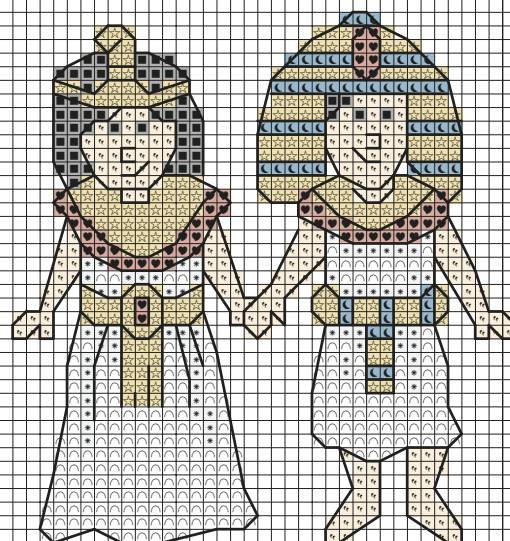
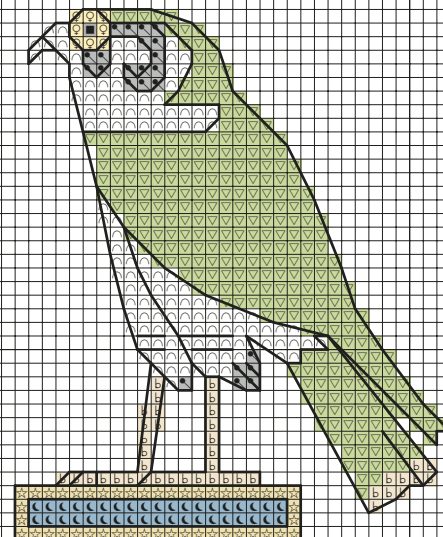
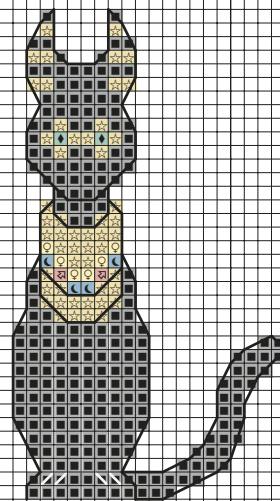
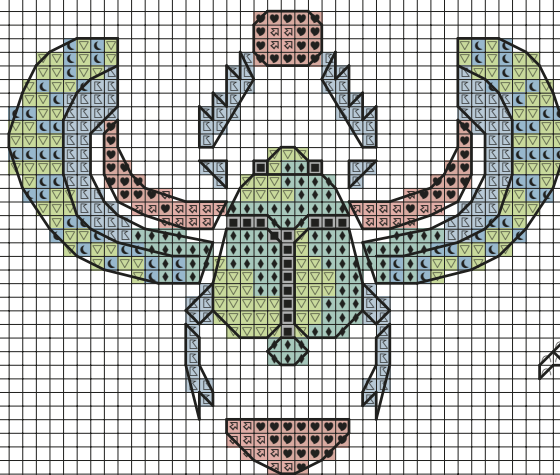
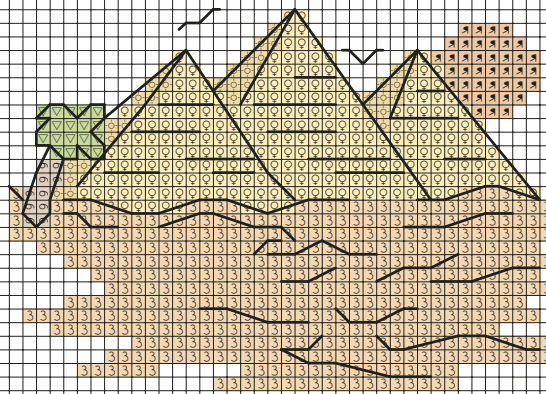


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Ancient Egypt

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	310	403	2400
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✕ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 40 (h) x41 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7.5x7.5cm (2 3/4 x 3 in)

Crazy for...

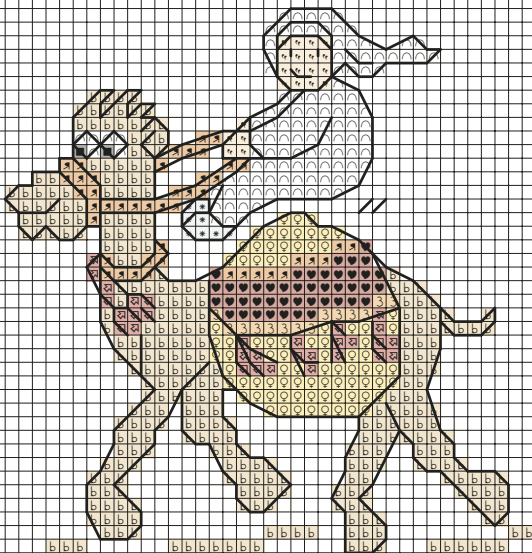
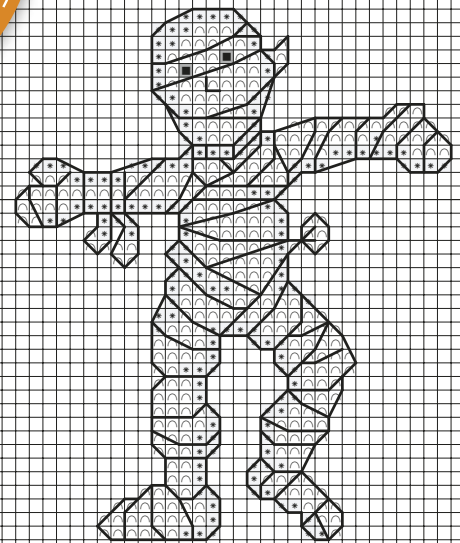
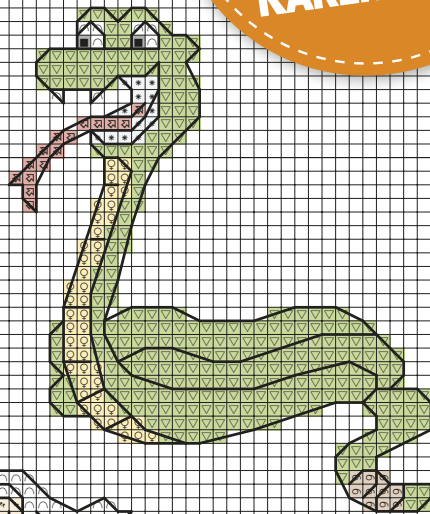
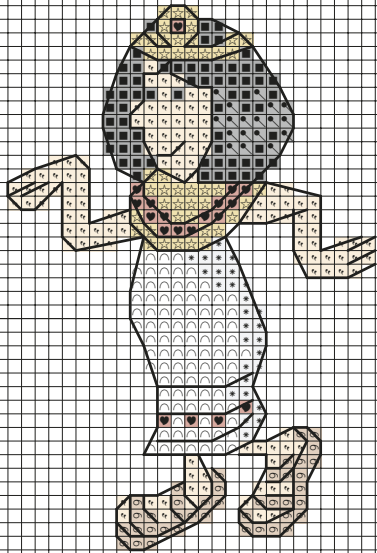
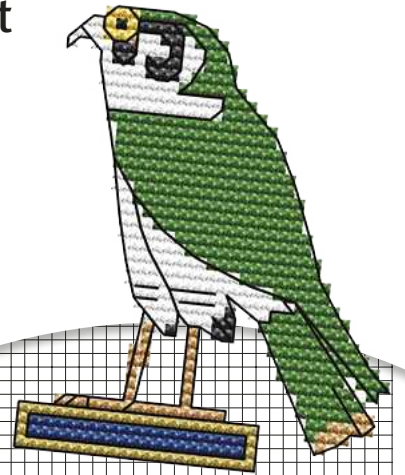
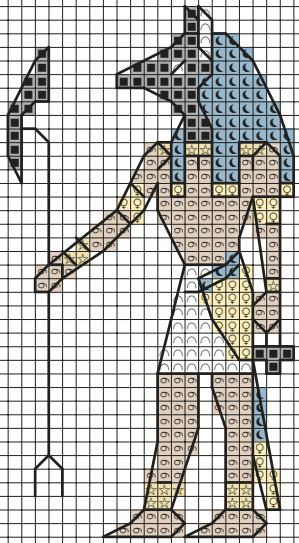
Ancient Egypt

Explore this captivating ancient civilisation in stitches, as your needle works like an Egyptian!

Designed by Jenny Barton

*Reader's
pick!*

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Crazy's Angels



Send your stitching problems to *Crazy's Angels* and watch them leap into action!

Clean and shiny

Q I've accidentally melted some interfacing onto my iron. I've started scraping it off, but I'm worried about removing the Teflon coating. Do I need to buy a new iron, or is there an alternative?

Julia Clover, Derbyshire

A Have no fear, Julia, you definitely don't need to buy a new iron! There's a product from Vilene that'll quickly and easily help you to remove tough starch and burn marks. Simply rub the Iron Cleaner stick onto a warm iron, leave for a few seconds, then wipe with a dry, absorbent cloth. Make sure you clean out the steam vents with a few puffs and your iron will be as good as new. This product is



▲ Keep your iron in tip-top condition with a regular dose of Vilene Iron Cleaner

also a real bargain with an RRP of £2.95. You'll get lots of uses out of it, and with regular use, it'll extend the life of your iron. To find a local stockist of Iron Cleaner, email crafts@stockistenquiries.co.uk or call ☎ 01453 883 581.

First timer

Q I recently bought a copy of *Crazy* because I loved the design on the cover. I've never cross stitched before, and I know this probably sounds silly, but I'm a bit confused about how to transfer the chart onto the fabric. Do I cut it out and place it on top, or just copy it over by eye?

Jodie Hedinder, Essex

A Cross stitching can be daunting for any beginner, but it's easy once you get started. You don't lay the chart over the fabric, as the size of the chart may be different to the size of the aida, plus the paper would make it difficult to stitch through the fabric. You need to pick a colour from the

key, find the squares that appear in that colour on the chart, then stitch them onto the fabric. It's best to start in the centre of your fabric and chart – to find the centre, fold the fabric into quarters. For more guidance, turn to page 80 to find our How to section for beginners, or visit Cross-stitching.com for all sorts of handy video tutorials. We hope that helps, Jodie!

Perfect present

Q My daughter's birthday is in January, and I always struggle for ideas for presents so soon after Christmas. Can you help me find a gift for a teenager obsessed with sewing?

Annie Wilkinson, London

A We adore these Lipgloss Thimbles by Love Lammie, and we're sure your daughter will, too. These stylish little accessories would be a perfect present for any occasion. They come in a choice of colours and flavours including Silver Vanilla, Blue Blueberry, Pink Strawberry, Purple Grape and Orange. To buy for £3.50, visit www.notonthehighstreet.com.

▼ Lipgloss thimbles – a great gift for crafty teens!



Three glamorous geishas

Welcome these stunning designs into your home



SIMPLE ELEGANCE

This Oriental Lady kit is perfect if you're short on time. The kit contains 14-count aida, threads, a needle, the chart and instructions. To buy for £2.29, visit www.mouseloft.co.uk.



MODERN TWIST

Turn this cool geisha chart into a really funky mini cushion, or mount it on a canvas. Buy the Oriental Girl Chart Booklet for £1.79 at www.sewandso.co.uk or call them on ☎ 0800 013 0150.



CLASSIC BEAUTY

For a more traditional stitch, try Amor, a design of a young geisha amongst the flowers, by Luca-S. This pretty kit costs £29.34 from www.thehappycross-stitcher.com or call ☎ 01325 240 192 to buy.

Our TOP TIPS

For framing cross stitch

- 1 Use repositionable spray mount to help get your stitching straight and central.
- 2 If you're padding your cross stitching, back the stitching with interfacing first.
- 3 If you're not using glass in the picture frame, help shield your stitching from dust and dirt using a spray-on fabric or upholstery protector.
- 4 Stick the fabric to the back of the mount with masking tape to stop it from fraying.
- 5 For a really professional finish, make sure you iron out all folds and creases before mounting your stitching.
- 6 When cutting fabric, leave at least 2.5cm (1in) excess fabric around the edges of the backing board for folding.
- 7 Before you mount your stitching, make sure it's really clean, as marks will be more apparent when on display.
- 8 Shop around for frames! Charity shops often have a surprising choice and can be great value for money.

Sweet celebration

Q It's my 10 year wedding anniversary on 1st February and I want to stitch my husband a special gift. I'm also making him some handmade chocolates, so it would be great if it could be chocolate themed. Do the Angels have any suggestions?

Karen Bishop, Germany

A How about this delicious-looking kit from The Nutmeg Company's Keepsake Collection? The Chocolate Box is a little trinket box measuring 4.2x8x8cm (1³/₄x3x3in), and the kit contains stitching and lining fabrics, wadding, plastic canvas, DMC threads, a needle, the chart and full instructions. The design will complement your handmade sweets perfectly – you could even pop a few little chocs inside. Sadly, the kit doesn't include those shown in the picture! Order for £17.95 at www.3dcrossstitch.co.uk or call ☎ 01748 884 926.

Busy bee

Q I love cross stitching and I'm interested in trying some other sewing and crafting techniques. Is there a book I can buy that will help me learn a few basics, and give me some ideas?

Vivienne Jones, Kent

A The *Sew Fabulous* book by Stuart Hillard, from BBC2's *The Great British Sewing Bee*, is the ideal book for you, Vivienne. It has

▼ Treat a loved one to this luxurious box of chocolates!



a fantastic selection of designs, ranging from super-easy no-sew projects to more advanced makes, using a few basic sewing techniques. It's full of ideas for a novice maker and instructions to learn simple sewing skills, but it also has some projects for the more experienced. Once you've mastered these transferrable skills, you'll be able to whip up some cross stitch bunting or a beautiful hanging in no time. Buy this gorgeous book for £20 from www.johnlewis.com.



▲ Learn how to sew with this handy new book

Pulling threads

Q What's a pulled thread technique, and can you tell me how it's done, Angels?

Francis Winick, Inverness

A Pulled thread embroidery (also known as drawn thread) is a type of counted thread embroidery where the fabric threads are pulled together using a variety of decorative stitching techniques. Commonly stitched only in white, the simple embroidery techniques become pulled thread stitches by pulling the thread taut. The effect of this

technique is a lovely lacy finish. No threads are actually cut or pulled out of the fabric. For the best results, use linen fabrics as the threads are easily drawn to create the gaps. If you're interested in learning more, search online for tutorials and more stitching styles.

Hands free

Q I was wondering if the Angels could recommend a book stand for holding issues of *Crazy open*? I usually stitch with my magazine flat on my lap, but I keep getting a stiff neck.

Cyrille Pelham, Cardiganshire

A There's a stand made especially for holding charts and magazines called the PROP-IT Magnetic Needlework Chart Holder 2160. Designed for stitchers like you, it even has magnets that you can position as markers on the chart, which can be moved as you progress through your work. It also has an elastic strap to keep the pages securely open, and adjustable supports for large books. It folds down to just 20x28cm (8x11in), so it's portable and easy to store, too. Order for £14.50 at www.amazon.co.uk. ●



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Designed by Jennifer Ellory



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(Each)

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StitchList...

For all stitchers

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch
- ✕ French knots



We all know we should be getting a good eight hours of deep and dream-filled sleep a night, but achieving it isn't always that simple! So, to help you on your way, we've asked Jennifer to design three super-stylish eye masks. Two of the designs are worked in whole stitches only for a fast finish, and you could always replace the French knots on the 'Do Not Disturb' design with seed beads if you prefer. Once you've finished stitching, simply follow the handy How To opposite to make up your mask, then slip into bed, turn out the light and drift off to the land of nod! ●

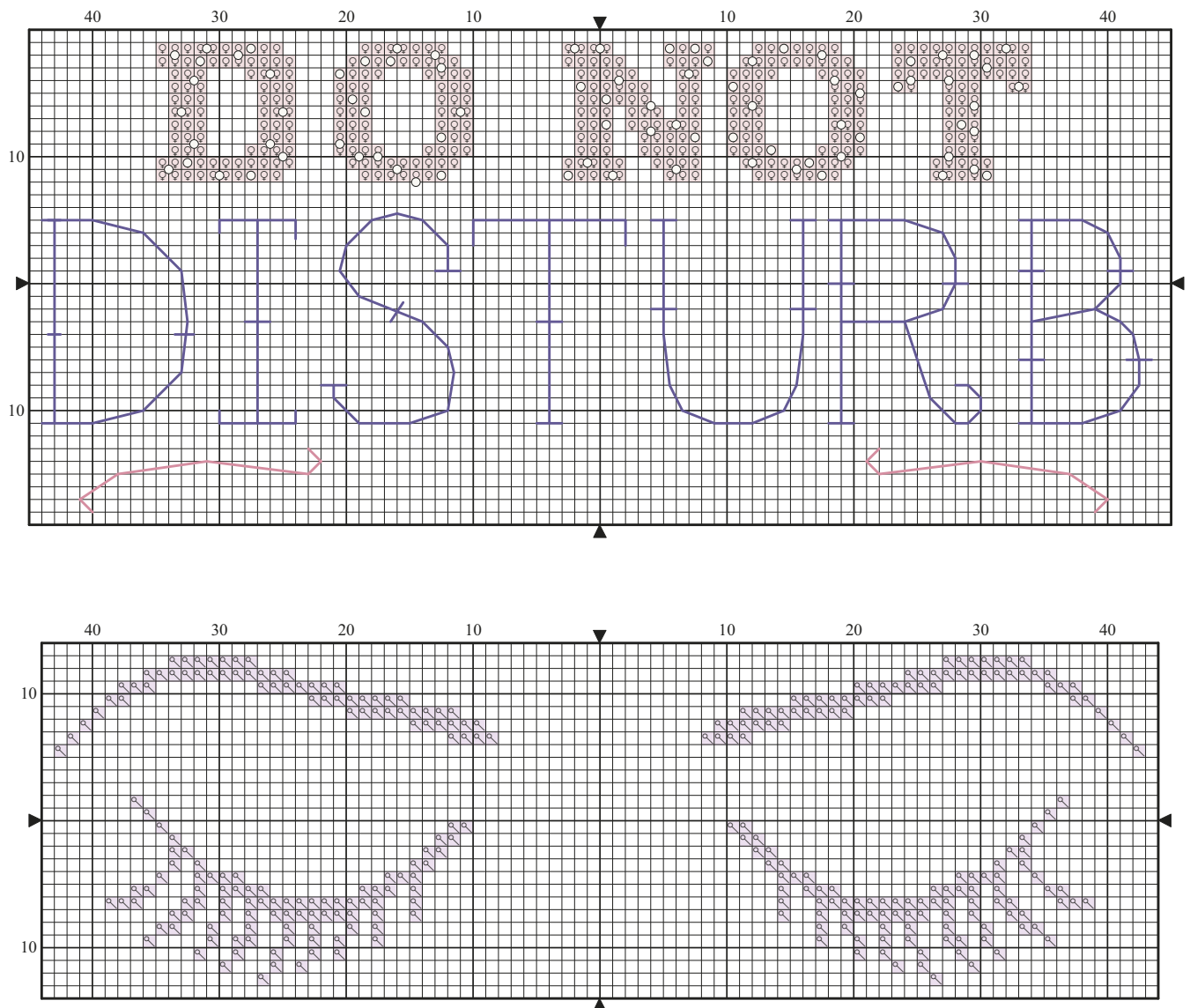
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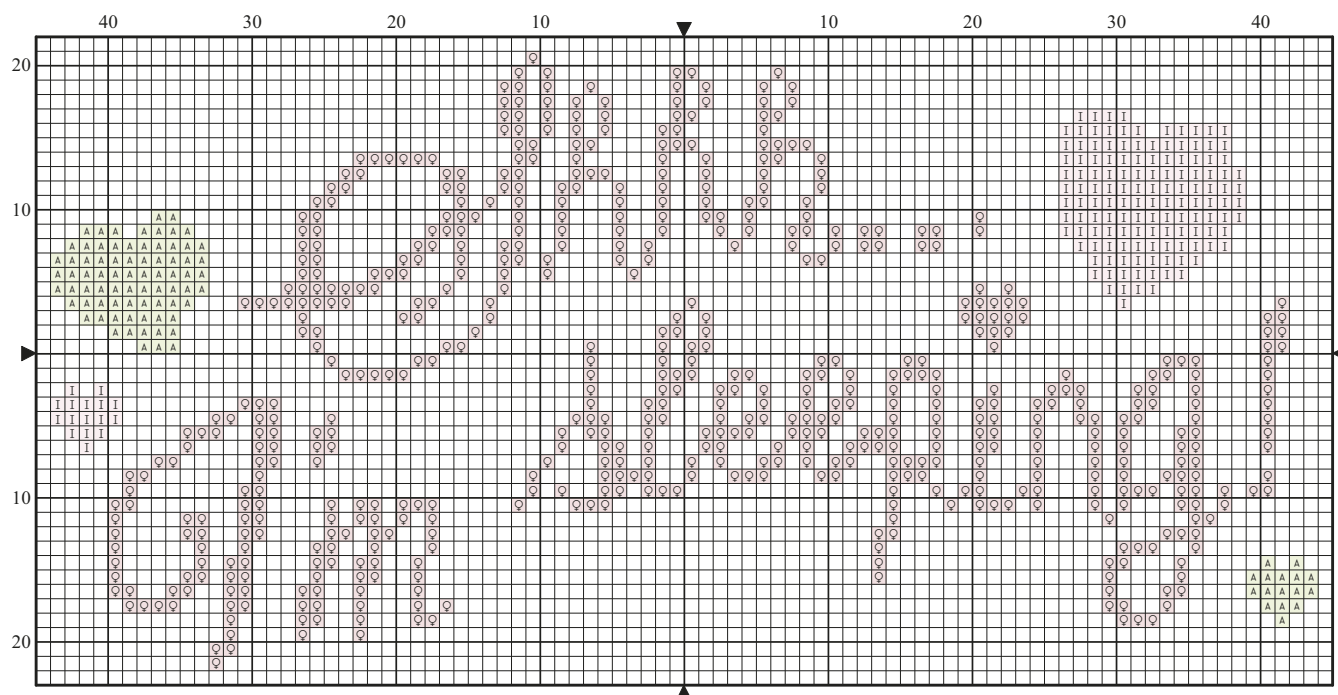
Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 26 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white evenweave measuring 12x23cm (4½x9in) for each design. Available to order from Willow Fabrics, call ☎ 0800 056 7811 or visit www.willowfabrics.com to buy

Extras - Backing fabric, wadding and ribbon of choice available from local craft stores





ReaderSays...



I'm absolutely loving these sleep masks! They look so quick and easy to stitch and make up, and I think they'd make great gifts for either men or women. I'm sure a few members of my family will be finding one of these masks amongst their stack of presents on Christmas morning!

Dorothy Ford, County Down, Northern Ireland

HowTo

Follow these simple steps to make your stitching into a pretty eye mask

1 Once you've finished stitching your chosen design, cut around it in the shape of an eye mask (see main image). If you prefer, you can download a printable template at Cross-stitching.com in the Charts and Patterns section.

2 Cut a piece of backing fabric in a complementary shade to the same size, and also a piece of wadding to the same size.

3 Place your stitched piece and backing fabric together with right sides facing, then place the wadding on top.

4 Cut two lengths of ribbon measuring approximately 55cm (21½in) and place between the stitched piece and the backing fabric, leaving 2cm (¾in) overhanging at each side of the mask. Make sure the ribbon is long enough to tie around your head.

5 Machine-stitch together using a 1cm (½in) seam allowance (included on the template), leaving a 5cm (2in) gap for turning through.

6 Turn your mask through to the right side and neatly slipstitch the gap closed to finish.

Eye masks

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Backstitch in two strands

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✕ French knots in one strand

○	3865	2	2403
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✕ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 43 (h) x 88 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
8x16.5cm (3x6¼in)
Stitched by Sharon Cooper



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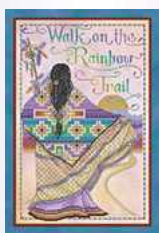
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Pamper your two or four-legged friends with a stitched sign especially for them – they're bound to love these friendly faces as much as you do!

Designed by Lucie Heaton

StitchList...

Perfect for beginners

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch

Those of us with pets know they're some of our most loyal and loving friends. Enthusiastically greeting us whenever we come home from a long day at the office, keeping us company and brightening our days whatever the weather or the daily grind happens to be throwing at us, we just couldn't imagine life without them! So, with this in mind,

why not celebrate that special relationship with a stitched name plate for your pet using this cute abc? Worked in easy peasy whole stitches with a bit of backstitch for definition, you'll be finding all manner of excuses to use these quick-stitch letters! Not just perfect for pets, they also make gorgeous greeting cards for kids of all ages, or even an adorable bedroom sign for an animal-mad little one! ●

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

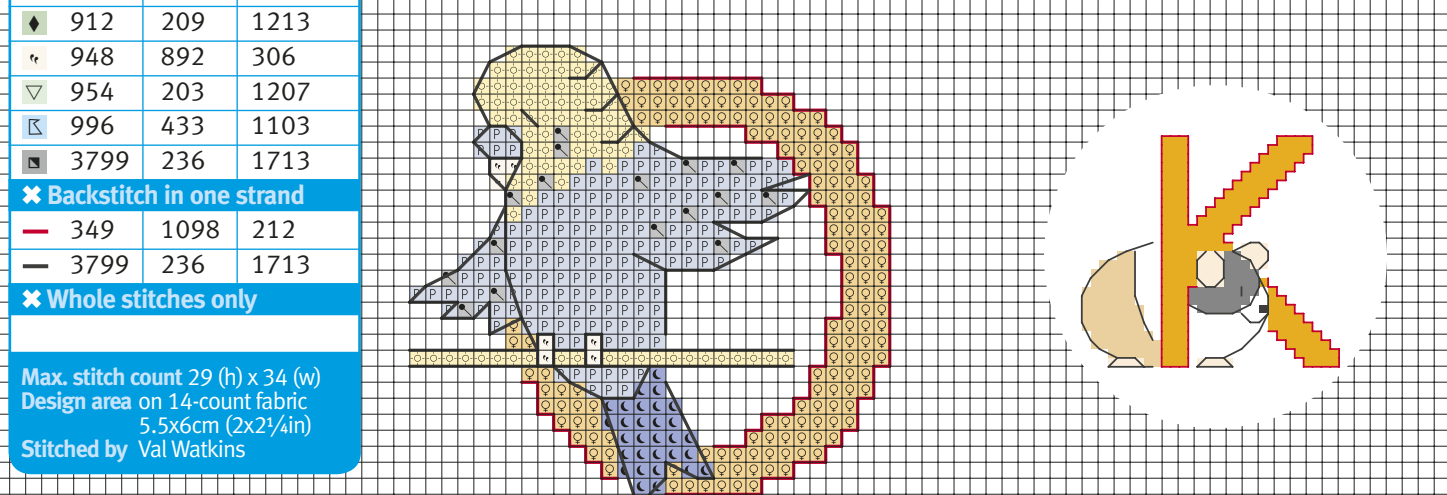
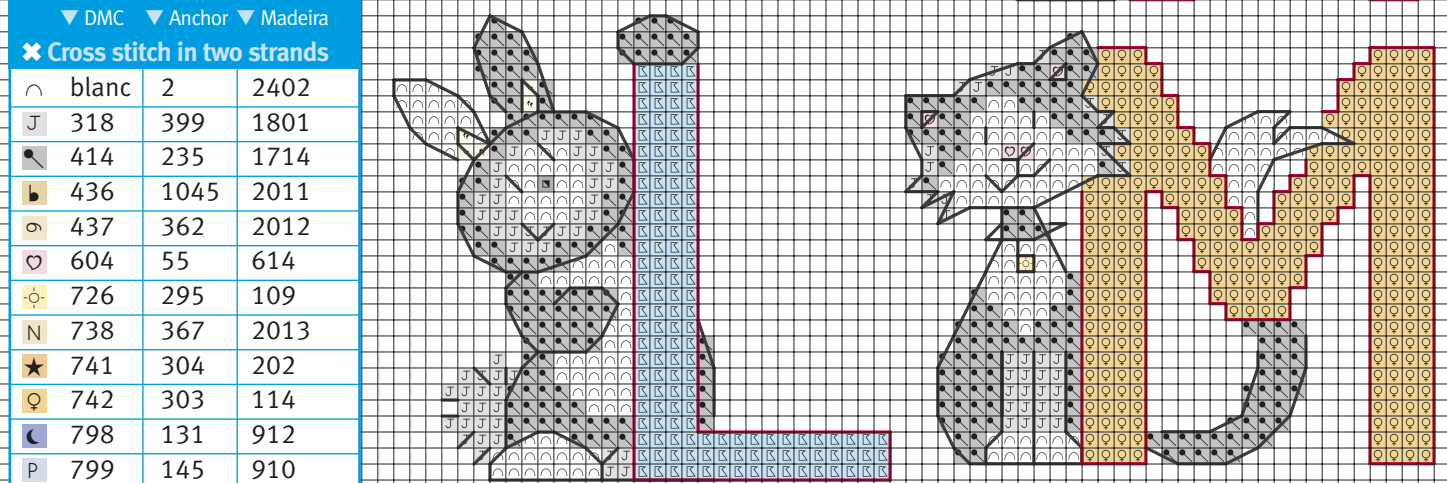
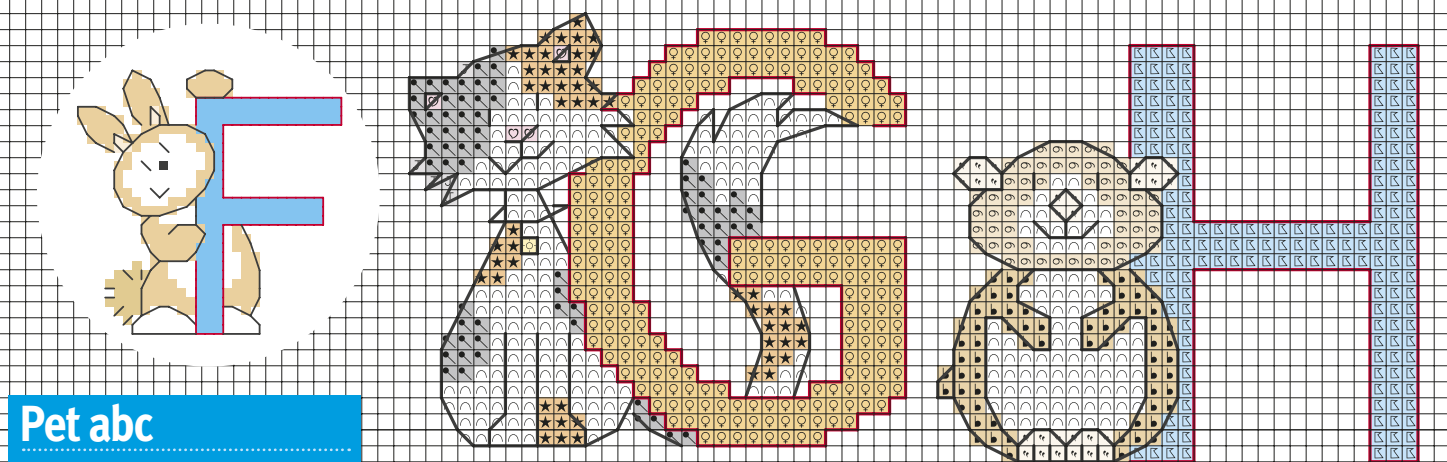
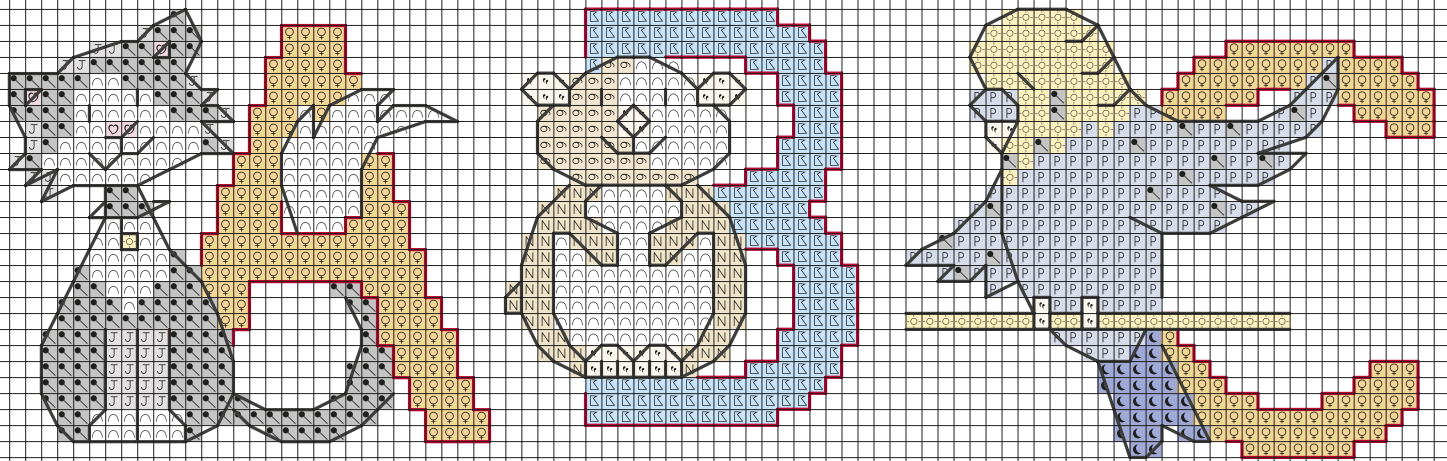
Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 10cm (4in) high, cut to the required length. To buy, call ☎ 0800 013 0150 or visit www.sewandso.co.uk

Extras - Backing paper and ribbon of choice plus cardboard for sign from local craft stores

Stitch a menagerie of multi-coloured animals!





Pet abc

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✦ Cross stitch in two strands

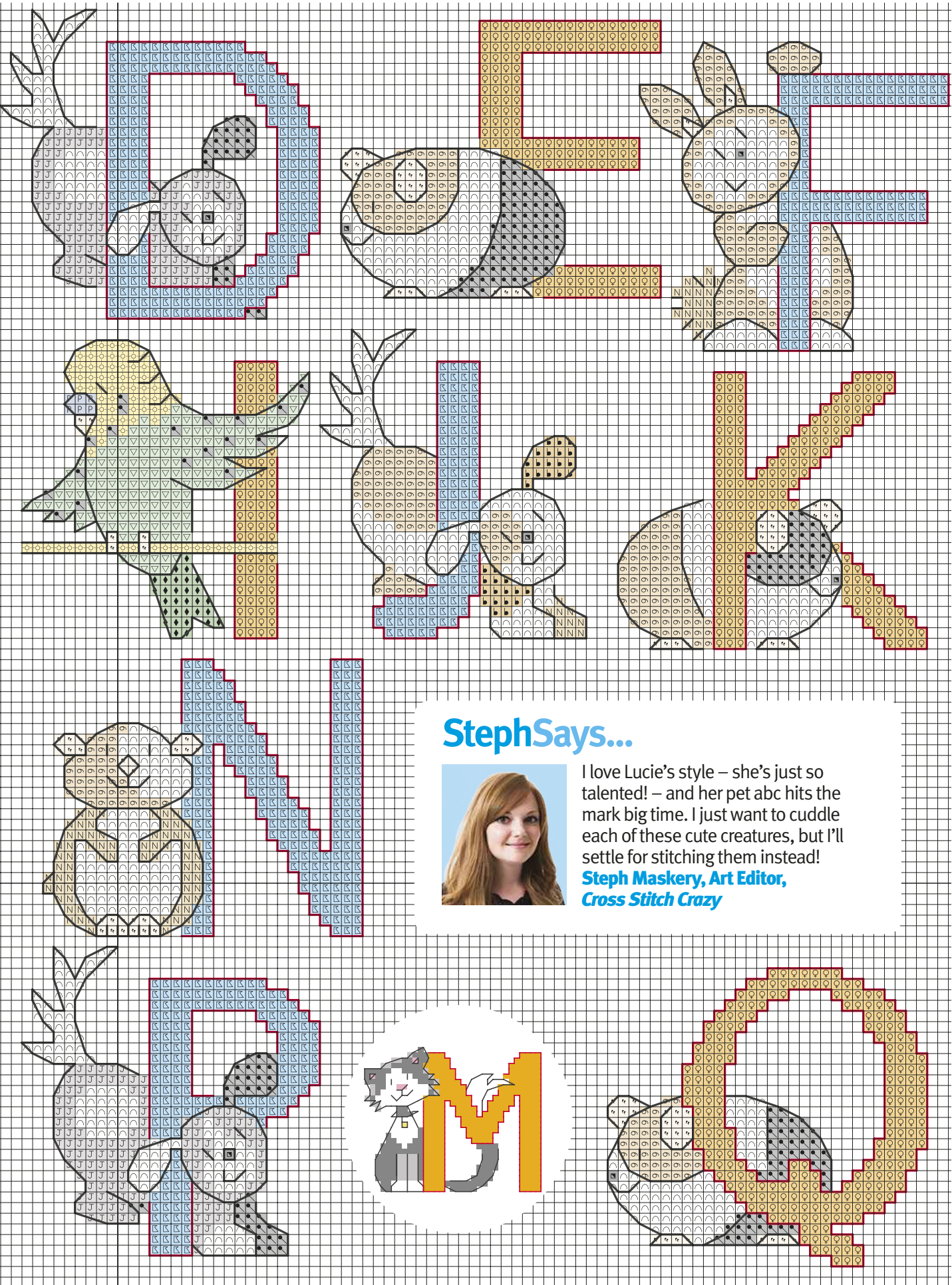
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741	304	202	
742	303	114	
798	131	912	
P	799	145	910
912	209	1213	
948	892	306	
954	203	1207	
996	433	1103	
3799	236	1713	

✦ Backstitch in one strand

—	349	1098	212
—	3799	236	1713

✦ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 29 (h) x 34 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
5.5x6cm (2x2 1/4in)
Stitched by Val Watkins

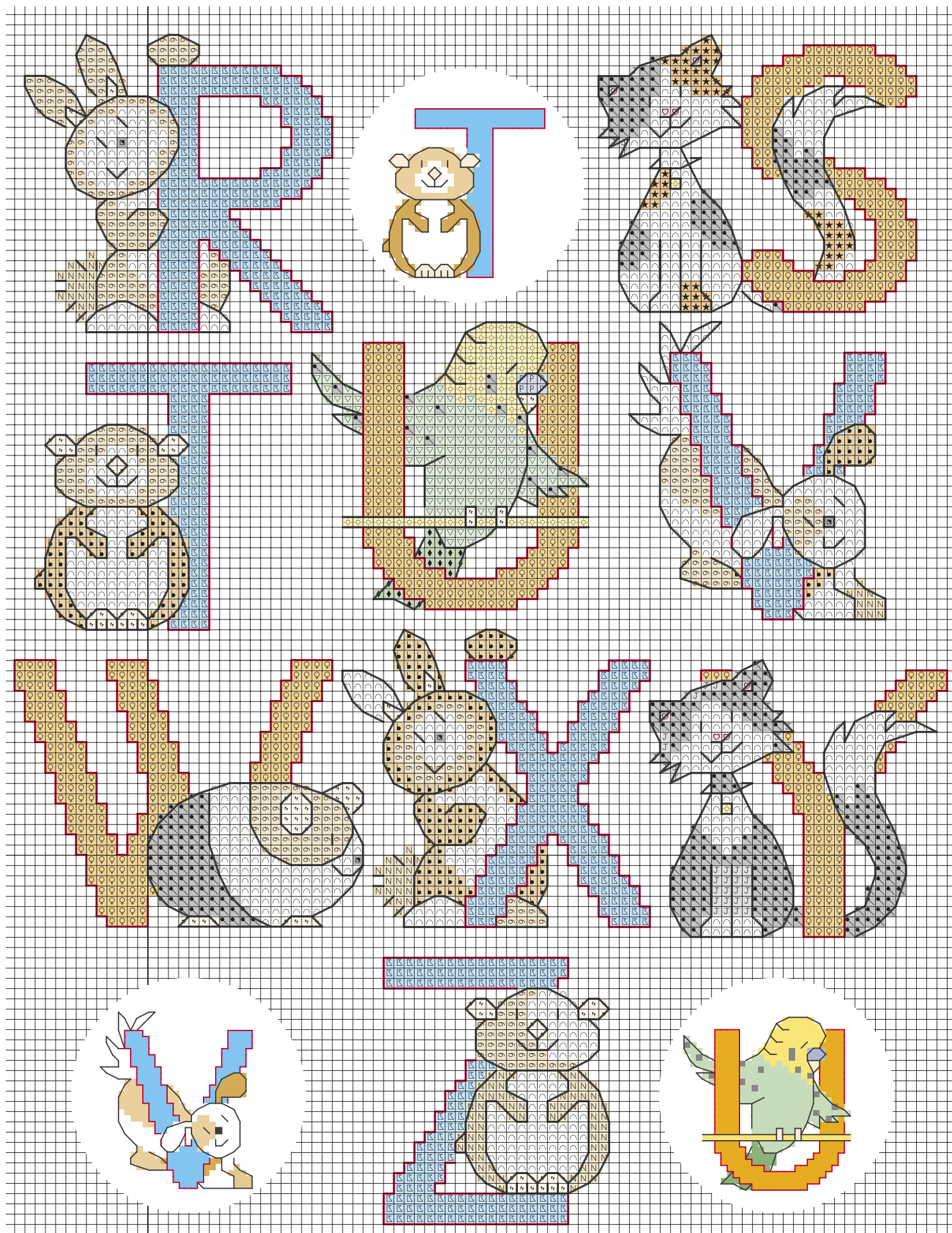


Steph Says...



I love Lucie's style – she's just so talented! – and her pet abc hits the mark big time. I just want to cuddle each of these cute creatures, but I'll settle for stitching them instead!

Steph Maskery, Art Editor,
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- ★ Abacus Designs, Cheshire
- ★ Other

North East

- ★ Fenkle Crafts, Alnwick, Northumberland
- ★ Border Crafts, Berwick-upon-Tweed
- ★ The Viking Loom, York
- ★ Other

South West

- ★ Cross Patch Crafts, Weston-super-Mare
- ★ Material Needs, Burnham-on-Sea
- ★ Cricklade Needlecrafts, Cricklade
- ★ Smugglers Needlecraft, Ilfracombe
- ★ X-Stitch Birds, Bridport
- ★ Other

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- ★ Pandora, Guildford
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- ★ Other

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- ★ Other

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- ★ Ellery's Crafts, Coventry
- ★ Camelot Crafts, Nottingham
- ★ Busy Fingers, Coventry
- ★ Wye Needlecraft, Derbyshire
- ★ Betty Stitchkit, West Midlands
- ★ Other

Scotland

- ★ Creations, Inverness
- ★ Meg's Attic, Aberdeenshire
- ★ Nifty Needles, West Lothian
- ★ Other

Wales

- ★ Criss X Stitches, Tywyn, Gwynedd
- ★ The Nimble Thimble, Oswestry
- ★ Michael Powell Cross Stitch Art, Cardiff
- ★ Kit 'n Kaboodle, Anglesey
- ★ Other

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- ★ Name and town
- ★ Why?

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- ★ Other

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- ★ Historical Sampler Company
- ★ Other

Favourite stitching designer

- ★ Lesley Teare
- ★ Joan Elliott
- ★ Margaret Sherry
- ★ Michael Powell
- ★ Faye Whittaker
- ★ Lucie Heaton
- ★ Rhona Norrie
- ★ Maria Diaz
- ★ Durene Jones
- ★ John Clayton for Heritage Crafts
- ★ Nora Corbett for Mirabilia
- ★ Other

Best newcomer in the stitching world

- ★ Emma Congdon
- ★ Siobhan Harrison (April Rose Illustration)
- ★ Other

Ultimate licensed character

- ★ Tatty Teddy (Me To You), Anchor
- ★ SANTORO's Gorjuss, Bothy Threads
- ★ Forever Friends, Anchor
- ★ Somebunny to Love, DMC
- ★ Other

Favourite thread

- ★ DMC stranded cottons
- ★ Kreinik metallic braids
- ★ Anchor stranded cottons
- ★ DMC Light Effects metallics
- ★ Other

Kit collection you love

- ★ Cut Thru by Bothy Threads
- ★ SANTORO Mirabelle by Bothy Threads

- ★ SANTORO Gorjuss by Bothy Threads
- ★ Dictionary Of... by Bothy Threads
- ★ The Gold Collection by Dimensions
- ★ All Our Yesterdays by Faye Whittaker
- ★ Beaded ornaments by Mill Hill
- ★ Tatty Teddy (Me To You) for Anchor
- ★ Cats Rule! by Peter Underhill for Heritage Crafts
- ★ Other

Best UK craft & stitch show

- ★ Knitting & Stitching Show (autumn) – Alexandra Palace
- ★ Knitting & Stitching Show (spring) – Olympia
- ★ Other



Highlights from The British Craft Awards 2014

From top: *Crazy's* previous Acting Editor, Helen (left) and current Acting Editor, Yvette (right), at last year's awards ceremony; Katherine Edwards from Material Needs who won overall retailer of the year 2014; *The World of Cross Stitching's* Editor, Ruth, and Production Editor, Fiona.

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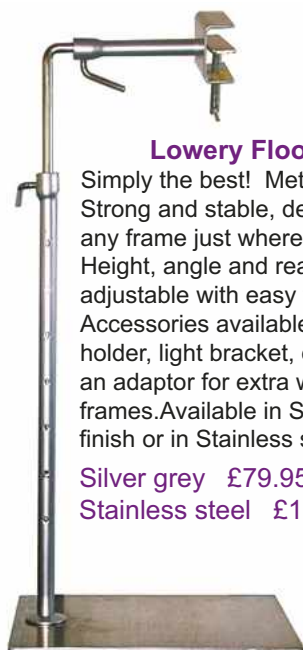


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Catch up on all the gossip from your fellow stitchers and get involved by sharing your photos, stories, views and more!

Crazy travels

Me and my *Crazy* mag have just got back from a fantastic 2000-mile road trip around California! We saw bears in Yosemite and whales in Monterey Bay, and even had time for a bit of celeb-spotting in Hollywood.



As I couldn't go three weeks without stitching (!), November's issue was a great way to kick start my festive stitch list. Working on Christmas cards by the pool got me some funny looks, but it was the perfect way to unwind!

Here's a picture of me with *Crazy* at Monterey Bay Aquarium (above). Their gorgeous little sea otters gave us the perfect inspiration for a sealife-themed *Crazy* for... coming soon!

Steph Maskery, Art Editor, Cross Stitch Crazy



▲ Steph and Tatty Teddy visit the Lone Cypress Tree near Monterey

Coming up:

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Your say

What's your favourite fabric to stitch on and why?



I'd say Belfast linen, as I love the way it looks, and once you're used to it, it's easy to stitch on. And, now I've found hand-

died fabrics I don't think I could be persuaded to go back to plain. They make every project unique.

Nicola Wendon, Northampton



My favourite fabric to work with is definitely 14-count aida because the holes are quite a bit bigger than 16 or 18-count, so

I don't strain my eyes! I especially love using glittery aida for cards.

Natalie Trenner, Essex



I enjoy stitching on fabric, but I love stitching on perforated paper and plastic canvas. They're so versatile and you can use

them to make beautiful cards and decorations – great at Christmas!

Sally Bond, Denbighshire

Coming up:

Which cute cross stitch character do you love most of all?

Email your answer and a photo to stitchandchat@cross-stitching.com

Rhyme time



Create a fun focal point in your child's bedroom with this sweet hanging, inspired by classic nursery rhymes
Designed by Maria Diaz

Little ones love being sung to, and nursery rhymes are some of the first songs they often hear. The quirky images of cats playing the fiddle and birds flying from pies must make



StitchTime
8-10 hrs
(Approx)

them see the world as a crazy place where anything goes!

If you're looking to add character to a room, these delightful designs with subtle flashes of gold metallics will suit a nursery beautifully. Any child would be over the moon to have them on their wall! ●

StitchList...

- ✦ Whole cross stitch
- ✦ Backstitch
- ✦ French knots

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton and metallic thread as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 20x20cm (8x8in) for each design. To buy, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150

Extras - Dowel rod and ribbon from local craft stores. Fabric from Gütermann's French Cottage collection. For stockists, email gutermann@stockistenquiries.co.uk



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Little Bo Peep



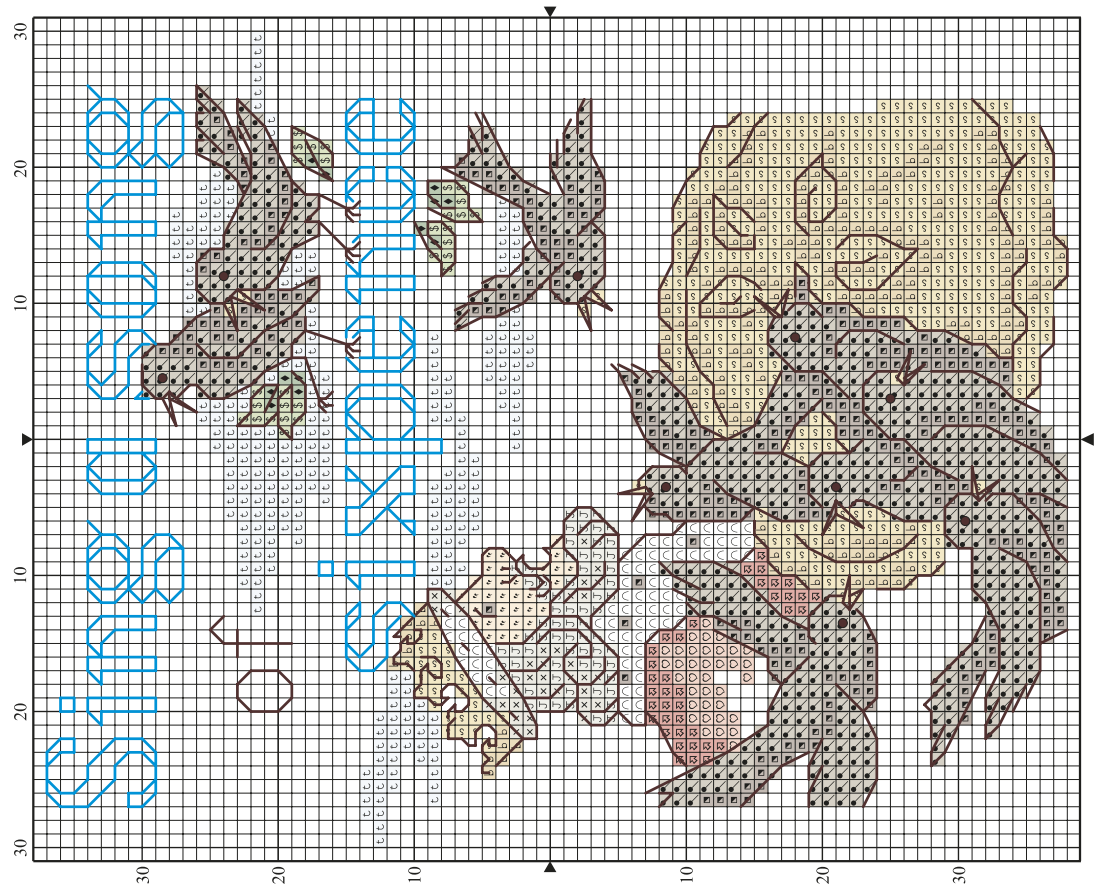
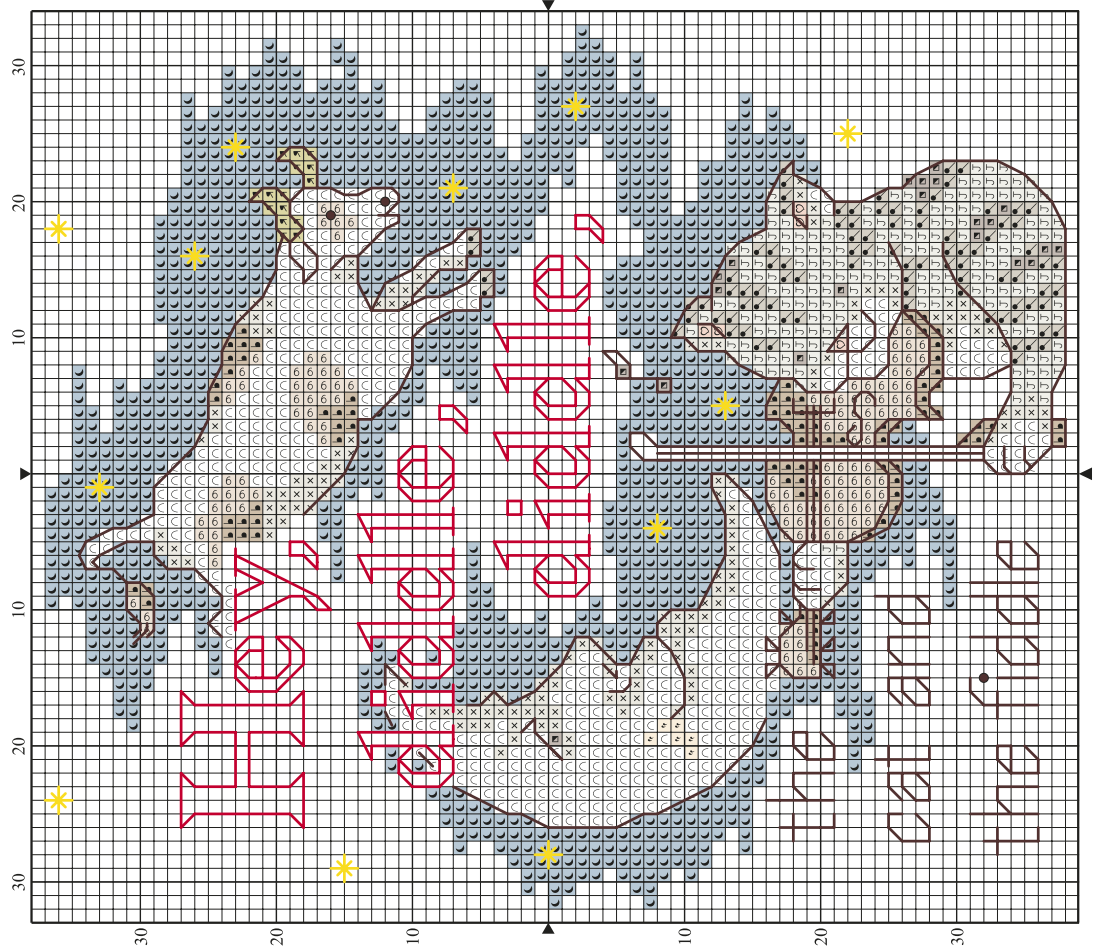
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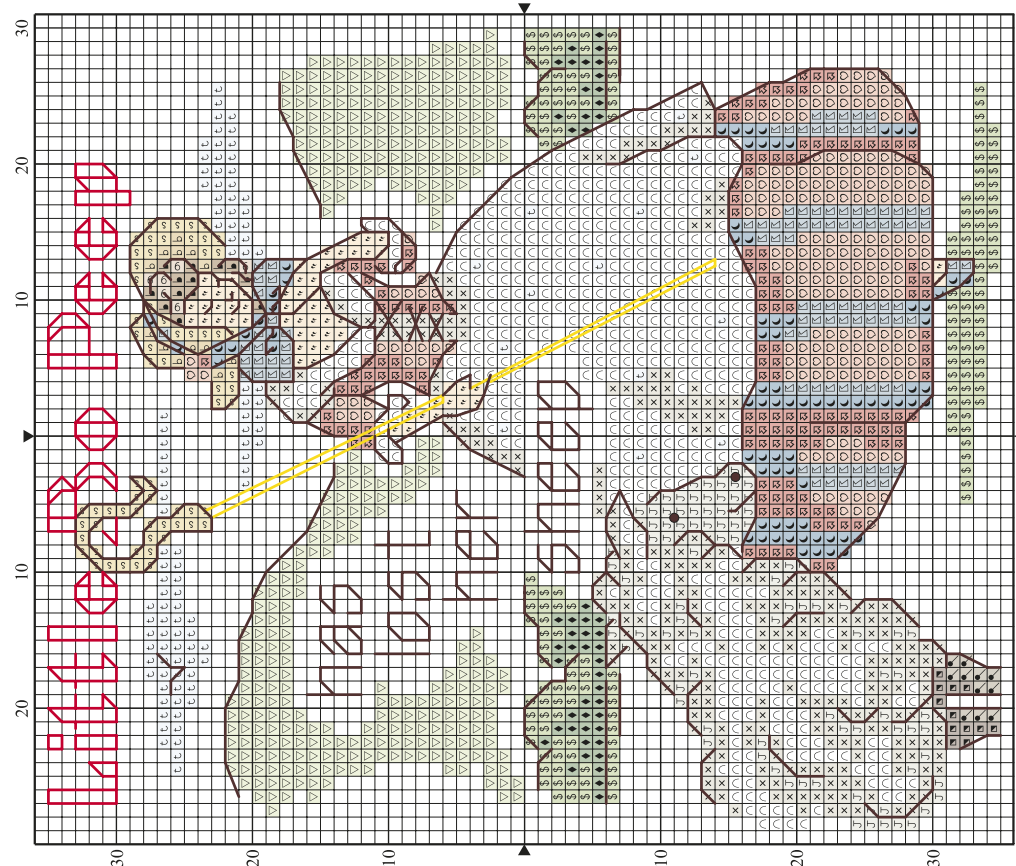
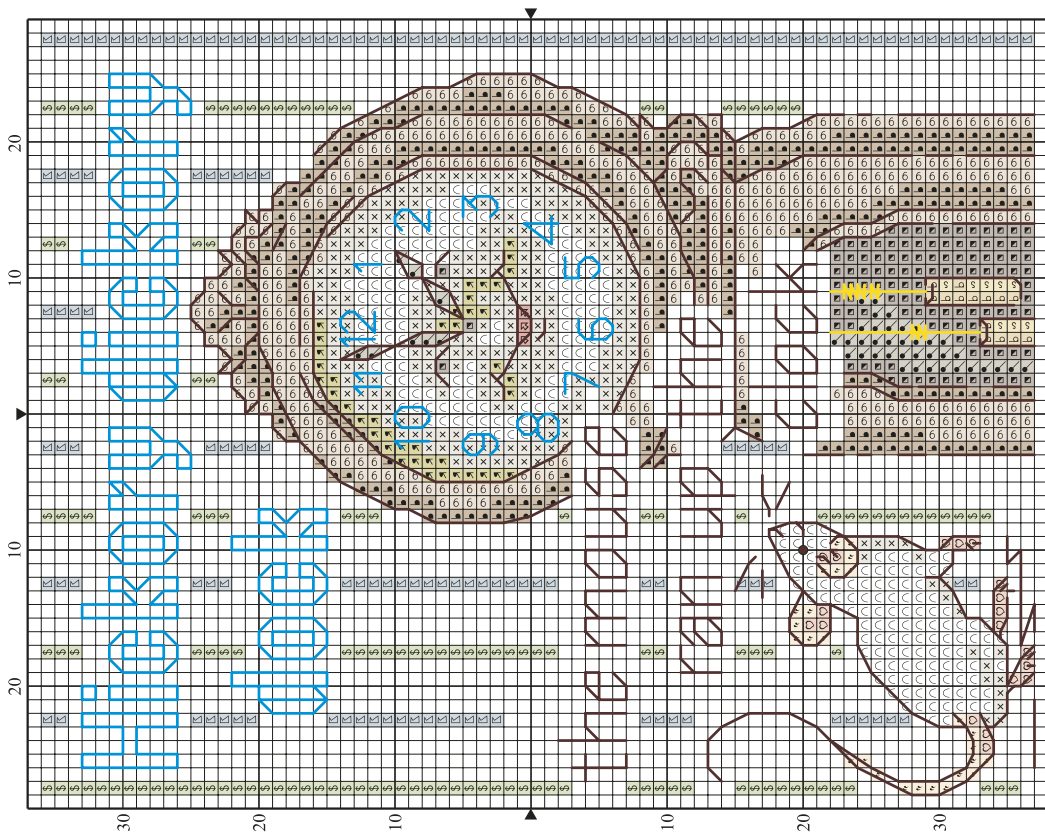
RachelSays...



My two-year-old loves singing, especially nursery rhymes, which she enjoys for their simple

tunes. I'm sure this hanging would definitely encourage some impromptu musical sessions!

Rachel Nott, Production Editor, Cross Stitch Crazy



Nursery rhymes

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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t	162	9159	1101
◆	320	215	1311
\$	368	214	1310
▽	369	1043	1309
b	422	943	2102
☞	646	8581	1812
J	648	900	1814
s	676	891	2208
♥	760	1022	405
⊞	813	140	910
☾	826	146	906
■	844	1041	1809
e	945	881	2309
↗	3023	899	1813
x	3024	234	1815
⊞	3328	1024	406
b	3862	374	1913
o	3864	376	1910

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	347	1025	407
—	826	146	906
—	3371	382	2004
—	E3852 (DMC Light Effects)		

✕ French knots in one strand

●	3371	382	2004
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✕ Whole stitches only

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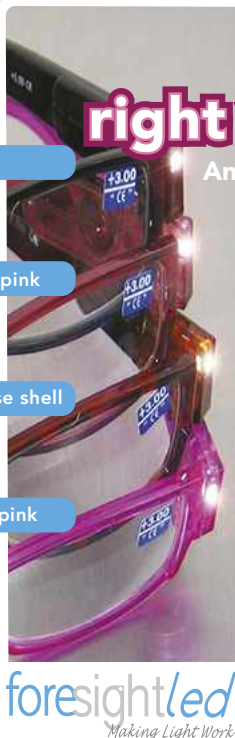
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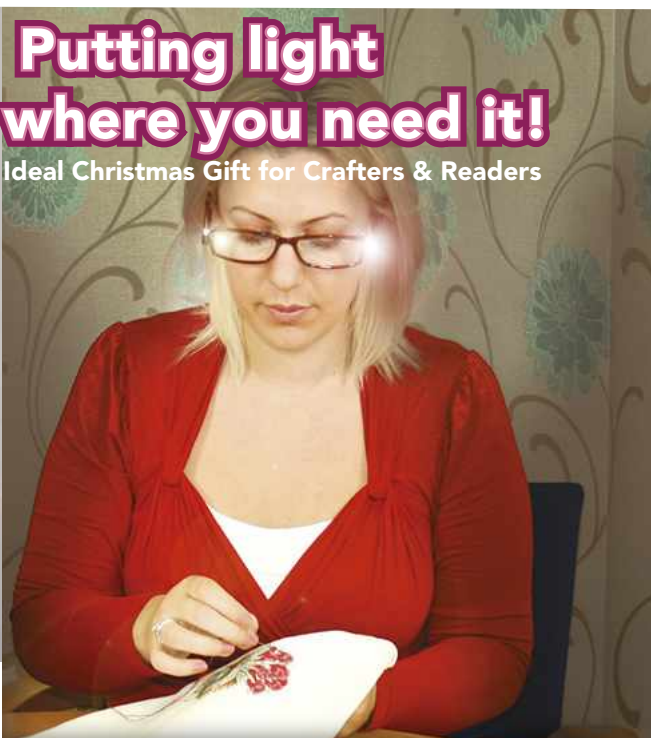
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The twittersphere

What you've been tweeting about!



- ▶ #WIPWednesday I'm finishing some kitchen things for my mum's birthday @naylor43
- ▶ 'Cross stitch on cereal' – cool! This gives me ideas about stitching on food boxes... @StitchEmporium
- ▶ Current #crossstitch project uses velvet ribbon. So tactile. Must stop stroking it. @BoboStitch
- ▶ I love that it's finally cool enough to cross stitch outside again! @CraftingGeek

Facebook chat



Here's what you've been chatting about this month!

- ▶ Congratulations on issue 196. I think it is the most beautiful Christmas issue of your mag ever. I'm really looking forward to stitching the free bell decoration and some of Maria Diaz's designs. Well done.

Sandra Burt

- ▶ I only discovered plastic canvas recently and I love it! So versatile!

Lorraine Kelly

- ▶ Thank you, *Cross Stitch Crazy*, I thought I was going to have to do some housework but you saved me when you dropped through my door!

Ange Musgrove

Most liked...



This month's photo is from Theresa Cavan-Heuser, who stitched this design from issue 187. "I'm going to turn it into a tablet case for my daughter."



Download of the month

www.cross-stitching.com

Spread love and happiness this Christmas with this cute angel card design. Go to 'Charts & Patterns' and search for 'Angel Card'.



Website of the month

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Pin of the month

www.aconversationwithmoo.com

This gorgeous pegboard is so easy to make, with a spot of cross stitch embellishment – plus, we totally love the colour!

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Bags of charm



Add a playful twist to a plain satchel with a handful of cute bag charms – the perfect way to get kids crafting!

Designed by Durene Jones

This month, we thought we'd start a campaign to ban boring bags! They may look smart in plain black or red, but they're not going to win any prizes for individuality, which is where these chunky charms come in. Stitched on super-hardwearing plastic canvas using



StitchTime
2 hrs
(Each)

only whole stitches in just three or four shades, they're a great introduction to cross stitch and look terrific clipped onto a child's bag! Kids will love seeing these fun pictures coming to life before their eyes – they just might need a little help cutting them out afterwards. Now one, two, three, blast off! ●

StitchList...

Perfect for children

✕ Whole cross stitch

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - 14-count plastic canvas measuring 8x8cm (3³/₄x3³/₄in) for each design. Call ☎ 01539 823 199 or visit www.craftdepartment.com to buy

Extras - Bag charm findings available from Beads Unlimited. To buy, call ☎ 01273 740 777 or visit www.beadsunlimited.co.uk



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CrazyKids

YvetteSays...



I wish bag charms had been around when I was at school – they're

such a great way of adding a really fun, personal element to a plain bag. Plus, they're super simple to stitch and make, too! I know several boys and girls who would love these designs, so I think I'd better stock up on some extra plastic canvas!

Yvette Streeter,
Acting Editor,
Cross Stitch Crazy

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tip!*

Leave extra canvas at the top so you can cut a large hole for the bag finding

Bag charms

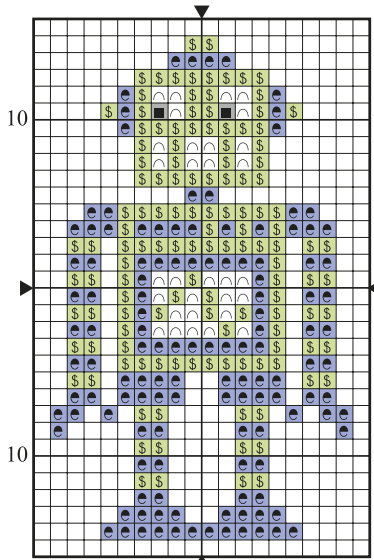
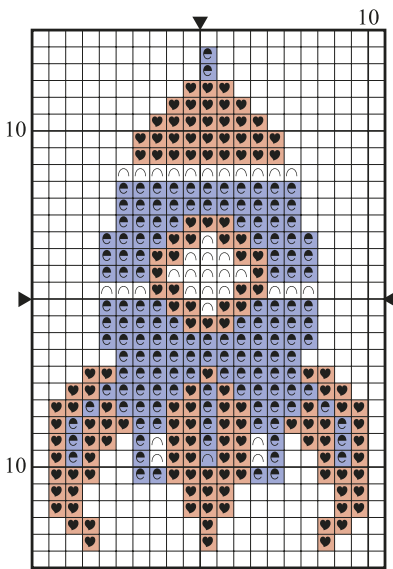
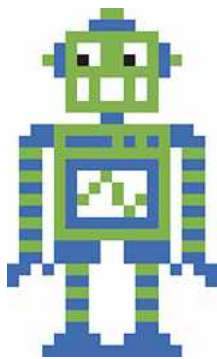
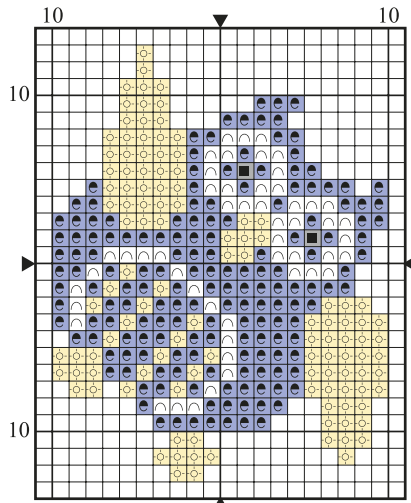
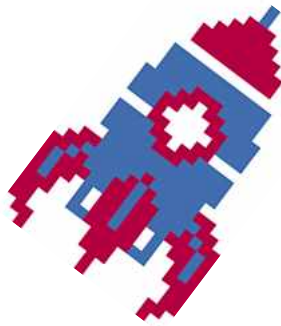
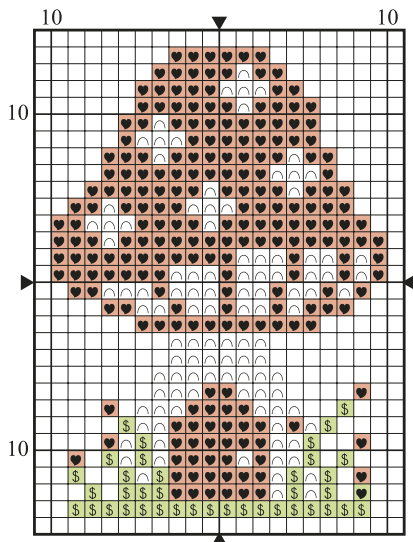
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✱ Cross stitch in two strands

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☉	726	295	109
●	798	131	912

✱ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 30 (h) x 20 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
5.5x4cm (2¼x1½in)
Stitched by Lisa Cooke



Crazy Kids Stitching

Are you a kid who's mad about cross stitch? Send us a photo and tell us about yourself – if you're featured, you'll win a fab prize!



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Stitching to survive

Find out how cross stitch helped Gaynor French through the trauma of breast cancer, while raising funds for research...

When Gaynor French found a lump in her breast at 41, her world came crashing down, but she was determined to fight the diagnosis. That was three years ago, and she never dreamed she'd be in the position she is now – stitching non-stop to raise money for Breast Cancer Research, with her own website and an impressive range of original cross stitch designs under her belt.

Life's too short

Once Gaynor had finished her cancer treatment, she decided she wanted to put her energy into the one thing she enjoys most in life – crafting! “There can never be too much crafting, can there?” she laughs. Gaynor loves cross stitch and was looking for something specific to work on, but no amount of searching led her to the chart she wanted to stitch. So, feeling inspired, she designed her first ever chart of a little brown hare she named Holmse.

“I design what I'd like to see on my walls,” Gaynor tells us. “Every time I see the picture in my mind come to life in thread and fabric, I'm amazed and filled with a real sense of achievement and satisfaction.” She has so many ideas for new designs that sometimes it's hard to keep up, but luckily a friend she met online, Elaine, helps her with the stitching.



▲ One of Gaynor's uplifting sunny seasonal designs

► Since being diagnosed with breast cancer, Gaynor has turned stitching into a full time career



▲ A selection of the pieces Gaynor has designed this year

Gaynor also felt passionate about raising the profile of breast cancer, and doing her bit to raise money for cancer research. So, she set about building a Just Giving page, and a website for selling her original designs, both of which contribute to her fundraising. Ten percent of each chart sale goes to the Irish Cancer Society, who work towards finding better treatments and, hopefully, cures. “I've raised nearly €2000 for the Irish Cancer Society, and am now raising money for my own consultant's charity, based at Galway University Hospital and involving researchers in the UK and the USA,” explains Gaynor.

Stitch therapy

For this breast cancer survivor, crafting has not only been a way to raise money and awareness, but also a way to get through the tough times, or the ‘head stuff’ as she calls it. “There's nothing like counting out stitches to ensure we live only in the

present, stopping us from worrying about life's ‘what ifs’. This philosophy also applies to the charts Gaynor designs. Each chart has a message, she says: “I'm here, alive today, and this is my gift to you.”

Recently, Gaynor has become a DMC stockist and will be producing her own hand-dyed fabrics using organic dyes. Life is starting to look up. “It's as if every step I take forwards, cancer is pushed further out of my life,” Gaynor enthuses.

Looking forward

As with most cancers, early detection is everything, and Gaynor hopes that her work will encourage people to check for lumps, whatever their age. “Women need to be aware that breast cancer can be beaten, but it has to be found early to ensure this happens,” she says. “Like me, you can come out the other side.” ●

To find out more about Gaynor's inspiring story and to see her fabulous designs, visit www.stitchersanon.com



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Let's celebrate...

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3-4 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...

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- ✕ Whole cross stitch
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ShoppingList...

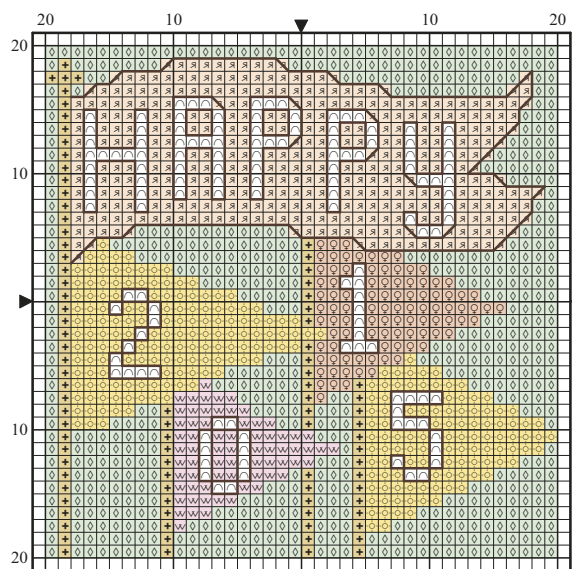
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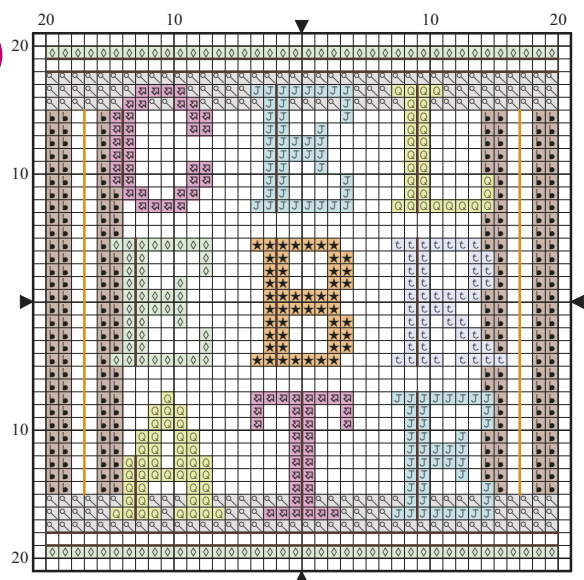
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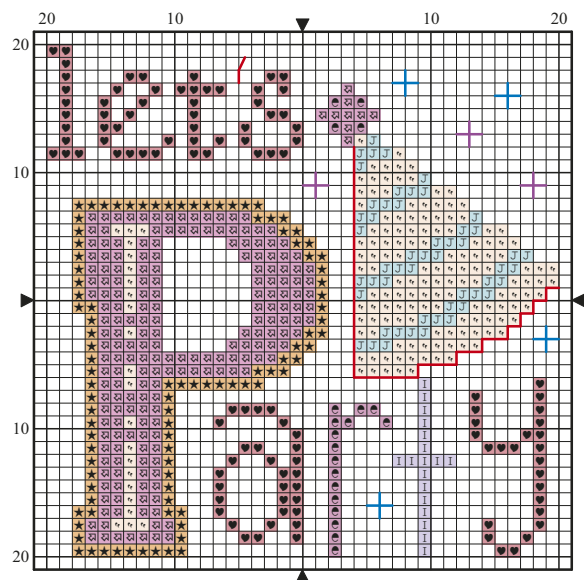
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Stitch count 40 (h) x 40 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric 7.5x7.5cm (2³/₄x2³/₄in)

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Celebrate

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Design area on 14-count fabric 7.5x7.5cm (2³/₄x2³/₄in)

Three cheers...

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...for a brilliant 2015!

Can't wait to see in...

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...New Year with you!

Wishing you all...

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...a happy New Year!

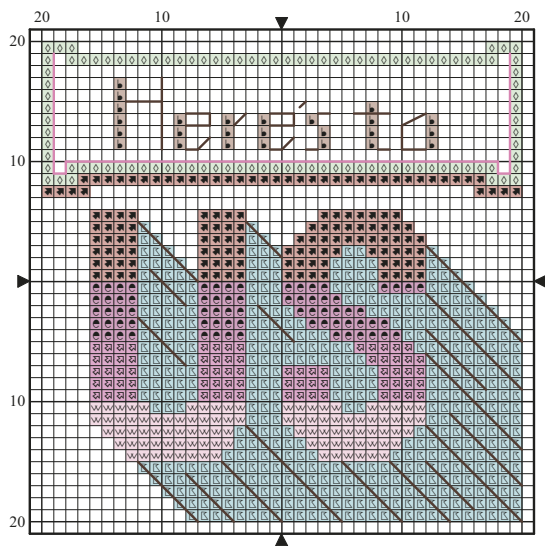
Let's raise a toast...

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...to absent friends!

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Here's to us

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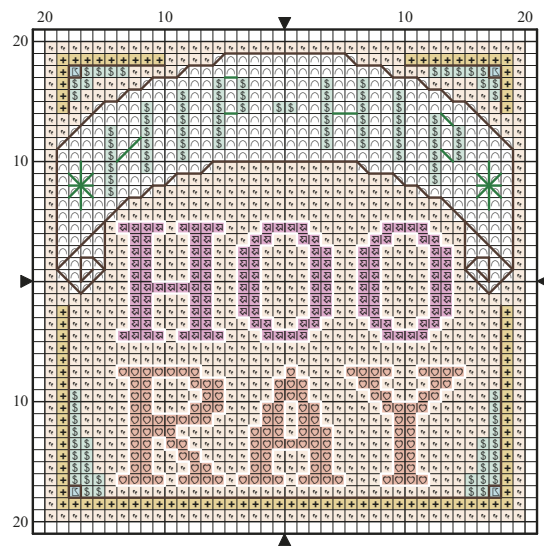
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✳ Whole stitches only

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Hip-hip hooray

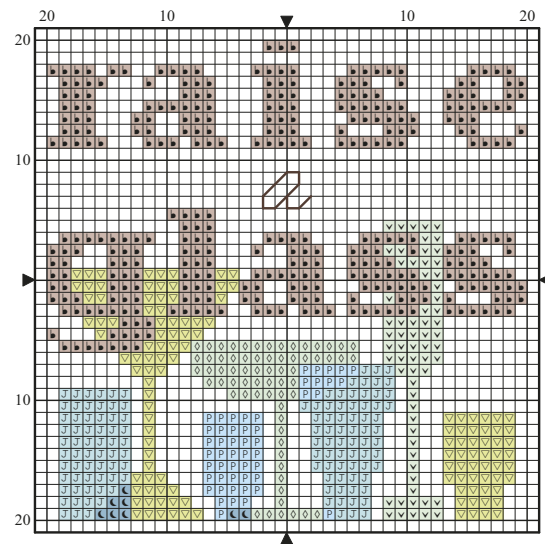
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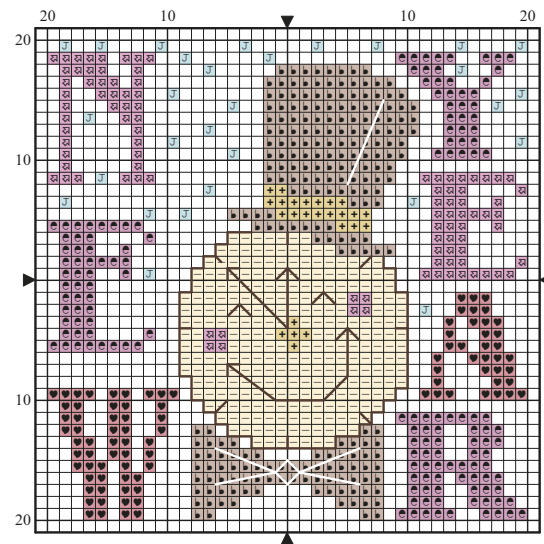
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New Year

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Irene Williams, Northampton

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Down by the sea

I've been looking for a design called Coastal View from the Dimensions Gold Collection, but with no luck – I think it might have been discontinued. The design features an archway framing a view of a hillside and the sea. Unfortunately, I don't have access to the internet, so would you please be able to help me find it?

Mrs Ann Killick, Bexhill-on-Sea

I've had a look and I'm afraid you're right, Ann, this beautiful Dimensions kit by Sam Park has been discontinued. But luckily, there's some stock still available to buy from a website called



www.stitcher.co.uk. They also take telephone orders, so you can order this kit for £51.84 by calling ☎ 0161 464 7310. The design is worked on 18-count ivory aida and is packed with amazing details, with a finished size of 38x30cm (15x12in). You must be an experienced stitcher to take on this challenge, but the finished result will be breathtaking. I hope you enjoy stitching it!

Track it down for me...

Please find the following design for me – I'm crazy for it! (Continue on another sheet if necessary)

The design I want and why

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My name and address.....

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Email

Tel.....

Send to: **Track it down**, Cross Stitch Crazy, Immediate Media Company Origin Ltd, 9th Floor, Tower House, Fairfax Street, Bristol BS1 3BN. Please include one request per coupon. Do use a photocopy if you don't want to cut up your magazine. You can also send an email straight to Sherlock Anne at: trackit@cross-stitching.com

Farming fan

I'd really like an alphabet chart with farm animals on to stitch for my five-year-old daughter, Hannah, as we live on a farm. She's already decided where the chart is going to hang once finished! Please can you help me find a simple farm animal abc?

Becky Dorson, Honiton

How lovely, Becky! Alphabets are one of my favourite things to stitch, and Crazy designer Maria Diaz is an abc expert! Buy this Farm Yard Alphabet for £3 at www.mariadiazdesigns.com. It features all the animals you'd expect to see on a farm, and is easily adapted to suit your daughter's favourite colours.



My first kit

I'm looking for a kit for my friend's 11-year-old daughter. She hasn't cross stitched before, so I need a kit suitable for beginners please, Anne.

Nicola Collison, Hinckley

There are quite a few ranges of children's cross stitch kits, but my favourite is from The Stitching Shed. Butterfly, Fairy Castle and Tortoise (from top to bottom) are all designed by owner Jayne Schofield, and cost £16.50 each. The kits are suitable for kids aged seven and above, and include 8-count aida, which will be easy enough for a beginner to get to grips with. Buy them from www.thestitchingshed.co.uk or call ☎ 07876 023 302.



Chart choice

This month: *Beautiful birds*

Let your needle take flight over our pick of these charming feathered friend charts

Take your pick

£2.48, 57 Exotic Birds by Jeanette Crews Designs Inc
www.sewandso.co.uk ☎ 0800 013 0150

With 57 different exotic birds to choose from in this brilliant chart booklet, you'll be spoilt for choice! Stitch individual birds as cards, gift tags and small presents, or stitch the whole set as a colourful sampler to hang in your home.



Snow special

£4, Winter Bird Table by Maria Diaz

www.mariadiazdesigns.com

Christmas may be over, but the cold weather is here to stay for a while. However, it's not all bad, especially when you can stay cosy indoors and stitch breathtaking snowy scenes like this Winter Bird Table design by Maria Diaz!



Home tweet home

£6, Birdhouse Paradise by Cinnamon Cat

www.lucywinter.co.uk ☎ 0800 612 2996

With heart-shaped tulips, stripy birdhouses and a stylish gingham border, it's hard to choose our favourite part of this American folk art-style design. The chart measures 76x135 stitches and is available in green or blue.



Spring has sprung

£4, Spring Blue Tit by Lesley Teare

www.lesleyteare.com

Lesley has a wonderful talent for creating gorgeous floral cross stitch designs, like this stunning circular garland of spring blooms, with a sweet little blue tit perched inside. What a lovely gift this design would make for a keen gardener!



Wow with stitches

I like the idea of trying 3D cross stitch, but it looks quite difficult. Could you find me a fairly small, simple project to start with?

Sandra Lucas, Wrexham

The Nutmeg Company sells beautiful 3D cross stitch kits, from cottages to paperweights and boxes to magnets. My favourite kits are these lovely little vases, though. From The Keepsake Collection, they're both worked on 28-count evenweave in whole stitches and backstitch only, and instructions are included to show you how to make the vase. It holds artificial flowers, but you could also pop a test tube of water inside to keep one or two real flowers! The Periwinkle Vase (top) and Rosebud Vase kits (bottom) both cost £12.45 and are available to buy online from www.3dcrossstitch.co.uk or by calling ☎ 01748 884 926.



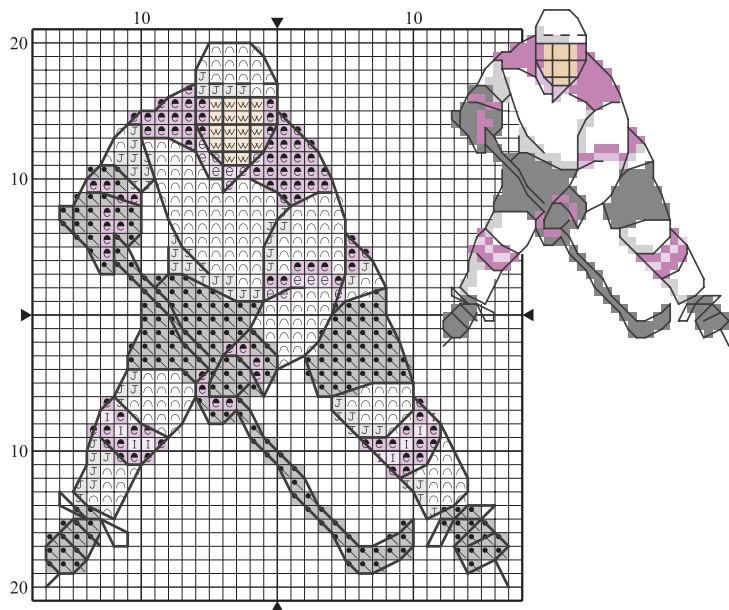
Just by Jody

I absolutely loved the bird cushion by Jody Rice in issue 189 of *Crazy*. Do you have any plans to feature more of Jody's designs, or is there anywhere else I can buy her designs?

Claire Farmer, High Wycombe

Funny you should ask, Claire... Turn to page 67 to find Jody's fab New Year cards – there are seven to choose from! If you'd like to see more of Jody's designs, go to www.satsumastreet.etsy.com. Some of my favourites include Bloom – Retro Scandi Flower (left) and Elephant Biscornu Pincushion (middle), which both cost \$5 (approximately £3), and Forest – Modern Trees (right), which costs \$6 (approximately £3).





Ice hockey player

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
e	210	108	802
I	211	342	801
■	414	235	1714
J	415	398	1802
●	553	98	712
w	754	1012	305

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 40 (h) x 34 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7.5x6cm (2¾x2½in)

Ice to see you

As my partner is an avid ice hockey follower, could you chart a player wearing his team's colours; purple, black and white? I'd be so grateful as I'm not very good at charting!

Chris Allan, South Ayrshire

This chap looks poised for action!
Lucie

Snowman

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
■	414	235	1714
☆	741	304	202
t	800	144	908
■	3799	236	1713

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 37 (h) x 32 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x6cm (2½x2¼in)

Let it snow

Ever since my little girl saw *Frozen*, she's been crazy about snowmen! Could you chart a frosty friend for me, Lucie?

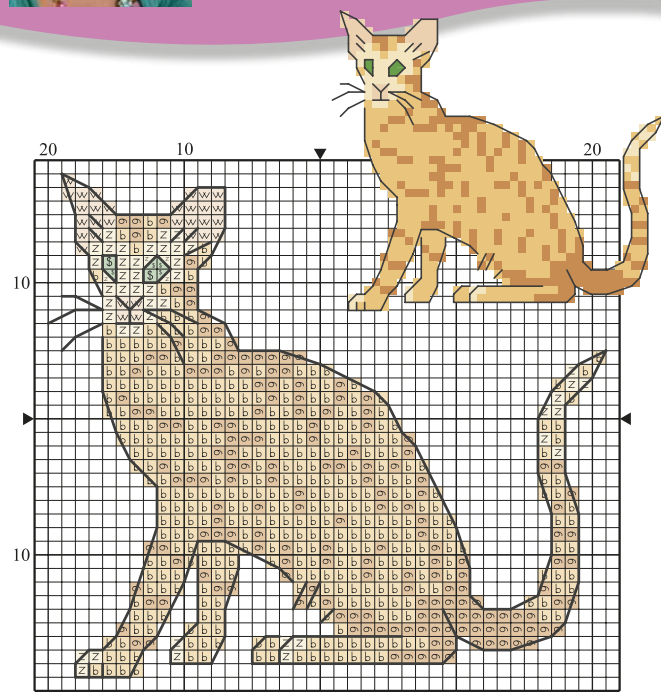
Jessica Price, Glasgow

Hope she likes this one!
Lucie

Challenge Lucie



Crazy's designer Lucie Heaton loves a challenge, so send her your design requests today!



Red Oriental

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

z	739	366	2014
w	754	1012	305
\$	911	205	1214
o	976	1001	2010
b	3827	311	2012

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✕ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 37 (h) x 41 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x7.5cm (2½x3in)

Red alert

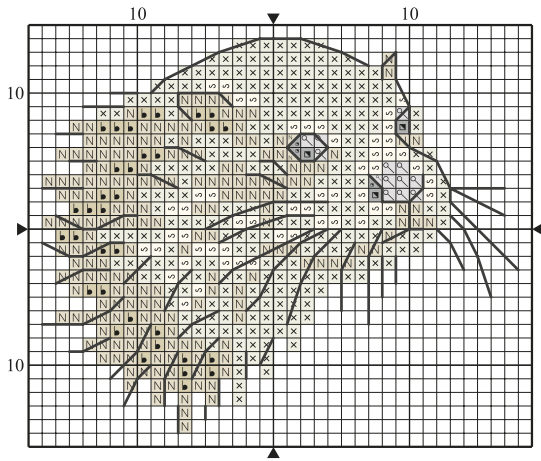
I have a two-year-old Red Oriental cat called Frank, but I've been unable to find a chart for that particular breed. Although there are plenty of charts for Siamese cats, nobody seems to have come up with a 'ginger' one, so I'm really hoping you can help me out, Lucie!

Sheila Weekes, Gloucestershire

I'm not quite sure why there aren't any charts of these beautiful cats, Sheila, but I'm hoping this resembles Frank!

Lucie

ChartChallenge



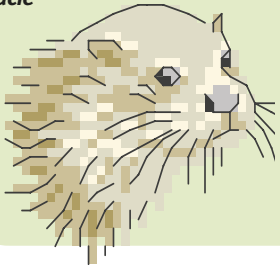
Otterly fab

Would you be able to chart me an otter please, Lucie? I'd love to stitch one for my sister who absolutely adores them. She and her husband are going to the Tamar Otter Sanctuary for their 25th anniversary!

Lesley Baker-Haddock, by email

This furry fellow was a real pleasure to chart, Lesley!

Lucie



Otter

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

318 399 1801

640 393 1905

N 642 903 1906

x 644 830 1814

s 712 926 2101

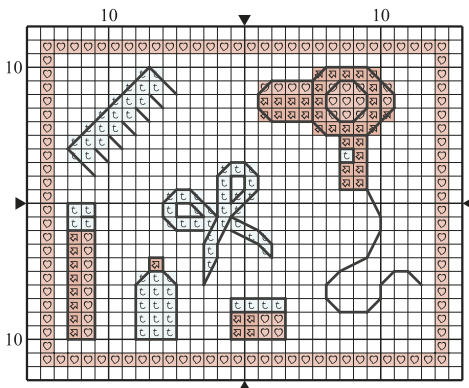
3799 236 1713

✕ Backstitch in one strand

3799 236 1713

✕ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 29 (h) x 35 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
5.5x6.5cm (2x2 1/4in)



Hairdressing set

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

351 10 214

352 9 303

t 800 144 908

✕ Backstitch in one strand

3799 236 1713

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 24 (h) x 30 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
4.5x5.5cm (1 3/4x2 1/4in)

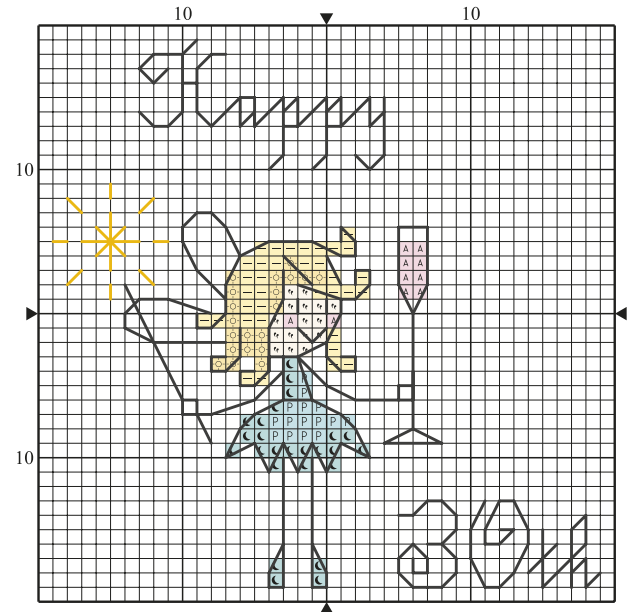
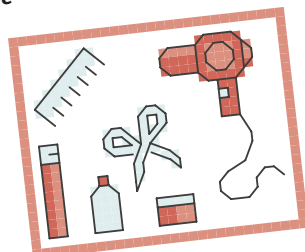
Final cut

My daughter is training to be a hairdresser, and is desperate for me to stitch a label for her scissors case. Please help me, Lucie!

Iris Shaw, by email

With pleasure, Iris!

Lucie



Party girl

My best friend's 30th birthday is on New Year's Eve, and I'd love to be able to stitch a special card for her this year. Could you please chart me one of your cute fairies with a sparkler in one hand and a glass of fizz in the other?

Joanna Gregory, Newport

What a celebration that will be!

Lucie



30th birthday fairy

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

A 604 55 614

725 305 113

726 295 109

948 895 306

3845 1089 1102

P 3846 1090 1103

✕ Backstitch in one strand

725 305 113

3799 236 1713

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 38 (h) x 38 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x7cm (2 3/4x2 3/4in)

I challenge Lucie...

If there's something you would like to have charted, challenge me, Lucie, and I'll come up with the goods. Please note, I can only fit in fairly small designs and for copyright reasons I'm unable to chart characters from films and TV – but go on, make it something crazy!

My chart request

I'd like this chart because

Your name and address.....

Fill in and cut out this coupon (or photocopy it) and send it to:
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"Welcome to cross stitch! You'll soon learn how it's done – my guide here tells you everything you need to know to get started"

With Anne MacGregor

How to use our charts and keys

We're sure you'll want to start stitching our gorgeous designs straight away. Here's how to follow our charts and keys...



Perfect for beginners

Small, quick-to-stitch designs, such as the espresso opposite, are ideal to try if you're new to stitching. For lots more simple designs, take a look at these:

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Birman cat
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Floral gift ideas
- ▶ **PAGE 36**
Egyptian motifs
- ▶ **PAGE 47**
Pet abc
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New Year cards

Reading a chart

► Our charts are printed in both colour and symbols. Each square on a cross stitch chart contains a symbol, and each symbol corresponds with one stitch. The key that accompanies the chart will tell you what colour thread each symbol corresponds to, so you know which one to thread your needle with.

Where to start

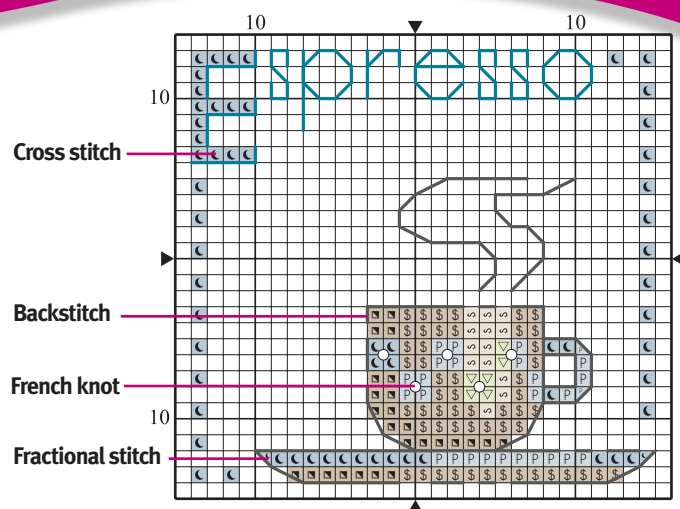
► The centre of most cross stitch charts is specially marked. This is the best place to start stitching, so you end up with the design stitched in the middle of the fabric. The centre of our charts is where the heavy vertical and horizontal lines intersect. To find the centre of your fabric, fold it in half horizontally, open it up and fold it vertically. When you open the fabric again, you'll find the creases mark the centre.

Following our keys

► All of our Crazy charts have keys that tell you how many strands of thread to stitch in (most thread is six-stranded), the thread numbers needed, the size of the design and whether there are backstitch lines, French knots or fractional stitches. The thread numbers listed in the first column of the key refer to the brand that we've used to stitch the design. Conversion numbers for two other brands of threads are given. These are not always exact equivalents, but are the closest match available.

Finding what you need

► Each of our projects includes a shopping list, telling you what type and size of fabric you'll need. It also tells you what size frame and mount you'll need to finish it off. If we've made anything out of the ordinary from our stitching, we'll tell you what you need to recreate it.



Symbol and colour that corresponds to the chart

Type of stitch and number of strands

Stitch count – how many stitches high and wide the design is

Espresso

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

▽	164	240	1209
P	813	140	910
☾	826	146	906
■	3862	374	1913
\$	3863	379	1912
⌘	3864	376	1910

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	413	236	1713
—	825	162	1011

✕ French knots in one strand

○	blanc	2	2402
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✕ Contains fractionals

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Stitch count 27 (h) x 29 (w)

Design area on 14-count fabric
5x5.5cm (2x2in)

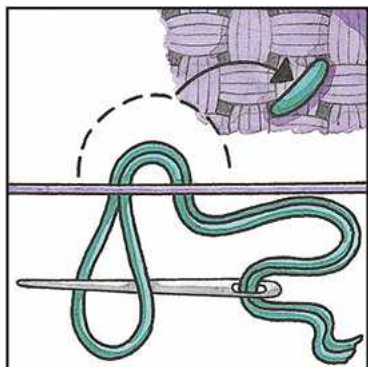
Design area – what the design will measure when stitched on the specified fabric

The three main brands of thread we use. The first column is always the one that we've used to stitch the design

Thread number represented by the symbol

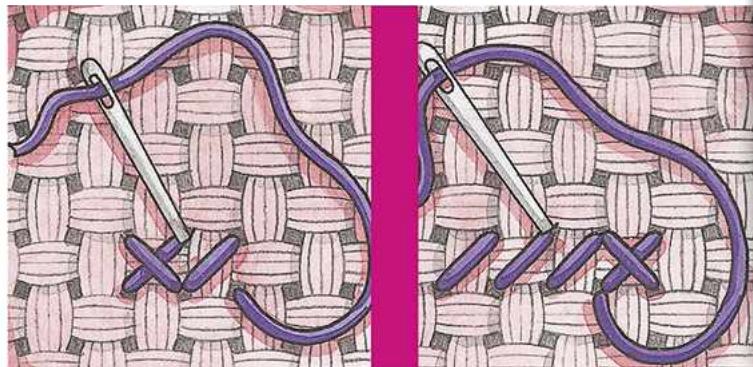
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Don't forget to log on to our website, Cross-stitching.com, to check out video tutorials, handy tips and much more!



Starting your thread

► The following can only be done with an even number of strands. Cut thread to twice the length you need. Separate one strand and double it over. Thread the needle with the ends, forming a loop. Bring the needle up through the fabric. As you take it down, pass it through the loop and pull firmly.

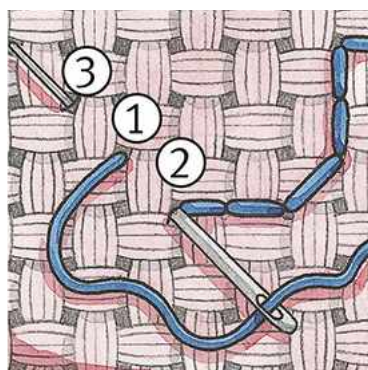


Cross stitch

► Make a cross stitch for each symbol on the chart. Bring the needle up at the bottom left corner of a square and down at the top right corner. This is a half cross stitch. Bring the needle up again at the bottom right corner and back down at the top left. This is a completed cross stitch.

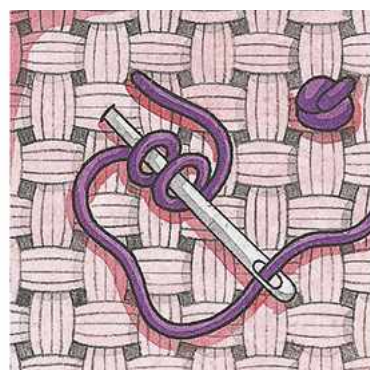
TIP Work each stitch in the same order so the top arms of your cross stitches lie in the same direction.

TIP Working a row of half cross stitches, then completing the cross stitch on the return journey, is a quick way to work; especially when stitching blocks of colour.



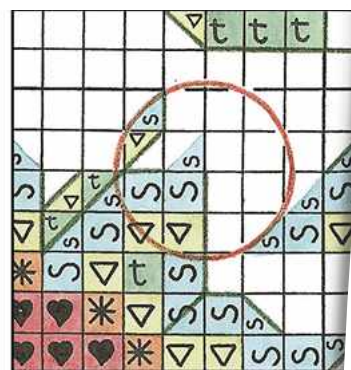
Backstitch

► Backstitch is shown by a coloured line and is added to stitching to create detail. Work the backstitch over individual blocks on aida, or pairs of threads on evenweave. Bring the needle up through the fabric at 1 and take it down at 2, up at 3 and so on, so that you are working back on yourself.



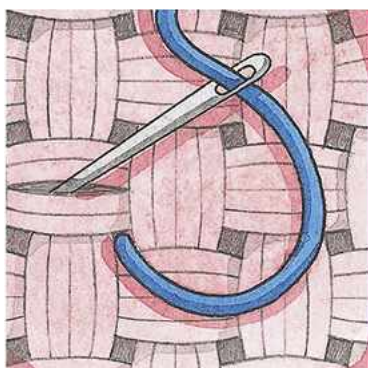
French knots

► French knots appear as dots on your chart. Bring the needle up through the fabric, hold the thread down with your left hand and wind it round the needle twice. Still holding the thread taut, take the needle down one thread or part of a block away. Pull through until a neat knot is formed.



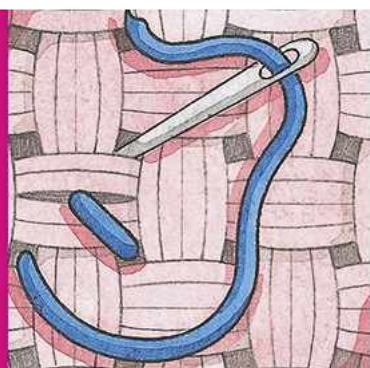
Spotting fractionals

► A fractional stitch is represented on a chart by a smaller version of the main symbol, in a corner of the square. It will show you which corner the fractional stitch should occupy. Quarter and three-quarter stitches are shown in the same way on your chart.

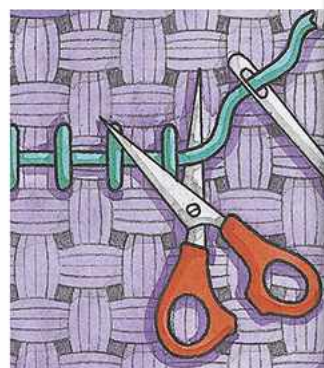


Fractional stitches

► To make a quarter stitch, bring the needle up at the corner of a square and take it down through the centre, halfway across the diagonal, splitting the aida block. To turn this into a three-quarter stitch, make a half cross stitch across the other diagonal of the square. This creates a half cross stitch



across the quarter stitch. If you have to make two fractional stitches back-to-back in the same square, you'll need to decide which is a quarter stitch and which is a three-quarter stitch. Usually, the three-quarter stitch is made in the foreground colour of the design.



Finishing your thread

► Once you've finished stitching, finish off your threads by running your needle through the back of several stitches that you've already completed. Snip off the ends neatly with a sharp pair of embroidery scissors, as close to your fabric as possible.

AFGHAN – a woollen blanket or rug with areas for cross stitching

AIDA – the most common cross stitching fabric, made up of blocks of weave

AIDA BAND – a strip of aida with a decorative edge, used to adorn towels, bookmarks, etc. Comes in various widths

APERTURE – the space through which a design is shown (mainly on cards and in frames)

BEADING NEEDLE – a long, fine needle that slides easily through seed and bugle beads

DESIGN AREA – the measurement of the finished design, depending on the count of fabric used

EVENWEAVE – fabric made from evenly-spaced woven threads. It's softer and more flexible than aida

FABRIC COUNT – the number of holes per inch on your fabric. The higher the number, the finer the fabric is

FABRIC SIZE – the size of fabric needed for the design, including allowance for framing

FRACTIONAL STITCH – stitches made from a quarter or three-quarters of a cross stitch

HALF STITCH – the first arm of the cross. Used to give a less dense stitch to lighter areas

HOOP – a plastic or wooden frame that holds your fabric taut while you stitch on it

JOBELAN – a specific type of evenweave fabric

KEY – a list of all the threads and stitches used in a design, and their respective chart symbols

LONG STITCH – long backstitches that extend over larger areas of the fabric, to depict sky or grass etc

PERFORATED PAPER – toughened paper, perforated with tiny holes

PETIT POINT – tiny stitches, one quarter the size of a cross stitch, for detailed areas of stitching

PLASTIC CANVAS – a plastic alternative to fabric, ideal for making decorations and bookmarks

SAMPLER – traditional stitching, demonstrating a variety of stitches

SATIN THREADS – silky threads that add a subtle sheen

SKEIN – an 8m length of stranded cotton, divisible into six strands

STITCH COUNT – the number of stitches (vertical and horizontal) that make up a design

STITCHING OVER TWO – term used to describe stitching over two threads on evenweave fabric

WADDING – padding used to add depth to stitching when it's mounted inside cards

WASTE CANVAS – loosely woven fabric, held together with soluble glue. Often used to add designs to clothes and softer fabrics

WHOLE STITCH – a complete cross stitch as opposed to half, quarter and three-quarter stitches

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Solution

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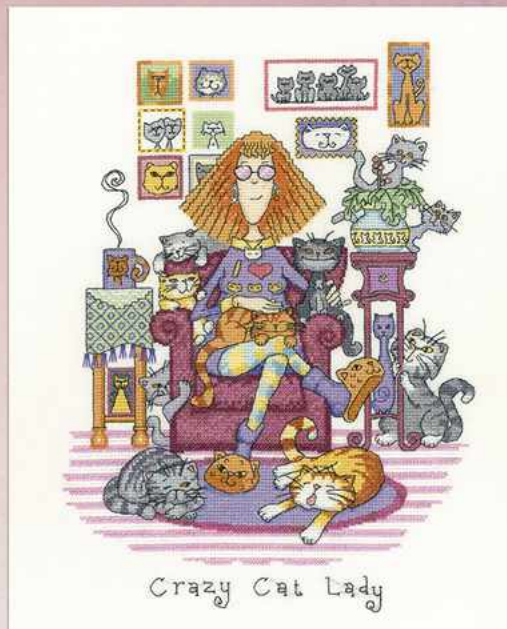
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by John Clayton - 13 x 13.5cm



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Scarlett in Miniature
by John Clayton - 12 x 13cm



Crazy Cat Lady by Peter Underhill - 22.5 x 31cm



Claire in Miniature
by John Clayton - 12.5 x 12.5cm



Rebecca in Miniature
by John Clayton - 12 x 13cm



Fleur in Miniature
by John Clayton - 12 x 12cm



Sophia in Miniature
by John Clayton - 13.5 x 13.5cm



Charlotte in Miniature
by John Clayton - 12.5 x 12.5cm



Fuchsia Chick-Chat
by Valerie Pfeiffer - 10 x 10cm



Berry Chick-Chat
by Valerie Pfeiffer - 11.5 x 11cm



Chorus Line by Valerie Pfeiffer - 34 x 9cm



Bluebell Chick-Chat
by Valerie Pfeiffer - 11 x 11cm



Rose Chick-Chat
by Valerie Pfeiffer - 15 x 13.5cm



Wild Flower Posy by Valerie Pfeiffer
17.5 x 18.5cm



Poppy Posy by Valerie Pfeiffer
17 x 17cm



Sonatina Rose
by Valerie Pfeiffer
9 x 34cm

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