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Welcome...



... to *Crazy*'s first Christmas issue of 2014! I love this time of year, and had so much fun putting this month's mag together for you, so I hope you'll all be inspired to get a head start on your festive stitching. Fans of baking will definitely fall for the adorable Tatty Teddy exclusive on page

10, then on page 20 we carry on the cuteness with 50 quirky gift ideas, each using a fun embellishment! Plus, there's a gorgeous sampler designed especially for you by Lizzie Kate, and your bumper pack of free gifts, too – a Joan Elliott chart book, four charming All Our Yesterdays charts, and a stitchy accessories pack. Just think of it as an early Christmas present!

For those of you who aren't quite feeling the seasonal love just yet, our Senior Technical Editor, Anne, has designed a stunning stitchy accessory set with a patchwork quilt theme. Totally on trend and worked in a gorgeous palette, it's a brilliant way of adding a splash of colour to your life.

Happy stitching!

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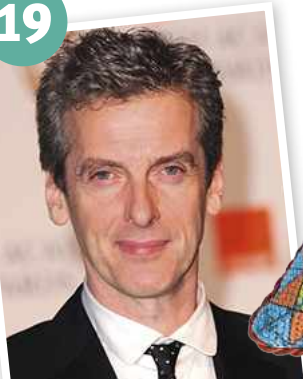


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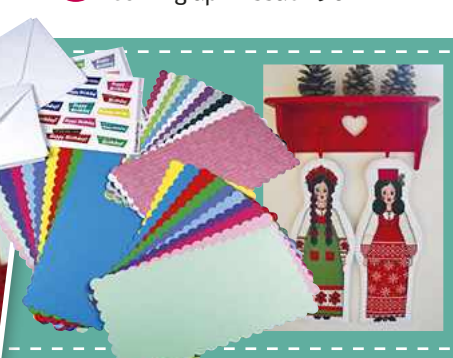
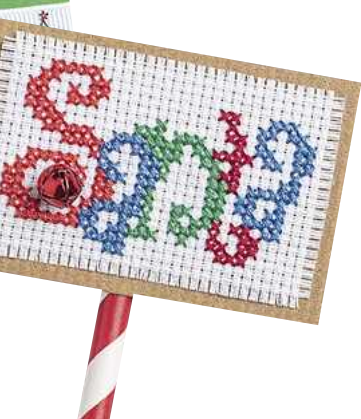
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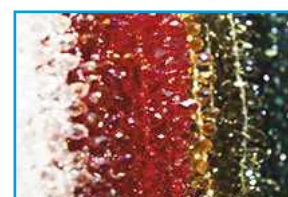
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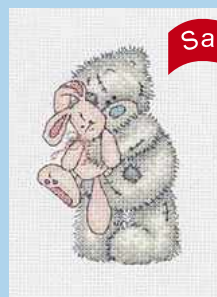
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Over to you...

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



Johanna Vaughton, Harrow

Which project are you most proud of?

A blue tit design that I popped inside an
aperture card for my dad. He still has it on
his bedside table, two years later!

Who is your favourite character to stitch?

I love the Cats Rule range from Heritage
Crafts. They're really mischievous and the
quotes are so relatable if you have a cat!

Who taught you to stitch?

I learnt in arts and crafts club at school
when I was about 10. We used wool and a
low count fabric and just made a mess!



Nikki Loans, South Africa

Who do you mostly stitch for?

I stitch to fill my walls but I also love stitching
for my close family – Cinderella was for my
daughter and I'm stitching Joan Elliott's
Celestial Moon Dragon for my teenage son.

How cross stitch crazy are you?

I'm obsessed! So much so that I started my
own cross stitch supplies business this year
so I can spread my obsession to others!

Which celeb would you most like to stitch?

Cate Blanchett as Galadriel from *Lord of the
Rings*. She'd fit in with my wall of princesses!

Karis Hampton, Essex

Which designer would be your dream dinner party guest?

It would have to be Emma Congdon. I love her bright, retro
designs and think she uses the most beautiful colour palettes.

How would you describe your stitching style?

Impatient! By the time I'm halfway through a project I've
already found the next one to start working on.

When I'm not stitching you'll find me...

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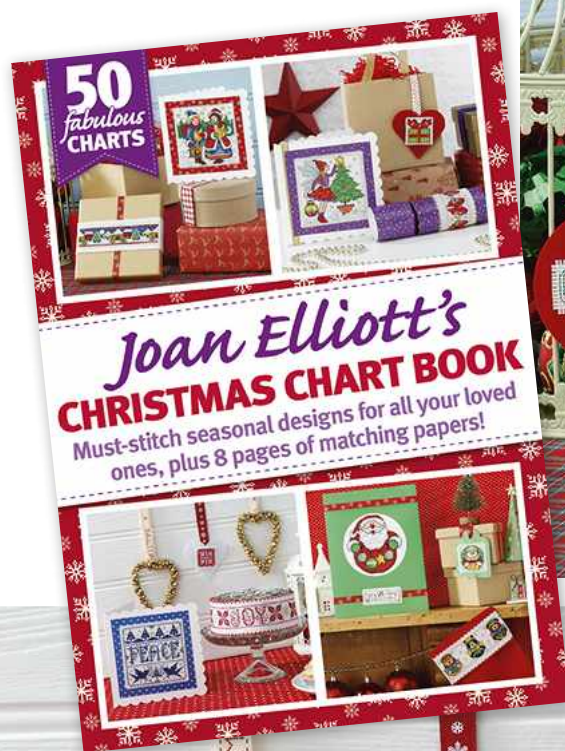
One of the reasons we love Christmas so much is the chance to indulge our passion for stitching to the max! So we hope you'll adore working your way through this beautiful book, packed with 50 delightful charts designed exclusively for *Crazy* by the tremendously talented Joan Elliott.

To help you plan your festive stitching, and to make sure there's something for everyone, Joan has created four stylishly different sections – traditional scenes, festive greetings, pretty angels and fairies, and cute, cuddly characters!

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It may only be September, but we're already gripped by festive fever, so we're super-excited to be giving you **three free gifts** this month! As well as four adorably nostalgic All Our Yesterdays designs by Faye Whittaker, have some fun pepping up your Christmas stitching with this fab accessories pack containing ribbon and felt shapes – perfect for those special gifts for the VIPs in your life! ●



Who's for pud?

Whip up this tasty Tatty Teddy design for someone special – or, on second thoughts, treat yourself and keep it!

Exclusive to Crazy!

Cross stitch characters don't get much sweeter than Tatty Teddy, so when we saw this heartstoppingly adorable design, we just knew we had to share it with you! Wearing a festive pinny and carrying a



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deliciously plump pudding with such tender care, this little cutie really is a stitcher's dream!

As you'd expect, bringing Tatty Teddy to life involves plenty of backstitch, but we know the finished result will more than make up for it. Just stitch with love and your design is sure to bring happiness for many Christmases to come. ●

StitchList...

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

ShoppingList...

Threads - Anchor stranded cotton as listed in the key over the page

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Christmas Recipes



Tatty Teddy

▼ Anchor ▼ Colour

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	2	white
♥	11	red
■	13	dark red
◇	210	green
▼	212	dark green
■	235	steel grey
■	360	dark brown
×	397	very light grey
○	398	light grey
J	399	grey
N	936	brown
t	1037	light blue
P	1038	blue

✕ Half cross stitch in two strands

?	397	very light grey
Q	399	grey

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	400	dark grey
—	401	very dark grey

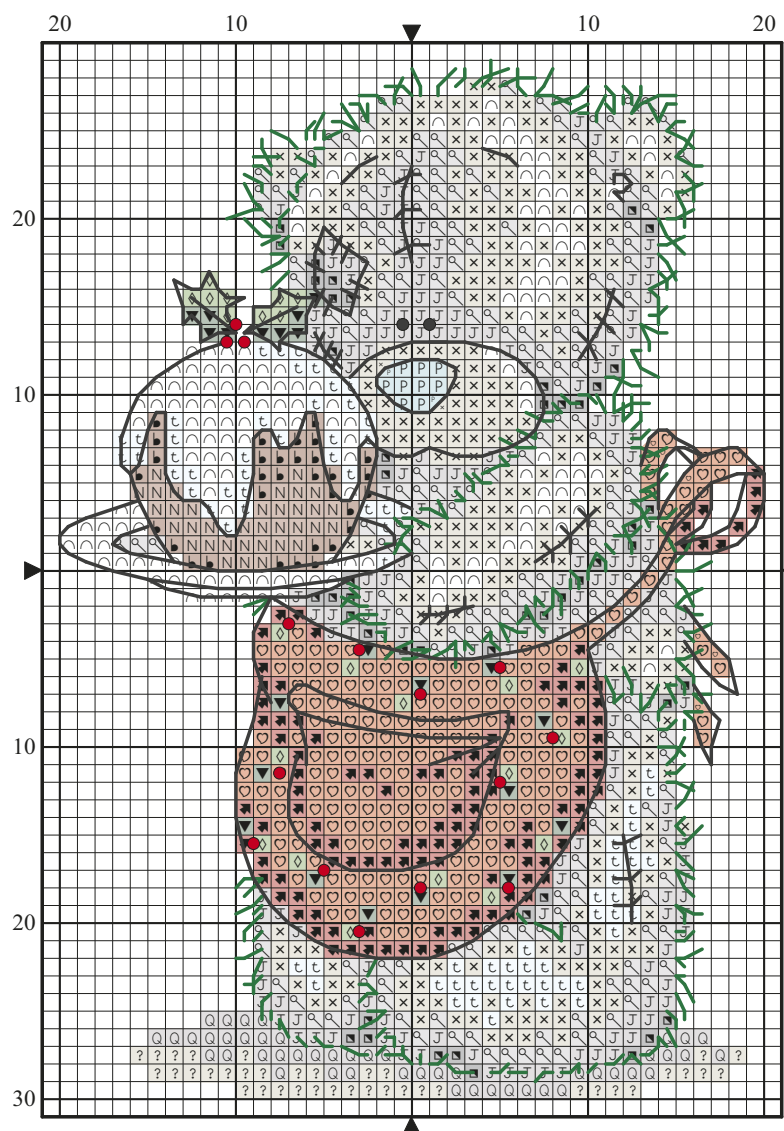
✕ French knots in one strand*

●	46	bright red
●	401	very dark grey

✕ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 59 (h) x 40 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
11x7.5cm (4 1/4 x 2 3/4 in)

*French knots worked in one strand
with four twists



Fiona Says...



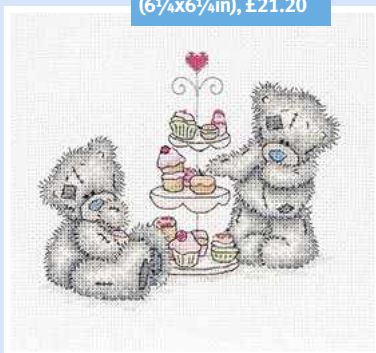
My younger sister loves Tatty Teddy, so I'll be stitching this cutie for her as a present. I just hope she doesn't steal my copy of *Crazy* and read this before Christmas morning!

Fiona Baker, Charting Editor
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There's More

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Star letter

Sweet stitch

When I saw the Apple and Blackberry Crumble design in issue 193, I figured if I made a few adjustments here and there I could make it into my favourite cake recipe, and here it is! Since my cake doesn't have blackberries in it, I omitted the berries border and backed the finished piece with a printed paper with apples on it. I enjoyed stitching it all the way. Thanks for the lovely designs as always.

✿ Yvette says: This is so clever, Satomi. You've translated the design beautifully. Well done!



This month's Star letter winner will receive this funky Forty Winks kit by Karen Carter for Heritage Crafts, worth £14.99! Visit www.hcrafts.com or call ☎ 01889 575 256 to buy.



▲ Baby Hugo's nursery has a cool space theme!

Rocket fuel

Thank you so much for the space alphabet letters. My son's friends were delighted with the name picture I stitched for their firstborn whose nursery had been decorated with a space theme. *Cross Stitch Crazy* came to the rescue when I couldn't track down a simple alphabet by pointing me in the direction of the perfect answer in issue 148.

Kathy Vince, Sheffield

✿ Yvette says: Always happy to help, Kathy. The star background paper you've chosen really helps to bring this design to life.

Hoopla

This is my second ever cross stitch attempt. I used the free hoop from issue 193 and one of the coffee gift idea patterns from the same issue to make this for my mum.

Jenny Coyne, Glasgow

✿ Yvette says: I'm so impressed, Jenny. You're a natural!

► We can't believe this is only Jenny's second attempt at stitching!





▲ Tanya's nieces adored the fairy kit from issue 193

Pretty in pink

This is a photo of my nieces, Adele and Courtney. As soon as my sub copy of *Cross Stitch Crazy* came through the door, I knew I had to stitch the free fairy kit for them. They love pink, fairies and princesses so this was perfect. I padded the back and used heart material to cover it, and as you can see, they were thrilled with it. We'd all be over the moon to be featured in *Crazy* – thanks for a great mag and free gift.

Tanya Knight, Somerset

✿ Yvette says: What a sweet photo – thanks for sharing, Tanya!

▼ Anna adapted this fun design for her own kitchen



Witch's brew

I love stitching Halloween designs all year long. My family used to call me 'heksa', which means 'witch' in Polish, and as a chemist I work a lot in a lab, so when I saw this free design by The Primitive Hare I knew I had to stitch it for my kitchen. Later on I found a wooden bottle in a craft store and decided to combine them. I had to make a few changes to the design so that it would fit my bottle, but in the end I think it looks great.

Anna Szwedzinska, Poland

✿ Yvette says: Well, Anna, I hope you enjoyed the Halloween designs in last month's issue. You've certainly brewed up a winner here, that's for sure!

Fairy different

Here are some tags I've made using Lucie Heaton's fairies plus embroidered initials which I've stitched as gifts for some little girls I know.

Violetta Rucinska, Poland

✿ Yvette says: Such a good idea. They'll make great gifts!



▼ These fairy tags make really pretty gifts

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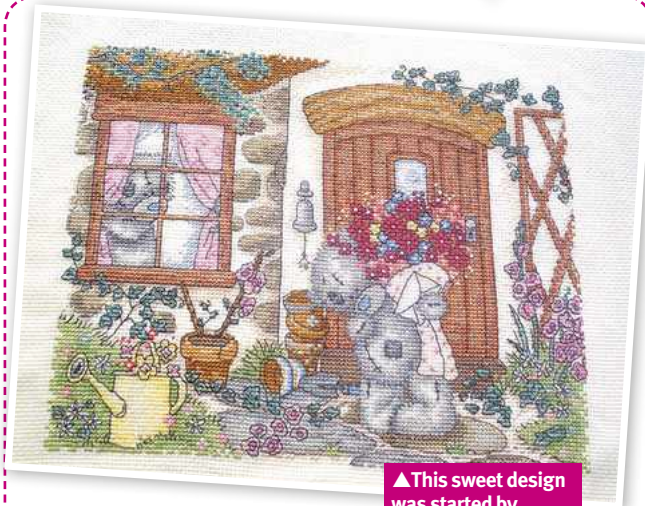
Send us a picture of your first finished project from this issue of *Crazy*, and you could win First Past the Post!

Great read

As soon as I saw the free bookmark kit in issue 194 I knew I just had to stitch it. I loved it so much! Rhona Norrie is a great designer and I loved the way she incorporated some of my favourite things into a design that represented a great cause as well. I like reading when I get the chance so I've made this for myself to replace a card bookmark I've been using.

Jo Carter, East Sussex

✿ Yvette says: Good work, Jo, you're our fastest stitcher this issue! Enjoy your me time!



▲ This sweet design was started by Maria's mother

Me to you

My mother started this Tatty Teddy design about two years ago. There were so many details, she had to work on it on and off. At the beginning of the year it became obvious that she would not be able to finish it, so she gave it to me. My mother died in February this year, so unfortunately she never saw it finished, but it's something that reminds me of the times we had together. Also, she taught me to stitch so it's an interest we shared.

Maria Speck, Germany

✿ Yvette says: I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, Maria. This is a lovely way to remember your mother.

YourLetters



▲ Amelia loves her fairy hoop that mum, Jodie, stitched for her

Sweet treat

My three-year-old daughter loves fairies, so as soon as issue 193 arrived I knew she'd love me to stitch the free fairy kit for her. As you can see, I personalised it by adding her name and she absolutely loves it. Thank you for the wonderful free gift!

Jodie Williams, Australia
 ✿ Yvette says: The fairy kit has been such a hit, Jodie. Your version looks fantastic! I hope Amelia was one happy little girl.

The main attraction

I'd like to show you my new idea – magnets featuring shadow cats in six wonderful colours. Now they're the main attraction on the front of my fridge. I love cats and lots of things around my home have cats on them!

Barbara Herzog, Poland

✿ Yvette says: What a cool idea, Barbara. A fab way of using variegated threads!



▲ These colourful kitties now adorn Barbara's fridge!



▲ Claire cleverly incorporated the bat motif from issue 194

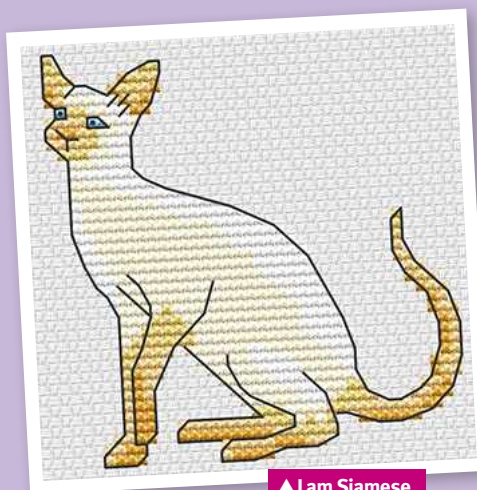
Cave man

This is a door plaque I stitched for my son using motifs from Crazy. It isn't fully finished as Owen's baby brother Thobie has just arrived, so once I'm back on my feet I'll finish it with dinosaur material and a hanger.

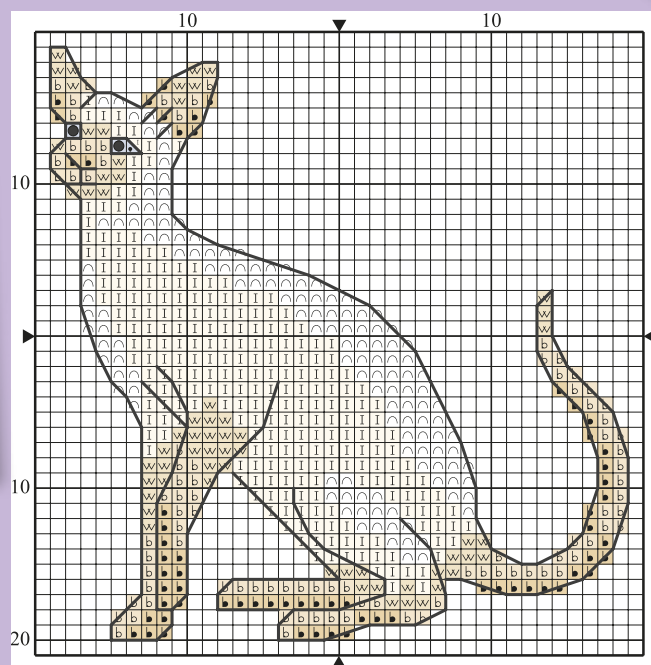
Claire Hoskins, Portsmouth
 ✿ Yvette says: Congratulations on your new arrival! We're sure Owen is going to be so delighted with his little brother and his dino door plaque!

Cross Stitch quickie

Next month:
MANX CAT



▲ I am Siamese, if you please!



Siamese cat

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✿ Cross stitch in two strands

⌒	blanc	2	2402
b	436	1045	2011
b	437	362	2012
I	712	926	2101
w	738	367	2013
●	799	145	910

✿ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✿ French knots in one strand

●	3799	236	1713
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✿ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 39 (h) x 38 (w)
 Design area on 14-count fabric
 7x7cm (2³/₄x2³/₄in)



Celebrity WORDSEARCH

All the words in this month's wordsearch relate to Penelope Cruz. Words can read up, down, across, backwards and diagonally. Which word is left over?

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ACTRESS

ALL THE PRETTY / HORSES

BALLET

CAPTAIN / CORELLI'S / MANDOLIN

ELEGY

HOLLYWOOD / WALK OF FAME

MADRID

MODEL

NINE

ON STRANGER / TIDES

PENELOPE CRUZ

SPANISH

VANILLA SKY

VICKY / CHRISTINA / BARCELONA

VOLVER

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



▲ Anke designed this pretty card using motifs from back issues of *Crazy*

Something old, something new

Our son who is living in The Netherlands recently celebrated his wedding this July in Miami, Florida. I wanted to make a special personalised card for the young couple so I mixed and matched some wedding Quickies from back issues of *Crazy* including issue 46 from 2003. I added some shells because the wedding was held on the beach. It was such a pleasure to make this card, and was also fun going through old magazines and rediscovering designs.

Anke Zijderveld, Canada

✿ Yvette says: Isn't it great when you look through old magazines and find gems you can't believe you overlooked? I love the addition of the shell and rose motifs.



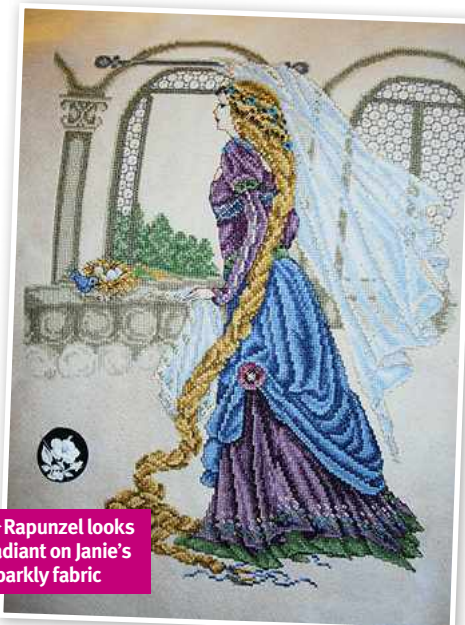
▼ Tom from McFly retweeted Caroline's celeb stitch of himself

Fairytale beauty

I just finished Joan Elliott's Rapunzel and couldn't wait to send a picture to you. I just love what Joan does with the faces and dress details, so Rapunzel was such a joy to stitch. I stitched her on a sparkly antique-looking fabric to accent the castle walls and details of the design. I want to complete this set with Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty that were also featured in *Crazy*, but can always use more of Joan Elliott's designs for my collection, so I hope you feature more of Joan's ladies in *Crazy*!

Janie Holmes, Canada

✿ Yvette says: This is really beautiful work, Janie. We're really impressed and I'm sure Joan will be too!



► Rapunzel looks radiant on Janie's sparkly fabric

Superfly guy

I just wanted to say a massive thanks for having Tom Fletcher from McFly as your Celeb stitch in issue 192. I've already stitched him up and he actually retweeted a picture of my progress on it a couple of days ago! I've attached a photo of my finished stitching. I'm a massive McFly fan and was wondering if you would be featuring the other band members at all? I collect everything and anything to do with McFly and would love to be able to stitch up the whole band for my collection. I'm planning to take the Tom stitch with me to their gig in Hyde Park at the weekend as I have VIP tickets and would love to get him to sign it!

Caroline Rhea, Airdrie, Scotland

✿ Yvette says: That's amazing that Tom retweeted your stitching of him! We'll definitely add your request to the future Celeb stitch list, so watch this space...

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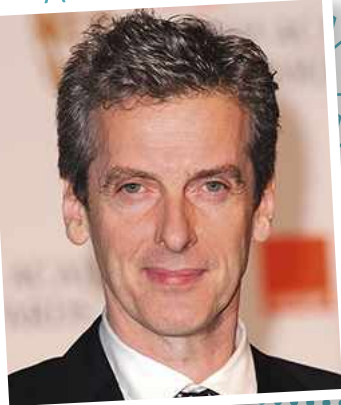
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CelebStitch

Peter Capaldi

Stitch the twelfth incarnation of the Time Lord for a *Doctor Who* super fan today!

Who hasn't dreamt of stepping inside the TARDIS and embarking on a thrilling adventure through time and space with the mysterious and mystifying Doctor? We certainly have! So we're bringing you the next best thing – the latest manifestation of the Doctor in the form of Peter Capaldi!

Worked in whole stitches only, you'll soon see this monster-defeating hero coming to life before your very eyes. Prepare to be truly dazed and amazed! ●

Peter Capaldi

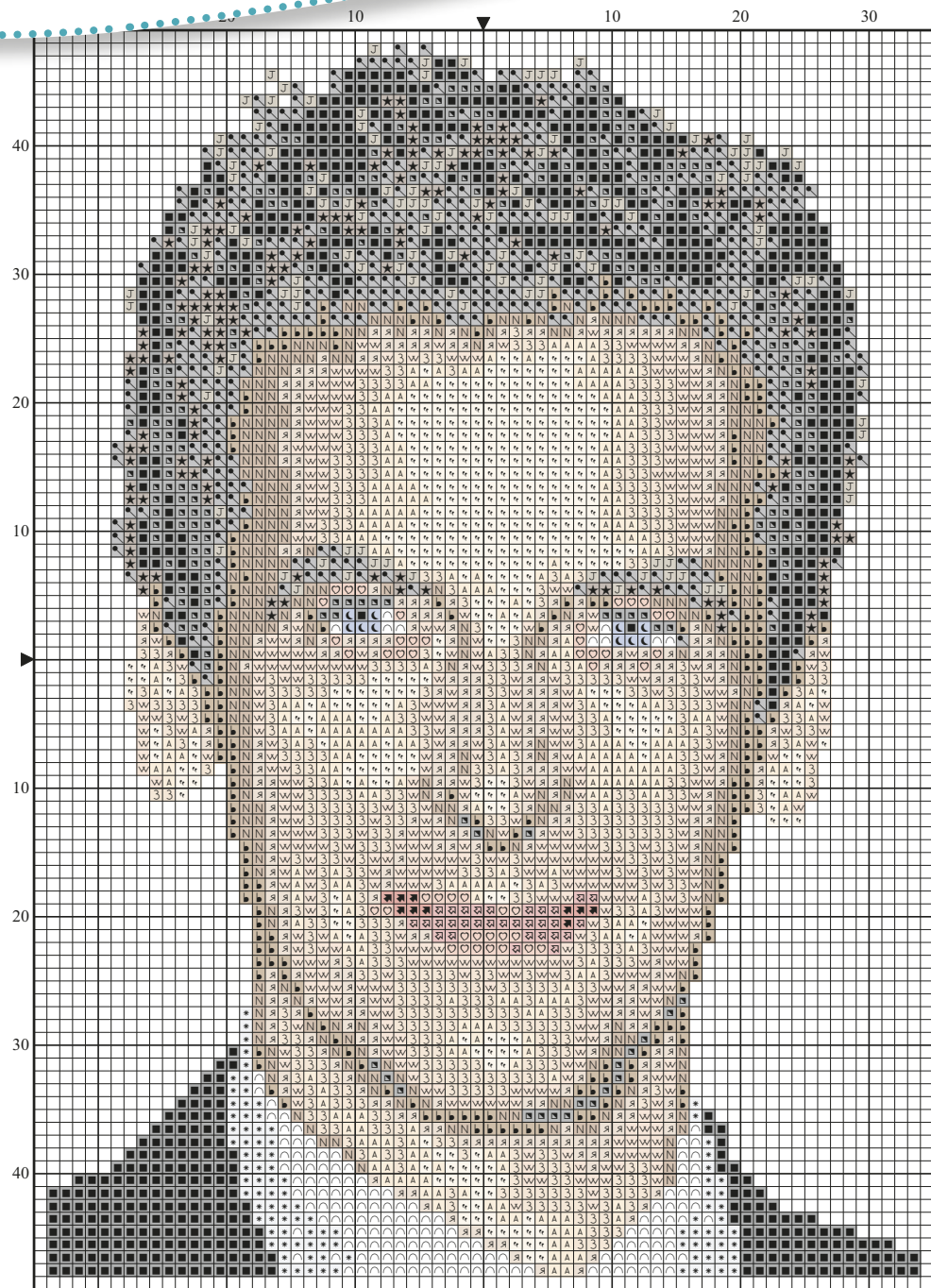
▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

○	blanc	2	2402
■	310	403	2400
●	334	977	1004
●	535	400	1801
J	646	8581	1812
3	754	1012	305
w	758	868	2313
♥	760	1022	404
*	762	234	1804
★	844	1041	1809
A	945	881	2309
•	948	892	306
■	3328	1024	406
■	3712	1023	405
■	3799	236	1713
■	3862	374	1913
N	3863	379	1912
Я	3864	376	1910

✳ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 96 (h) x 68 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
17.5x12.5cm (6³/₄x4³/₄in)



Reader's pick!
This celeb was chosen by
LORNA FRASER

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! Send your request to celebstitch@cross-stitching.com or on a postcard 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 Embellished Gift ideas



Jolly up your festive makes with a scattering of tiny, shiny beads, mini buttons and fluffy little pom-poms
Designed by Rhona Norrie

We love a bit of sparkle at Christmas, and can't resist sprinkling our work with a few well-placed embellishments whenever the mood takes us, so we were beside ourselves when Rhona's batch of moreish makes arrived into the office! Each motif is designed for you to incorporate an adornment of some kind, from touchy feely pom-poms to tiny ringing bells, little buttons to big buttons and more, and we've individually marked each chart with a black dot to show you where you need to add it. So go on, get your glitz on! ●



StitchTime
2-3 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...

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

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Beads - Mill Hill seed beads as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24/26 tapestry needle

Fabric - 5cm (2in) wide 16-count white aida band with gold trim cut to the desired length for cake band. Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring a maximum of 10x10cm (4x4in) for all other designs. Call ☎ 0800 056 7811 or visit www.willowfabrics.com to buy

Extras - Craft Creations circle aperture cards (AP54U) in Bright Red and Bright Green. To buy, call ☎ 01992 781 900 or visit www.craftcreations.com. Bauble from www.shot2go.com or call ☎ 01539 730 005. Embellishments from local craft stores



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Jingle all the way



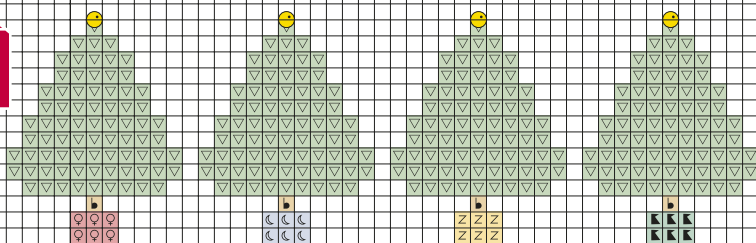
Little box of delights



Santa stop here!



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► Any little one would love to receive a Christmas card featuring a cute embellished character

Embellishments

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✱ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	B5200	1	2401
■	310	403	2400
●	321	9046	510
⦿	415	398	1802
■	434	310	2009
⬇	436	1045	2011
⬆	437	362	2012
✱	554	90	711
✕	666	46	210
⋈	738	367	2013
⌌	743	302	113
Ⓢ	760	1022	405
Ⓐ	761	1021	404
⦿	762	234	1804
⬇	798	131	912
⬆	799	145	910
⬇	809	130	909
⬆	910	228	1302
⬆	911	205	1214
⬆	912	209	1213
⦿	3801	1098	411

✱ Backstitch in one strand

—	310	403	2400
—	798	131	912
—	910	228	1302
—	3801	1098	411

✱ French knots in one strand

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✱ Mill Hill seed beads

○	00123		
●	02011		

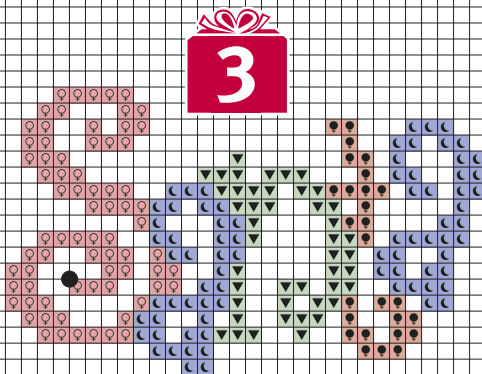
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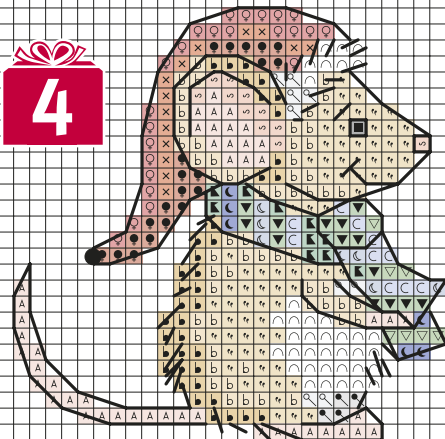
✱ Contains fractionals

Max. stitch count 30 (h) x 62 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
5.5x11.5cm (2 1/4x4 1/2in)
Stitched by Heather Nugent

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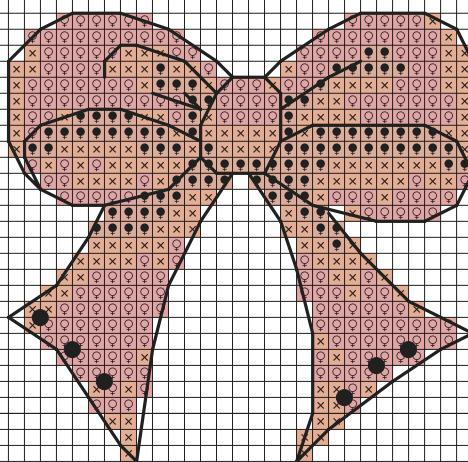
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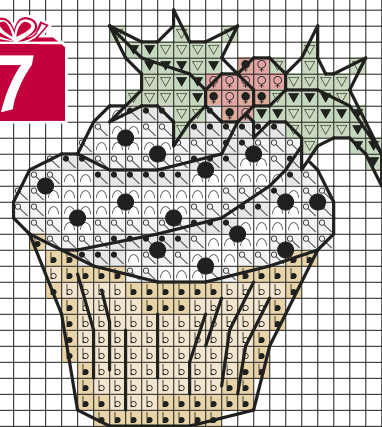
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► Finish off your parcels perfectly by adding a stitched gift tag for a personal touch

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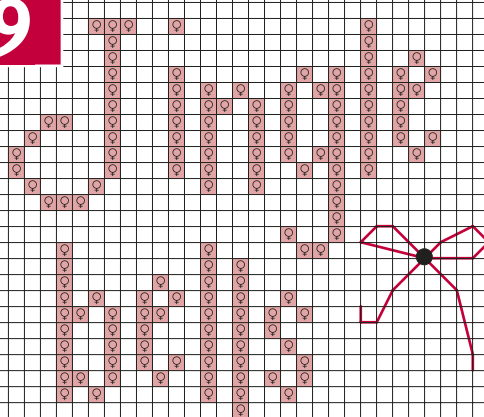
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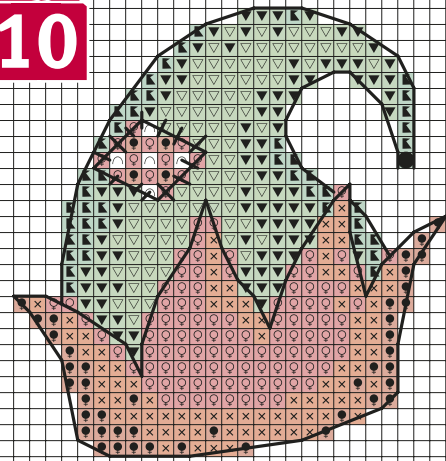
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► Raise a toast to your good elf by stitching the festive hat below as a wine glass charm!

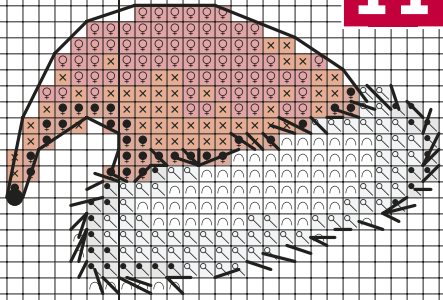
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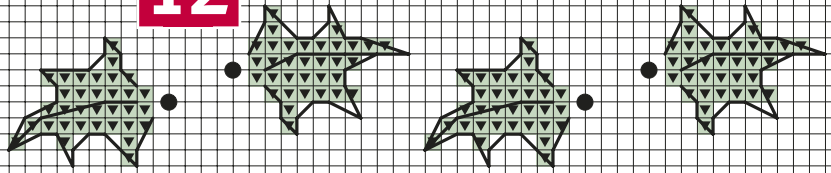
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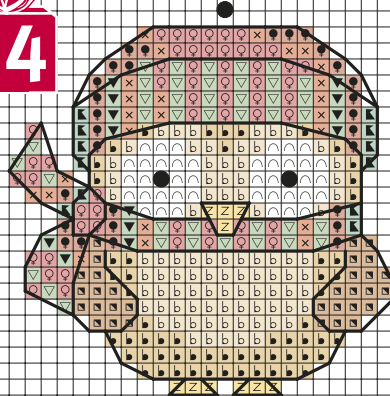


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Have a holly jolly Christmas

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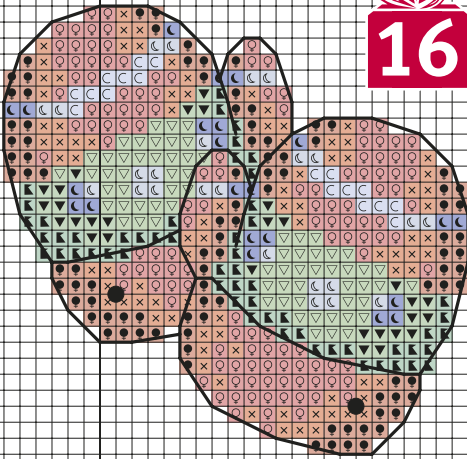
Sleigh
bells
ring



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► Add a handmade touch to your home with a garland made up of stitched designs

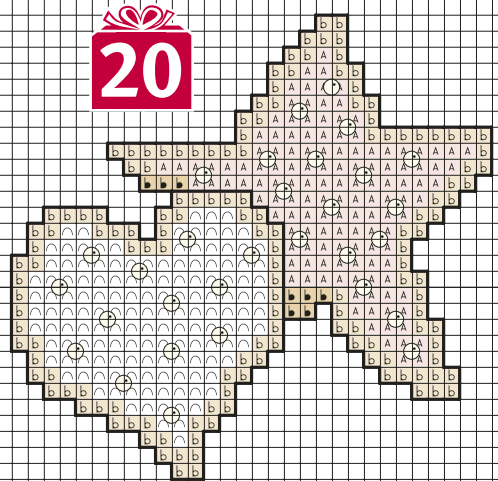
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► Bake some festive biscuits, then pop into a paper bag decorated with a stitched motif

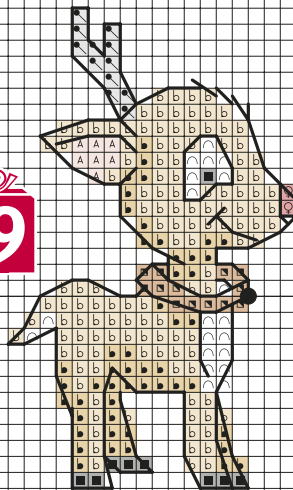
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► Tie a length of aida band into a bow, then stitch a motif on either end of the band to make a fun decoration

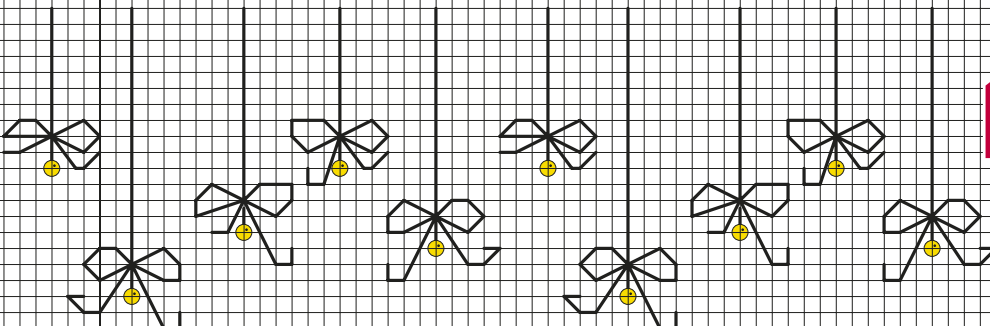
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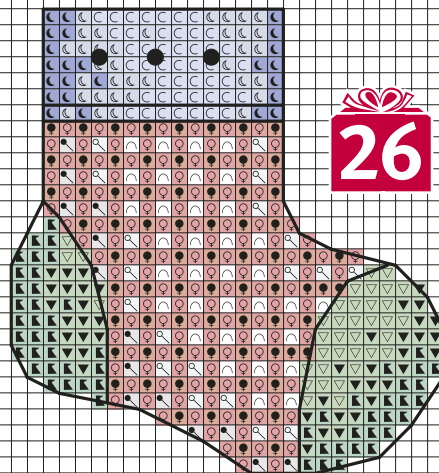




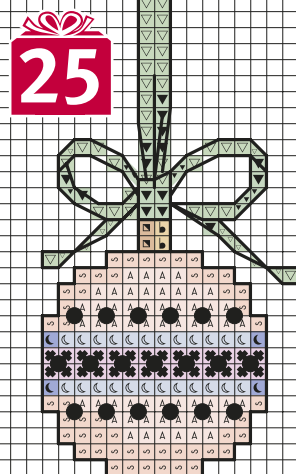
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► Pick a design without fractionals or French knots and stitch on plastic canvas to make a sweet ornament



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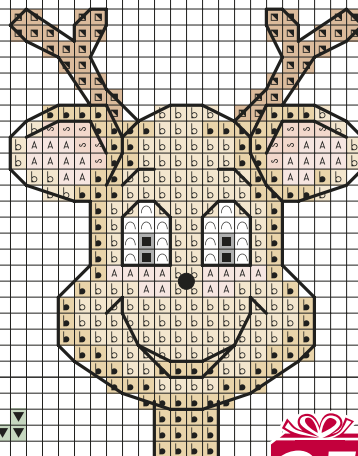
► Hang the mistletoe motif below from a doorway or archway for a Christmas smooch!



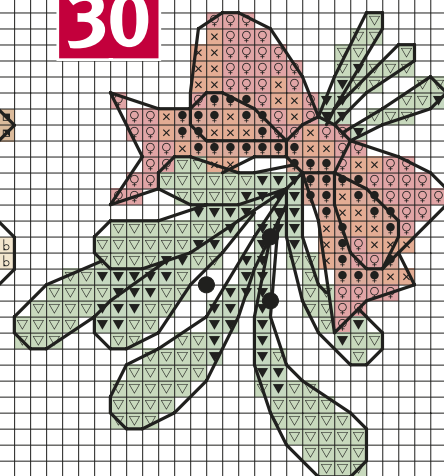
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► Use soluble aida to add a festive design onto winter woolies like a scarf or a pair of gloves



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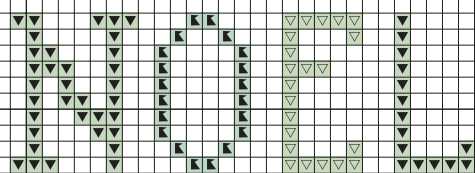


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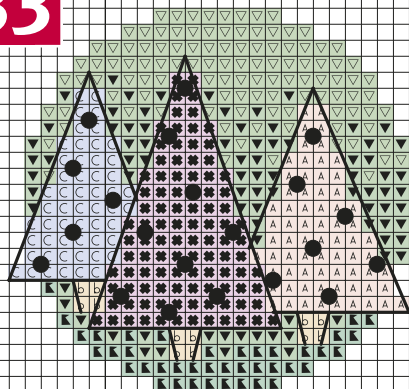
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► Replace threads with similar shades of metallics to add festive sparkle to your stitching

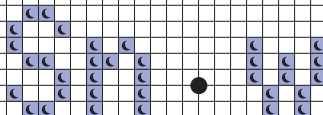
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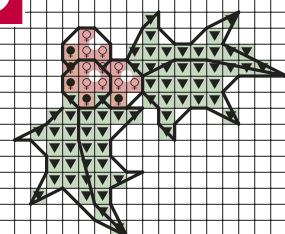


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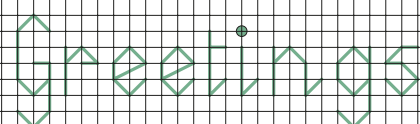


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► Frame round motifs in circular aperture cards for an original finish, then decorate with festive ribbon



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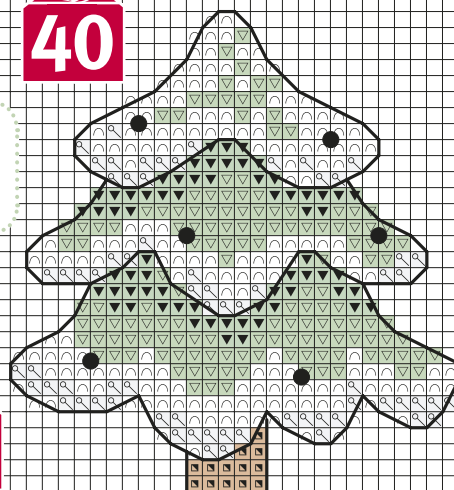


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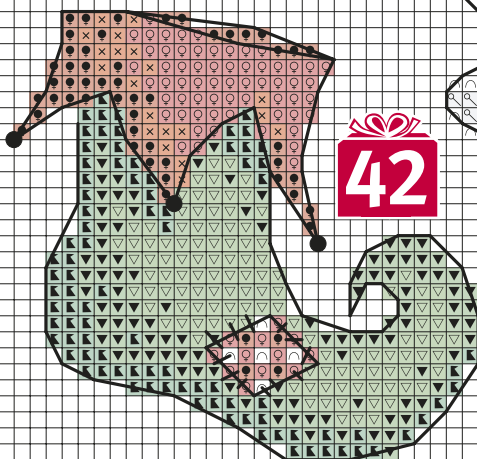
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► Make a set of festive napkins by stitching a small motif in the corner of each one using waste canvas

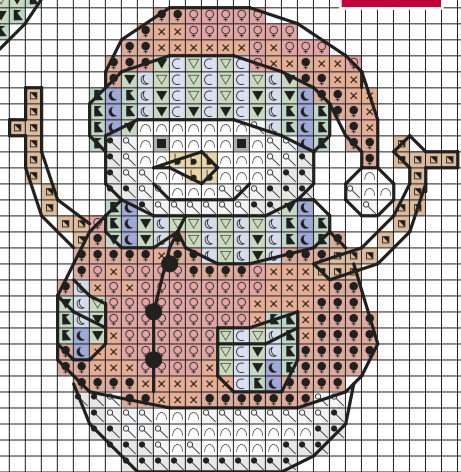
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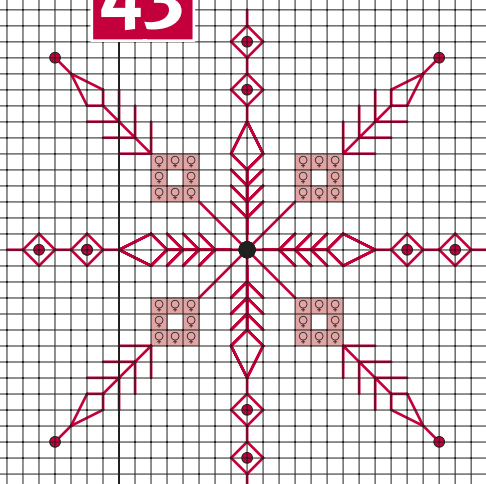
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► Stitch your design onto iridescent white aida to give a sparkling snowy background

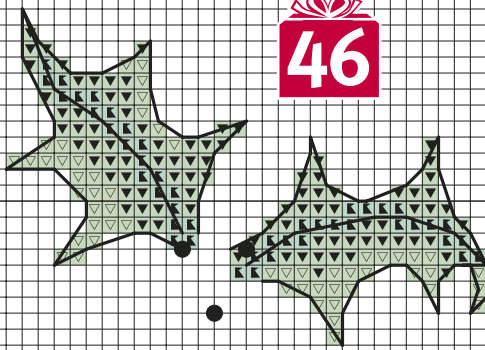
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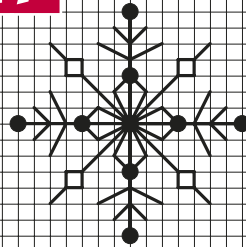
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► Turn this huggable fellow (right) into a fridge magnet to hold all your festive party invites!

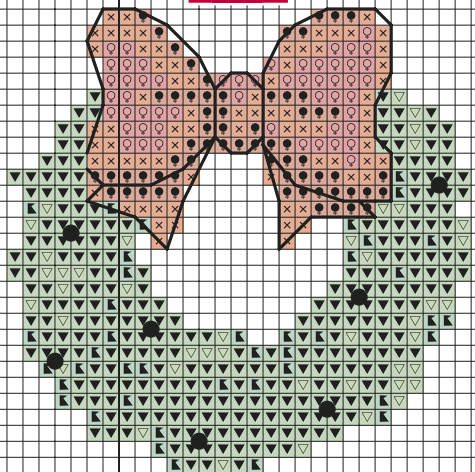
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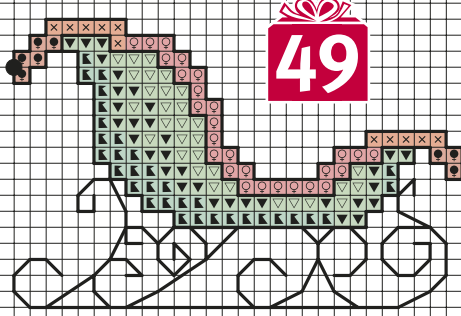
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► Make up a stitched motif as a mini pincushion – the perfect gift for a fellow stitcher!

November Must-haves

Our resident shopaholic Rachel brings you the latest stitchy buys to keep your needles busy all month!



◀ Fantasy world

If you're busy writing lists of Christmas pressie ideas to make into gorgeous goodies for any little girls you know, don't forget to factor in some of this beyond-beautiful fabric! Inspired by a whimsical world of fairytales where frogs turn into princes at the drop of a kiss, we can't think of a nicer way to back your stitching. Ideal for wall hangings, cushions, purses and so much more, the Far Far Away range of fabrics is designed by Heather Ross and costs £3 for a fat quarter.

* To buy, visit www.fabrichq.co.uk



▶ Pretty pins

How cute are these mini Kilner jars? Topped with a Liberty print pincushion, they're perfect for keeping your pins in order, plus any little stitchy bits and bobs such as buttons, beads and ribbon! At £12.95 each (plus postage) they'd make a sweet little stocking filler. Each jar measures 7.5cm round x 10cm tall (3x4in) and comes with pretty pearl-headed pins.

* Visit www.notonthehighstreet.com/berylune to buy



▲ Mermaid in heaven

A beautifully detailed alphabet is always a winner in our book, and they don't get much more spellbinding than Nora Corbett's enchanting mermaid abc, featuring the mystical sea-dwellers curled around ornate letters embellished with tiny shells and starfish. Recently added to the collection are letters J, K and L which are available to buy as charts costing £9.86 each.

* Call ☎ 0800 013 0150 or visit www.sewandso.co.uk to buy

▼ By Scottie!

Calling all dog lovers! We're sure you'll adore this new Scottie Dogs Mini Cushion Kit featuring two cheeky canine friends, Bonnie and Bailey. The kit is brand new from Sheena Rogers and costs £14.99. So simple and satisfying to stitch thanks to the use of whole stitches only and an eye-catching tartan border, we challenge anyone to try and find a sweeter stitch!

* Visit www.sheenarogersdesigns.co.uk to buy



Crazy loves!

▲ Divine décor

Kooky cross stitch designer What Delilah Did (real name Sophie Simpson) is a huge hit at Crazy HQ. We love her fantasy-inspired pieces featuring unicorns and jackalopes, which blend so well with her more real-world images of owls and foxes. Her first book, *Storyland Cross Stitch*, was a dream come true for lovers of all things inspired by the natural or supernatural world, so we're delighted to be able to share her second title *Stitch the Halls* with you – a sumptuous collection of 12 Christmas decorations to cross stitch for your home, for just £9.99.

* Published by Collins & Brown, visit store.pavilionbooks.com to buy

▶ Time to prance

Finish off your projects in style with this fun and festive Reindeer Ribbon, new from the Oak Room. Use as edging to show off a cushion, at the top of a stitched stocking, or to make garlands or tree decorations – at £2.99 for 5m you can afford to go crazy!

* Visit www.oakroomshop.co.uk or call ☎ 01992 501 040 to buy



◀ Mythical stitches

Look who's just flown into Crazy! It's Dillon the dragon and his adorable friend Ko! If you've never met this toothsome twosome before, prepare to fall head over needle for these cuties, designed by Genny Haines. *Catching Butterflies* (top) measures 22x12cm (8½x4½in) and features the delightful duo gazing in awe at a flurry of brightly coloured butterflies. The design is available as a chart for £6 or a kit for £16. Meanwhile, *Flying Up Close* (bottom) measures 15x10cm (6x4in) and shows the two pals cosying up on an exciting airborne voyage. A chart is available to buy for £5.50 or choose a kit for £13.

* Visit www.goldleafneedlework.co.uk or call ☎ 01482 571 120 to buy

Splurge or save?

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

Natural beauty

This stylish White Christmas Tree kit by The Historical Sampler Company is worked on 16-count frosty blue aida and costs £23.50 for the complete kit. To buy, visit www.historicalsamplercompany.co.uk or call ☎ 01268 711 918.



Festive firs

At just £1.30, we think this Robin and Tree mini masterpiece is a steal! The ideal size for cards, this tiny kit features a snowy landscape of fir trees plus a bright splash of colour thanks to our little robin friend. Call ☎ 0330 026 1400 or visit www.hobbycraft.co.uk to buy.



Weekend

Merry stitches

Kick off the jolliest season of the year with this festive Lizzie*Kate sampler filled with fabulous homespun charm!

Exclusive to Crazy!

Samplers never go out of fashion, as there's always call for a beautifully crafted arrangement of motifs and letters conveying inspiring messages of love and good cheer. So, we think this charming example by Lizzie*Kate will be an instant



StitchTime
15 hrs
(Approx)

and longlasting hit! The mix of whimsical typography, blooms and baubles – plus a dashing deer – make this a heartwarming project you just won't want to put down.

Stitched on natural linen to add to the rustic folk style and worked in whole stitches only, this delightful project is perfect for every level of stitcher. ●

StitchList...

For all stitchers

✕ Whole cross stitch

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 26 tapestry needle

Fabric - A piece of 28-count raw cashel linen measuring 28x26cm (11x10¹/₄in). To buy, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150

Extras - Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 21x19cm (8¹/₄x7¹/₂in)



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Lizzie★Kate

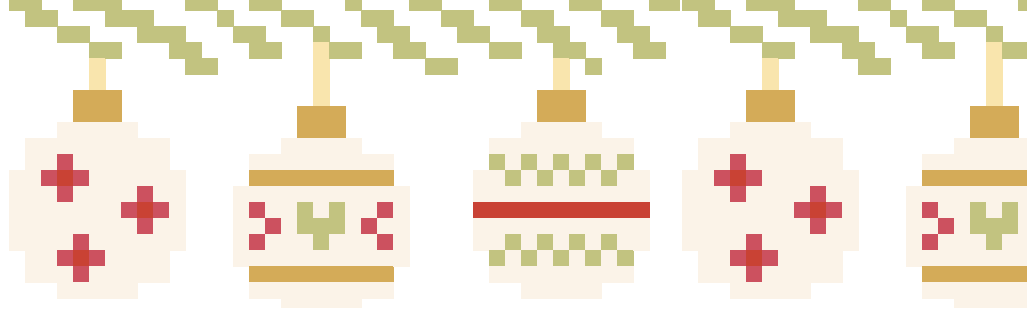
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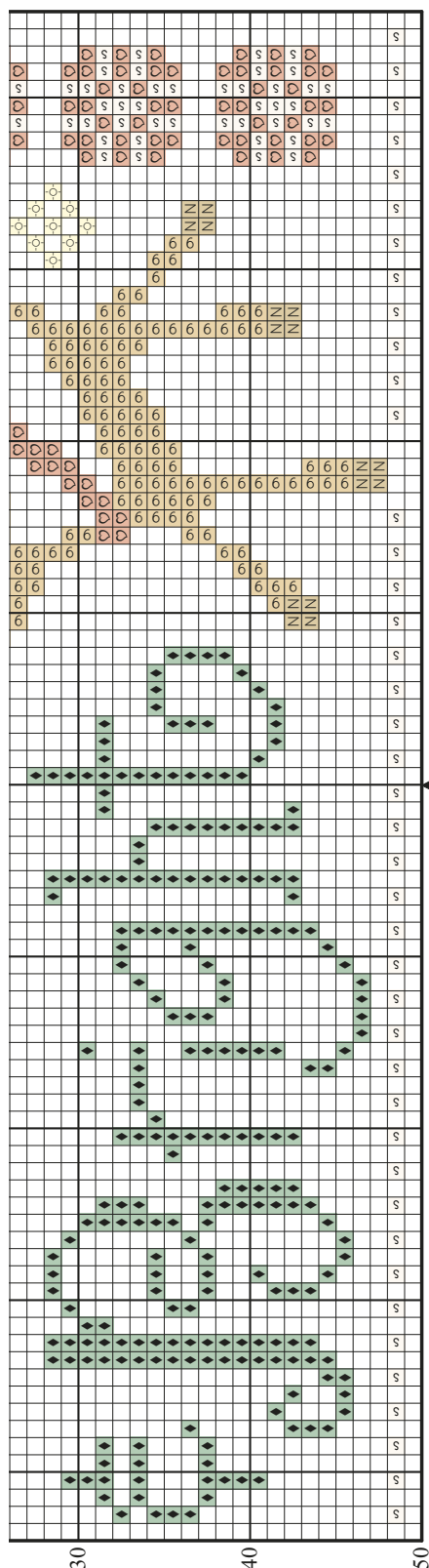
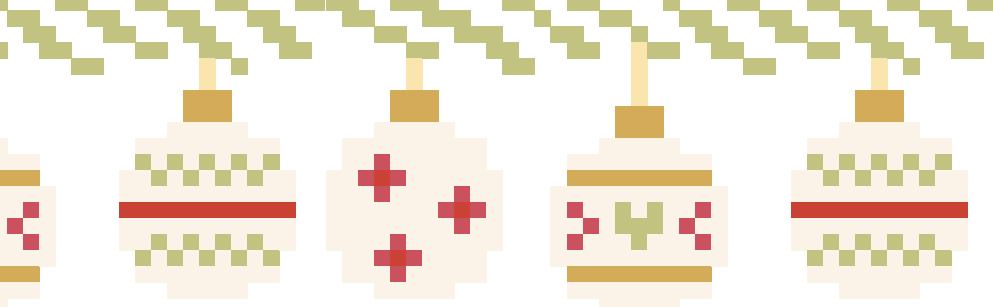


be merry

Bright







ReaderSays...



I love stitching typography, from quotes to alphabet samplers – in fact anything with letters in! – so this has gone

straight to the top of my 'To do' list. The colours are beautiful and the greeting makes it the perfect gift for someone special this Christmas, as they can display it for many years to come.

Karis Hampton, Essex

Christmas sampler

▼ Anchor ▼ DMC ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 98 (h) x 87 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
18x16cm (7x6¼in)
Stitched by Karen Purnell

There'sMore

For more lovely Lizzie*Kate designs, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150 to enquire about their range. Here are a few of our favourite picks from Lizzie*Kate's festive Christmas selection!



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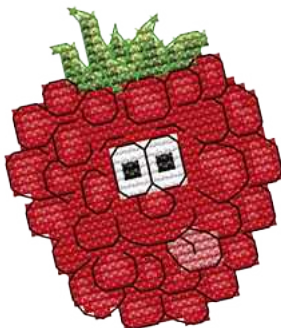
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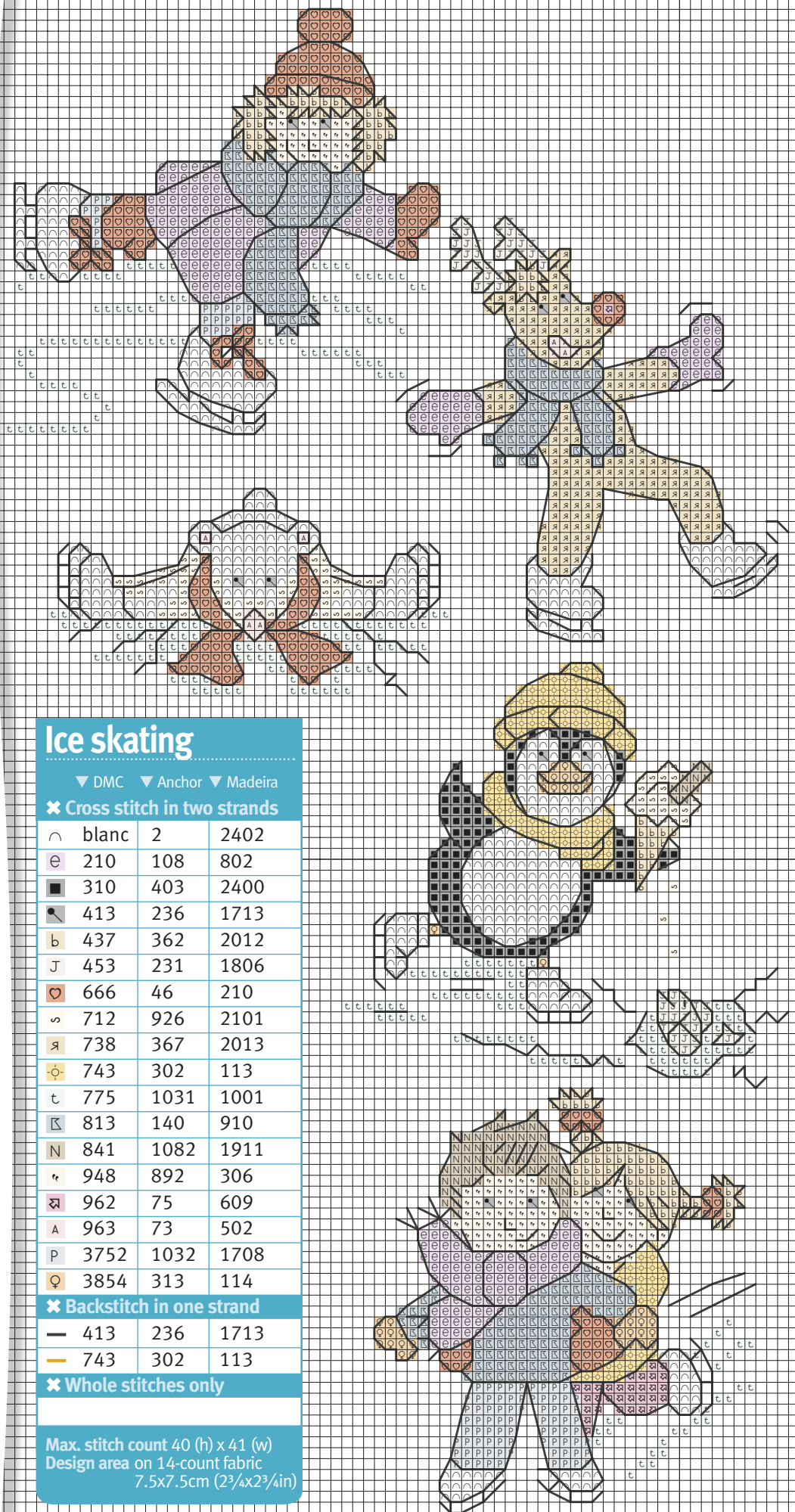


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Ice skating

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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я	738	367	2013
o	743	302	113
t	775	1031	1001
⌂	813	140	910
N	841	1082	1911
“	948	892	306
☒	962	75	609
A	963	73	502
P	3752	1032	1708
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✕ Backstitch in one strand

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—	743	302	113

✕ Whole stitches only

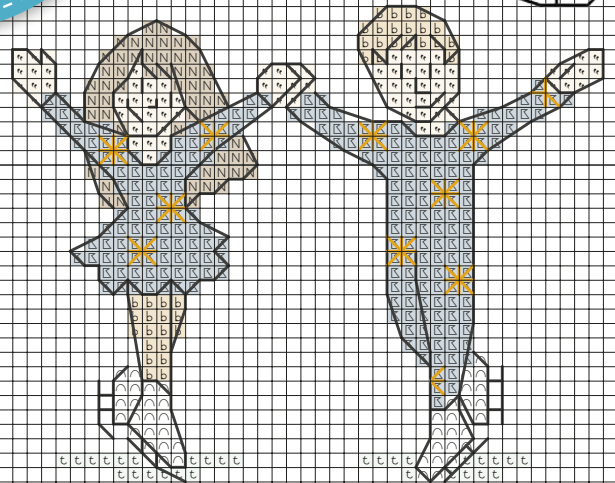
Max. stitch count 40 (h) x 41 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7.5x7.5cm (2³/₄x2³/₄in)

Crazy for... Ice skating

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Designed by Jenny Barton

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pick!*

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Lizzie Kate answers all!

We chat to Linda Ebright, owner of US cross stitch company Lizzie*Kate and the creative brains behind this month's Weekend project!

How did you first get into designing cross stitch charts?

I was an avid stitcher for many years before I began designing. When my children were young, I decided to try designing for extra income. I'd worked in the advertising design industry and it seemed like a good idea to combine my love of needlework with my art background.

What gave you the push to turn your love of cross stitching into a full-time business?

Much to my surprise, my hobby quickly turned into a full time career! Lizzie*Kate now employs my husband, Alan, too. He works on the business side, dealing directly with all the shops, inventory, shipping and distribution, while I do the creative and publishing side of Lizzie*Kate.

How did you originally come up with the name 'Lizzie*Kate'?

I used my daughters' middle names for inspiration; Sarah Elizabeth – Lizzie – and Alison Kathleen – Kate. They were really young when I began in 1996, but now they're all grown up. Sarah is an art teacher and Ali is a food blogger. I'm super proud of them both and the interesting, creative work that they do.

Your designs are hugely popular both here in the UK and in your home country of America. Why do you think they have such wide-ranging appeal to stitchers?

I think it's down to the fact that my designs are simple, quick to stitch and bring a smile to your face. I like working with beautiful words and classic motifs. I hope my designs, in a small way, make the world a prettier place as they enable stitchers to exercise their own creativity.

If Crazy readers were to pop over to your house for a lovely cup of tea, what would they find you doing?

In the summer, you can usually find me on my bike, pedalling away on a nearby river bike path. In the evenings, you'll often find Alan and me watching British television series' such as *Downton Abbey* and *Call The Midwife*. Usually, I'm stitching a Lizzie*Kate model (I still stitch all of the models!) and Alan will most likely be assembling our button packs.



Where did you find your inspiration for this month's Weekend project on page 28?

I love doing seasonal designs, especially for Christmas. I wanted to make this project a really cheerful piece at a very special time of year.

If you could offer one invaluable piece of advice to a stitcher who would love to become a designer, what would it be?

Do what inspires you and what you enjoy. Don't try to be like other designers but find your own style. I stitched dozens of reproduction samplers before I began L*K. My designs don't really look like old samplers but my love of this art form does inspire my designs.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things couldn't you live without?

It would be hard to live without Alan, my daughters and my son-in-law, Jeff, but that's more than three things! On a less serious note, a day without chocolate is never complete and a needle and thread would definitely be handy! ●

For more information about Lizzie*Kate and to see the full range of charts and kits available to buy, including a great selection of free charts to download, visit the website at www.lizziekate.com

Lizzie*Kate's second Mystery Sampler, Holly and Hearts, revealed at intervals in three parts!



Linda's beautiful American home

Turn to page 28 for Lizzie*Kate's exclusive winter sampler design for Crazy – it's full of festive charm!



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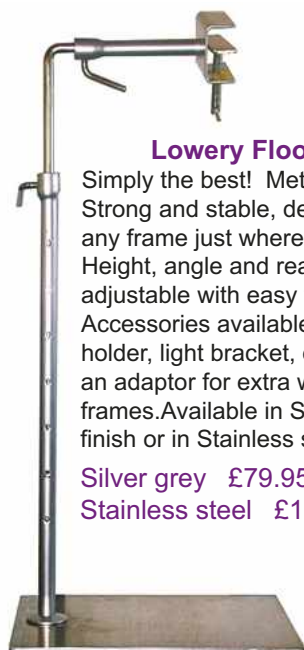
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Just in time!



StitchTime
20-25 hrs



Start the Christmas countdown in style with this fabulously festive clock referencing a much-loved seasonal song, *The 12 Days of Christmas*

Designed by Lesley Teare

StitchList...

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch
- ✕ Fractionals

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 22x22cm (7x7in) from www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150

Extras - 20cm (8in) wooden embroidery hoop from Sew and So. Gold paint, clock mechanism and white adhesive back felt from your local craft shop. Ribbon of your choice

Even if you're not quite sure of the exact order of this famous Christmas carol, chances are you'll know that it starts with a partridge in a pear tree, and there are five gold rings!

Well, now there's no excuse for not recalling all of the 12 gifts given, as Lesley's fun motifs

illustrate each one in turn. This joyful design lends itself beautifully to being mounted in a hoop to make an attractive wall hanging. Or, you could turn it into a working clock like ours, following the handy How To over the page. You can also stitch individual motifs for cards, too – it's the gift that keeps on giving! ●

*Create a cosy feel
in your home with
this cute clock!*



SpecialProject

YvetteSays...



I'm always
mixing up
the order of
the maids
a-milking,
ladies
dancing,

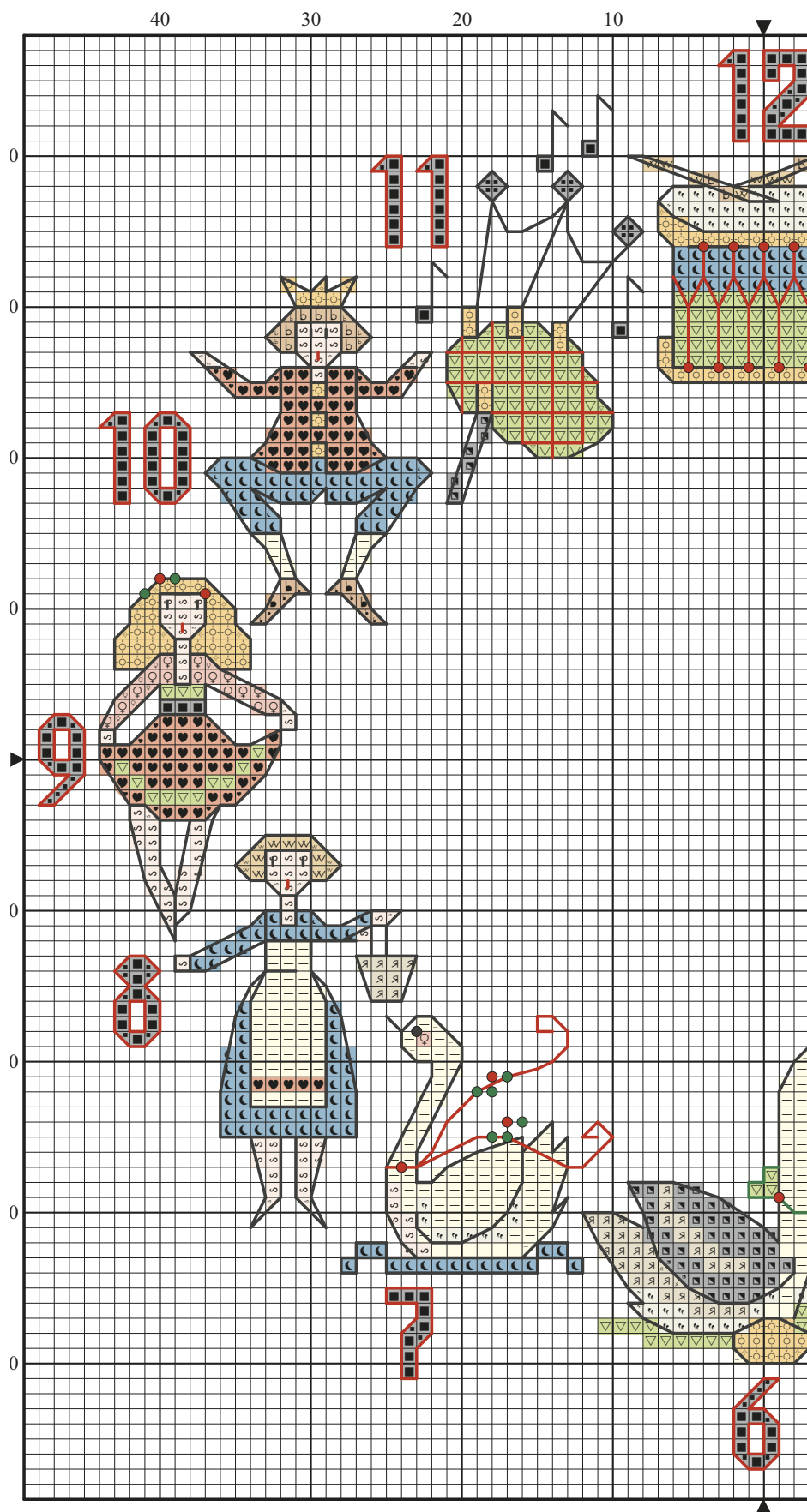
and lords a-leaping, so I'll be stitching this sweet design for my kitchen – there's no way I won't know the song inside out once I've finished it!

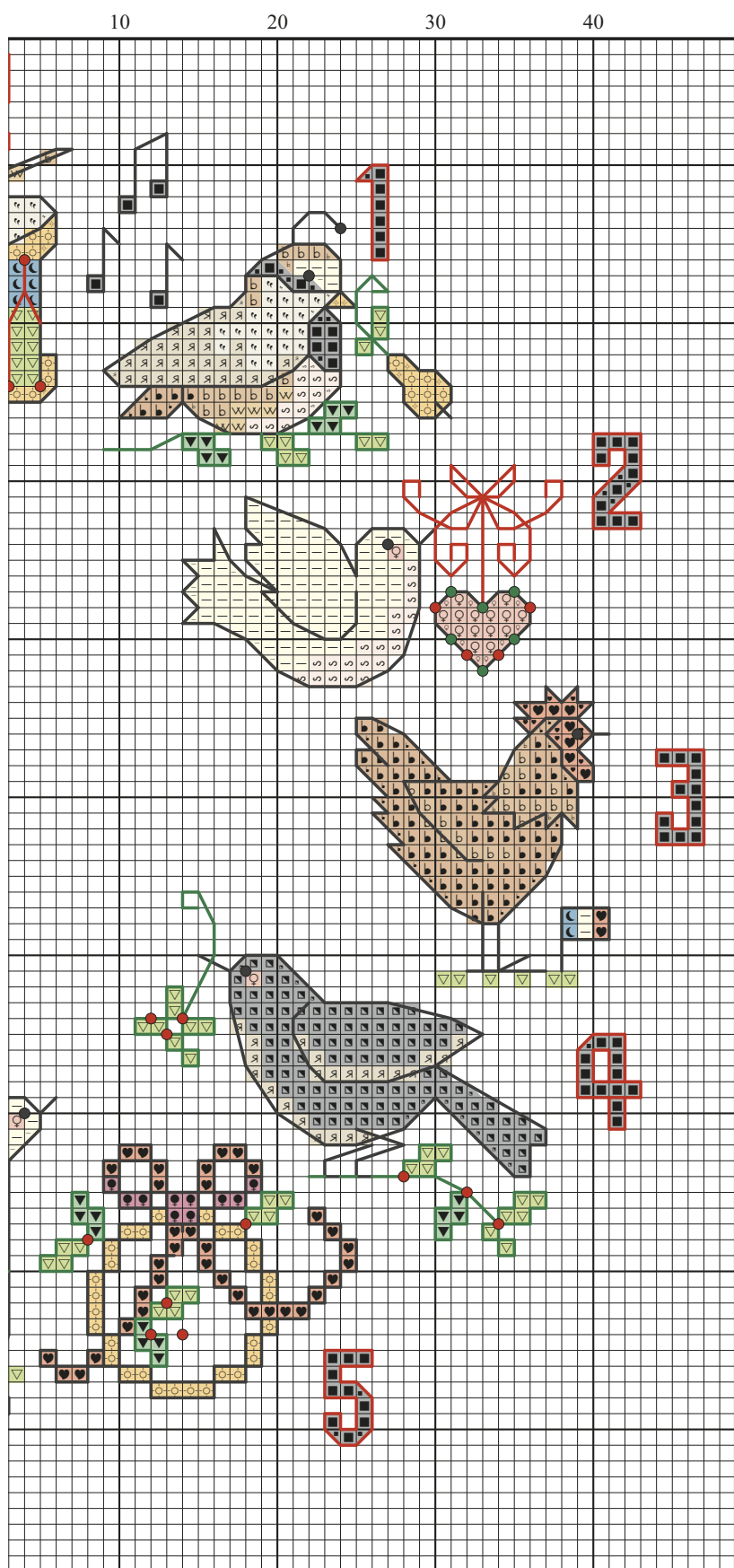
Yvette Streeter,
Acting Editor
Cross Stitch Crazy

HowTo

Turn your stitching into a fabulous festive clock

- 1 Before you begin stitching, fold your aida in half horizontally and vertically to find the middle. Once you've finished stitching the design, this middle point is where you need to make a small hole for the clock mechanism to go through.
- 2 Paint a plain wooden hoop with gold paint and leave to dry. Once completely dry, mount your stitching inside the hoop, keeping it central.
- 3 Double check the centre of the design, then make a small hole and push the clock mechanism through.
- 4 Back with a circle of white adhesive felt to finish.





Christmas clock

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

■	310	403	2400
□	352	9	303
■	413	236	1713
■	434	310	2009
b	435	1046	2010
w	436	1045	2011
●	498	1006	513
■	517	162	1107
■	642	903	1905
■	666	46	210
▼	700	229	1302
▼	703	238	1307
○	742	303	114
—	746	275	2511
■	822	390	1908
s	951	1010	2308

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	310	403	2400
—	666	46	210
—	699	923	1303

✕ French knots in one strand

●	310	403	2400
●	666	46	210
●	699	923	1303

✕ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 94 (h) x 95 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
17x17cm (6¾x6¾in)
Stitched by Debbie Hart

STEPHEN FRY & ALISTAIR MCGOWAN

Watch the video at
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Crazy's Angels



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All together now

Q I'm working on a project using seed beads and keep finding them everywhere! Is there a way to access them easily but also keep them under control?

Mrs L. Longbourne, Devon

A Try putting all your beads in a wide but shallow container with a lid – there's a product available that has been designed exactly for this purpose! Called a Tacky Bob Bead Holder, it looks like a CD case but has an acid-free tacky surface inside the top and bottom that stops the beads from rolling around, plus a magnetic strip to hold your needles. It's handy because it not only keeps the beads in place,



▲ Keep seed beads safely contained with this fab accessory!

allowing you to thread them onto your needle with ease, but also helps prevent scattering if you drop the container. Plus, its neat size means it'll easily fit into a handbag or sewing box. To buy for £6.50, visit www.craftykitten.co.uk.

Wash and sew

Q I'm stitching on cotton printed sailcloth, but the print is showing through some of the lighter coloured threads. Will washing it once completely remove the print, and if not, what can I do?

Kalie-Dee Jones, Derbyshire

A It's difficult to tell without knowing the exact kit you're using, Kalie-Dee, however a lot of stamped or printed kits do use washable ink. Try using a damp cotton bud in a discreet corner of the design to see if the colour comes away on the tip. If it does, then wash the finished cross stitching in warm water with a small amount of washing up liquid. If washing it is not successful, try

adding more strands to the lighter colours to provide better coverage.

Pain relief

Q I recently started getting pain in my wrists while stitching. My doctor says it's repetitive strain and that I need to rest it, but I can't bear the thought of giving up stitching! Do you have any tips to help speed up recovery?

Dolores Munford, Staffordshire

A What a nightmare for you, Dolores! Make sure you listen to your doctor's advice though, as it's important to rest and let that wrist recover. Once you get the go ahead from the doctor to get started again, begin with a small project and take regular breaks while stitching. It's also a good idea to get yourself some joint reinforcement such as these new Handeze Flex-Fit Gloves – ideal as they have additional wrist support. They come in a choice of three colours: beige, slate grey and black, and cost £18.80. Call ☎ 01889 576 171 to order a pair, or send a cheque or postal order made payable to the address listed on the website at www.handeze.co.uk, where you can also find out more information and get help working out the specific size you need.



► Protect your wrists from strain with Handeze gloves

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Our TOP TIPS

Stitching on soluble canvas

- 1 When customising clothes or home decorations such as pillows or cushions, try to use a seam or a zip as a guideline for keeping the canvas straight.
- 2 Ensure the thread you use is colourfast as you'll need to wash the canvas away and you don't want the colours to run. Using trusted brands is a good way to be sure.
- 3 Make sure you pin or tack the fabric in place to prevent the soluble canvas from moving as you stitch. It's easiest to remove your tacking before you wash the canvas away.
- 4 Be careful not to stretch the fabric as you tack the canvas in place as this will distort the shape of the stitching once the canvas has dissolved. If possible, use an embroidery hoop to keep an even tension.
- 5 When stitching straight onto clothes, secure the threads well so you can put the item in a washing machine. There's no need to hand wash, just follow the washing instructions on the garment.

Pack your bags

Q My 10-year-old daughter loves crafts so is always making something, and we quite often cross stitch together. Can you help me find a large storage container that's also easily transportable, so I can chuck it in the back of the car when we go on our family holiday this year?

Felicity Mustang, London

A How lovely to share a hobby with your daughter, Felicity! And it's such a good idea to take crafting equipment with you when you travel to keep everyone happily entertained. Portable storage like this zip-up Recycled Storage Jumbo Bag is ideal for throwing into the back of the car. Measuring 55x28x48cm (21½x11x19in), it's great value at just £4.90. We love this pretty Botanical Butterflies design, but there's plenty of choices available – visit www.filorogifts.co.uk to check out their range, or call ☎ 01923 510 193 to buy this one!

Touch of sparkle

Q I'm stitching a Christmas stocking as a gift but it's lacking something. What can I do to add some festive magic to it?

Tiffany O'Brien, Dublin

A Well done for getting started on your Christmas stitching so early, Tiffany! A great way to add a bit of razzle-dazzle to



► This roomy storage bag is great for transporting your craft supplies

any stitching is with some shiny beads, buttons or metallic thread. And, Gütermann have just brought out a new Metallic Effect Thread Pack which would be ideal for embellishing your festive project! The pack contains seven reels of popular colours and costs £9.90. To find your local stockist, email groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk.



▼ Add festive fun to your seasonal makes with metallics

cases where stores have been sued for allowing their machines to be used to produce illegal copies, so I do understand their hesitation. The only thing we can suggest is to find a friend or family member who could scan or copy the chart for you using a home multifunction printer.

Be my guide

Q When stitching I usually use guideline thread, but it's a bit of a pain removing it once I've finished. Is there an easier-to-use product out there?

Chelsea Brokenhurst, Leeds

A Yes, Chelsea, there is! Just like guideline thread, DMC Magic Guide fabric reduces counting time and helps make stitching projects much quicker and easier. And, there's no pesky threads to unravel, as the gridlines on the fabric disappear completely when washed! You can buy Magic Guide in either white or ecru and it comes in a variety of sizes with prices starting from £4.35. Visit www.dmccreative.co.uk or call ☎ 0116 275 4000 for stockists. ●

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Q I always thought you could photocopy a chart, and as long as the colour key wasn't copied too, copyright isn't broken. Is this true? My local photocopying shop disagrees and so won't enlarge any of my charts for me!

Mrs A Bell, Lincolnshire

A This is a difficult question as the answer isn't a straightforward one. It's against the law to photocopy charts (with or without a key) for anything other than personal use, so when you copy the chart in a shop, it's difficult to prove you're not going to share or sell the chart, even without the key. There've been a lot of



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A glass act



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Designed by Anne MacGregor

StitchList...

For all stitchers

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch



StitchTime

80 hrs

(For the set)



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Those of you with your ears to the ground will be well aware of the current crafty trend for patchwork and quilting. From quilts using a rainbow of colours to homewares and clothing designed with a pretty patchwork effect, it seems everyone's gone quilting crazy!

Not to be outdone, we're jumping on the bandwagon with a sumptuous quilting project in cross stitch. Using carefully selected thread shades to encapsulate the timeless beauty of a stained glass window, you can choose to stitch the smaller scissor keeper or pincushion for a quick finish, or stitch all three to create this stunning set. And, since they're worked in whole stitches and backstitch only, these designs are perfect for beginners, too! ●

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - A piece of Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 36x36cm (14x14in) for the box; 13x13cm (5x5in) for the pincushion and 10x10cm (4x4in) for the scissor keeper. To buy, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150

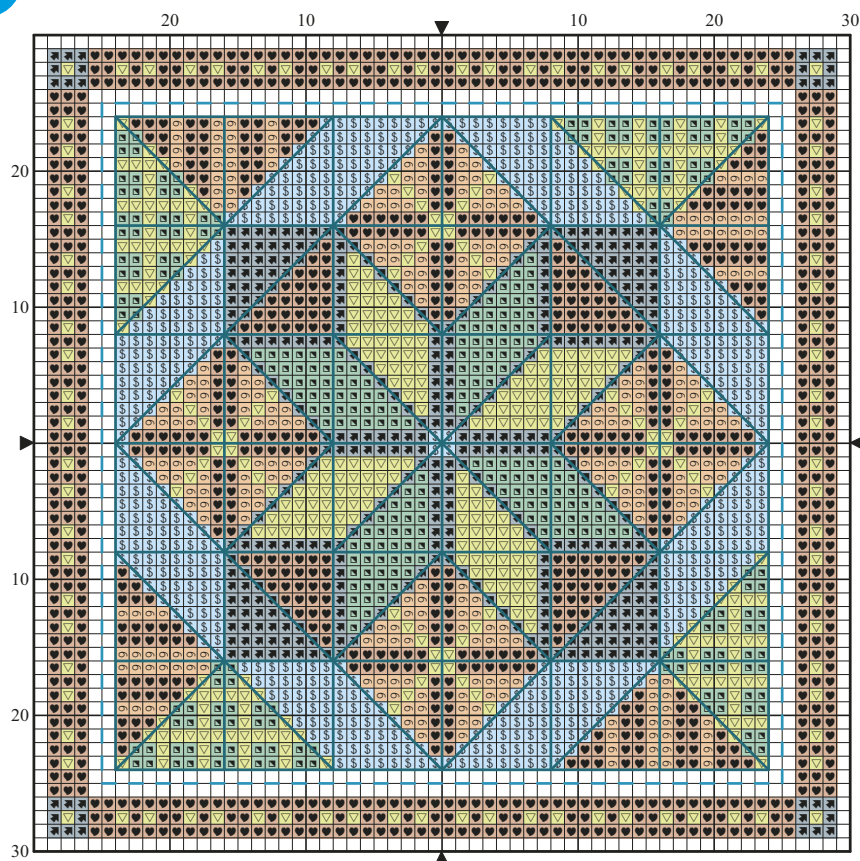
Extras - Turnstyle 30cm (12in) square storage box. To order for £19.95 including P&P, email brianefoster@tiscali.co.uk or call ☎ 01844 290 520. Backing fabric and cord of choice

ReaderSays...

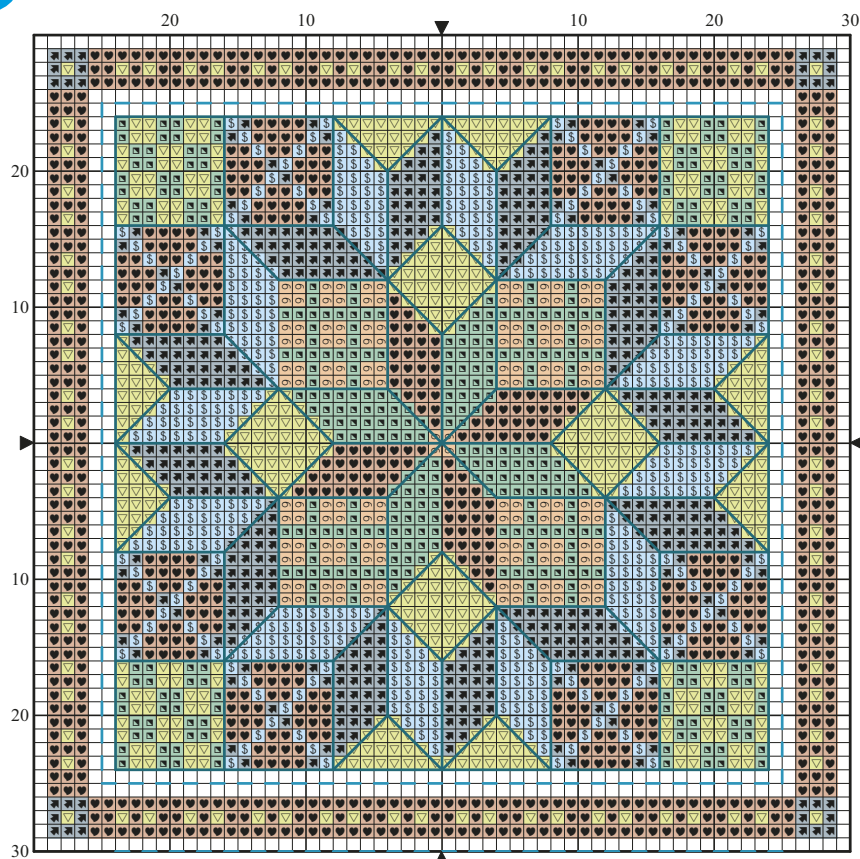


The bright colours in these designs are impossible to resist! My mum's actually in the middle of making a quilt for me, so I think stitching up this gorgeous set for her would make a beautiful gift in return, combining my favourite hobby with hers.

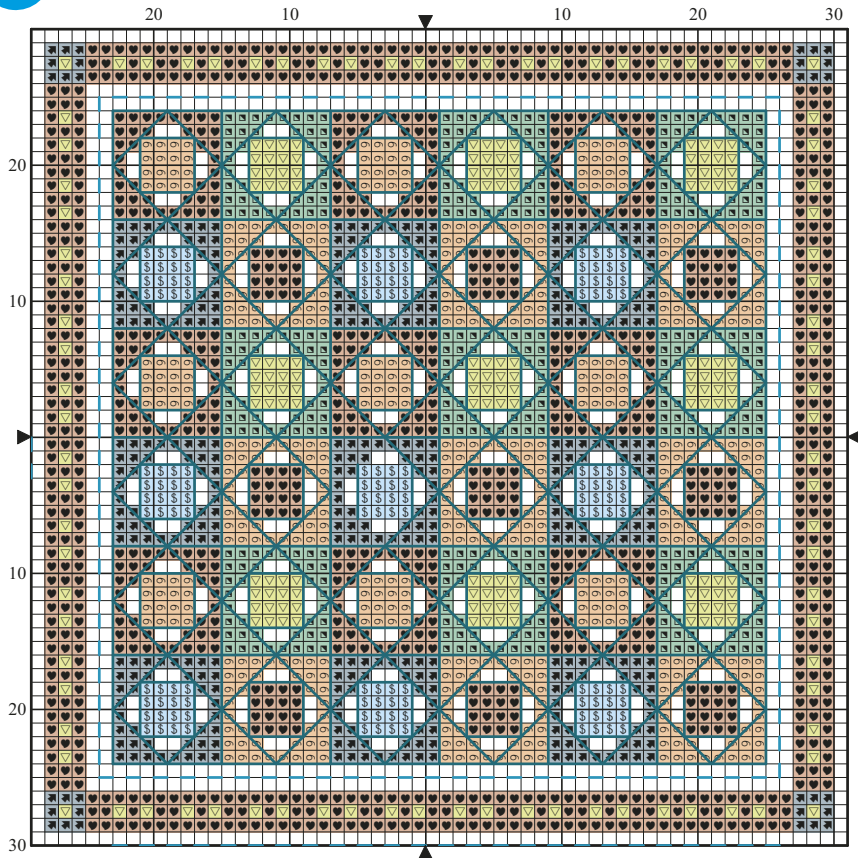
Johanna Vaughton, Harrow



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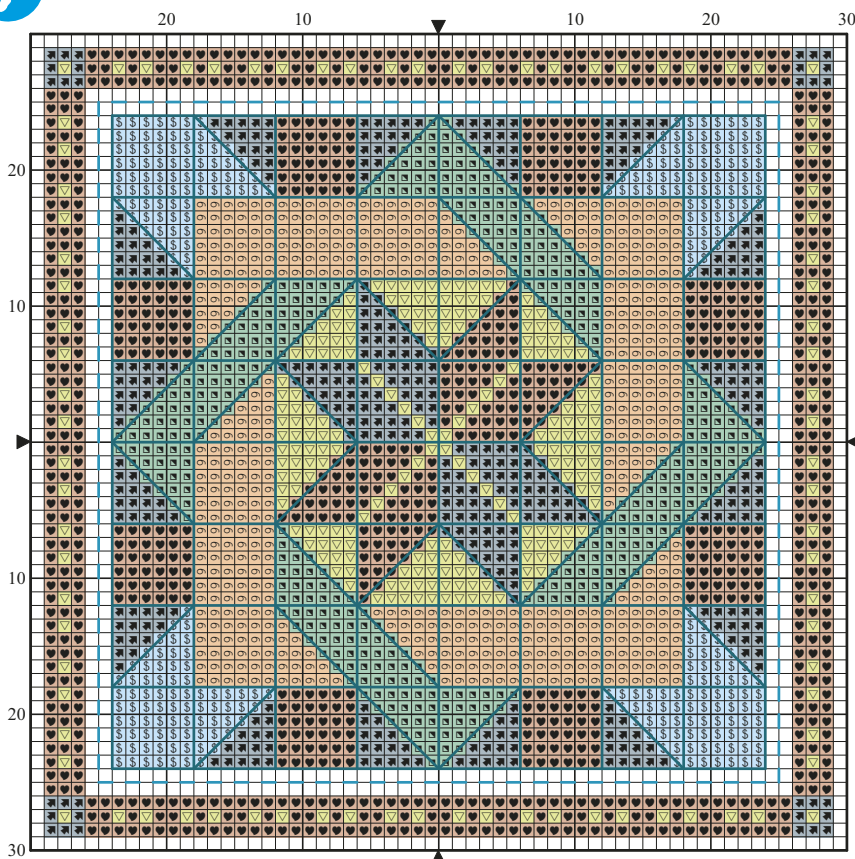


Stitching your storage box

The main design is made up of nine squares stitched on one piece of fabric with a continuous orange border around each square. As you can see from the diagram below, chart number 2 appears four times. We've rotated chart 2 in the middle row, but you can choose the colourway most appealing to you. Once you've stitched your first square, ignore the border on one side on the next chart so you end up with an orange line just three rows wide connecting all the squares.



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Quilting set

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

721	324	308 x3
900	326	208 x4
907	255	1308 x3
996	433	1103 x3
3809	1066	2506 x3
3812	188	2706 x3

✕ Backstitch in one strand

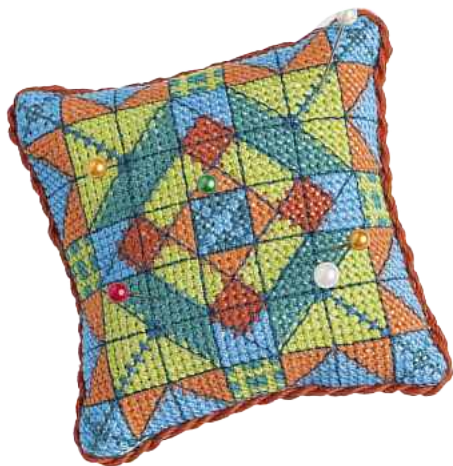
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✕ Running stitch in one strand

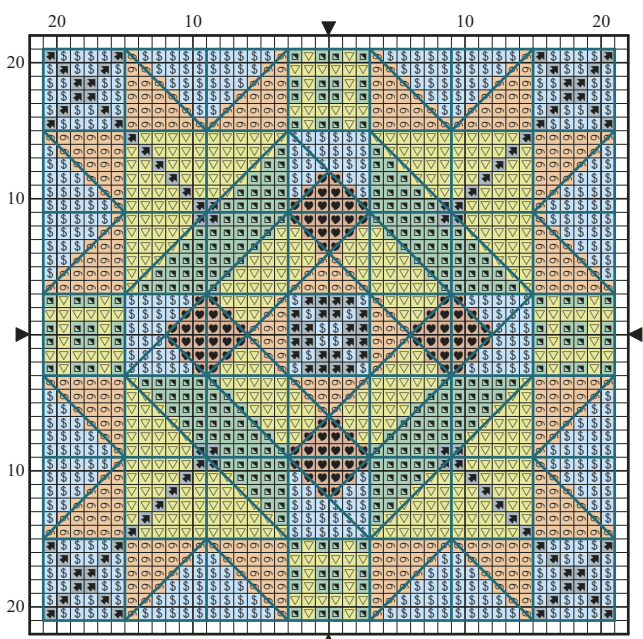
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✕ Whole stitches only

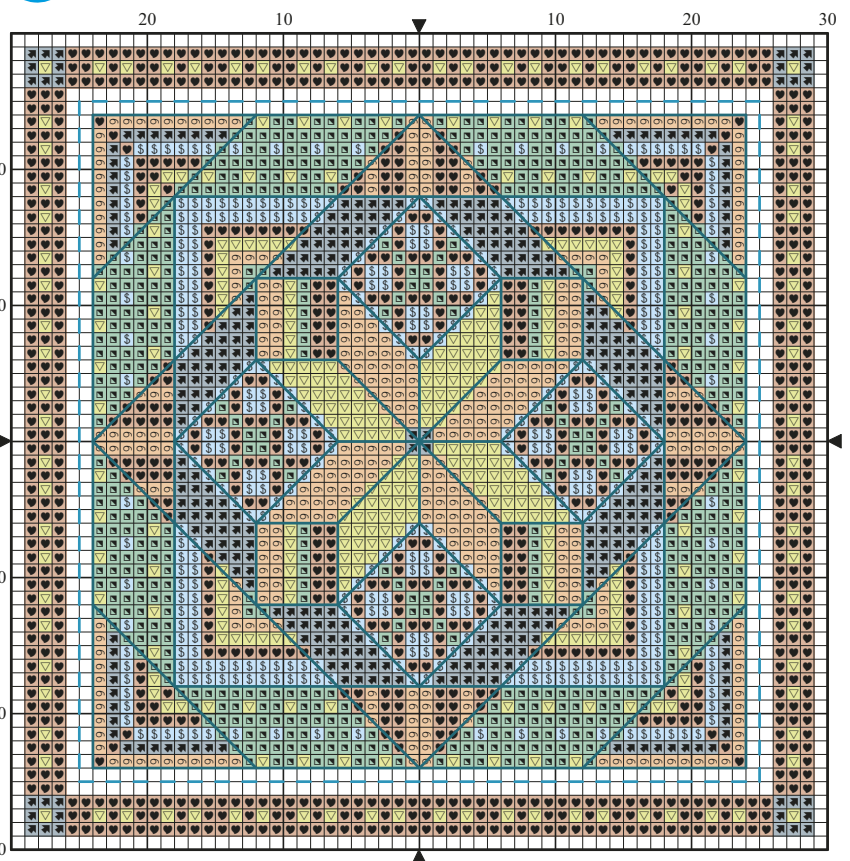
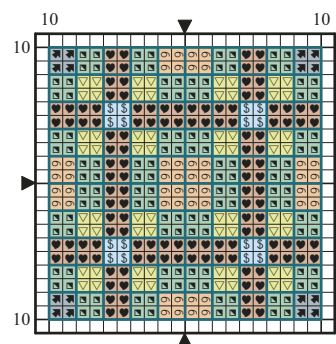
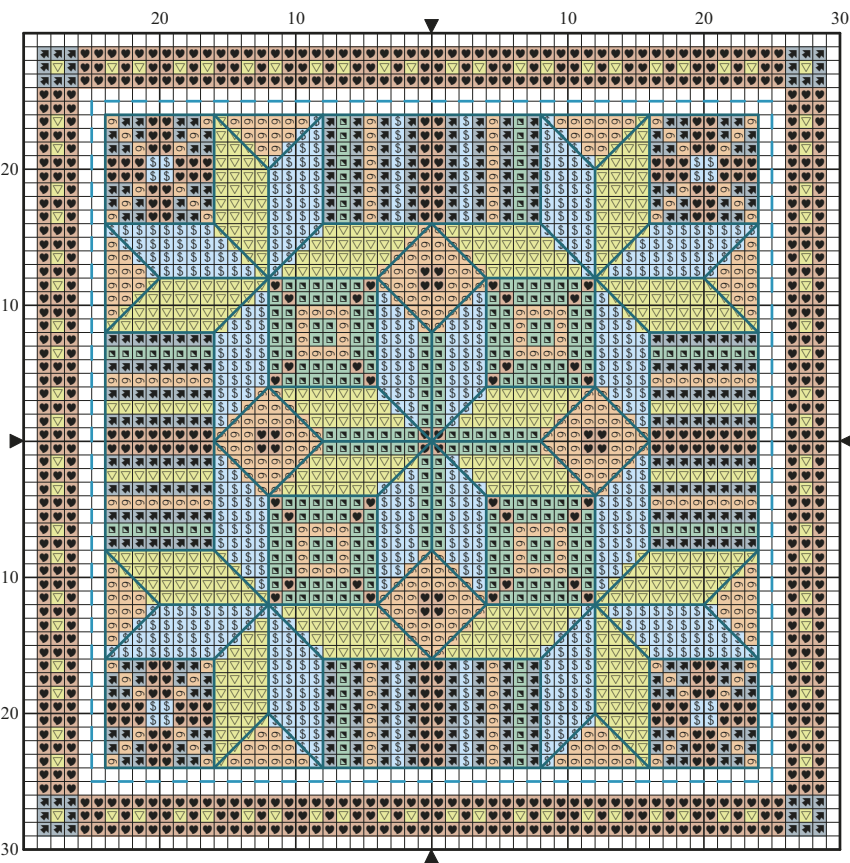
Max. stitch count 168 (h) x 168 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
30.5x30.5cm (12x12in)
Stitched by Fiona McIvor



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For a step-by-step guide to making the scissor keeper and pincushion, visit Cross-stitching.com and click on 'How to', then 'Making up'



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Christmas, more than any other time, is when we need to replenish our stash – all those thoughtfully handmade cards and gifts seriously take their toll! So thank goodness for fabric giant Zweigart, who've come to the rescue with this brilliant competition. Zweigart have teamed up with *Crazy* to offer 10 lucky readers a fantastic bundle of goodies including one metre each of their 14-count aida in White/Silver and Cream/Gold; 10 metres each of 14-count white aida band with silver scalloped edging and gold scalloped edging, plus a copy of their

truly beautiful Christmas 2014 *Book 265 – Weihnachten*, filled with 20 pages of cute and colourful festive designs you'll want to stitch again and again. Each prize is worth an amazing £115 and is perfect for all your Christmas stitching needs, so make sure you take part today – good luck!

To enter this fab competition, simply finish this sentence:

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me a partridge in a...

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ONLINE Visit www.cross-stitching.com/win to enter for free via the *Cross Stitch Crazy* website

POST Write your name and address on the back of a postcard and send to 'Zweigart competition', *Cross Stitch Crazy* 195, 9th Floor, Tower House, Fairfax Street, Bristol BS1 3BN.

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Stitch&Chat

Welcome to Stitch&Chat! Email stitchandchat@cross-stitching.com To have your say and win a fab prize or text 'CSCCHAT', your name, address and comment to 87474*



Little Crazy fan

This is a photo of my daughter Imogen, aged 20 months, 'reading' my copy of September's *Crazy*! She's recently started saying a few words and loved going through the issue and pointing out anything she recognised from the designs. Like many little ones, she loves animals and especially enjoyed looking at the beautiful mermaid, Quirky Quote cards, Patriotic Animals and the cute Boofle kit on Must-haves! I know you sometimes feature pets or babies with *Crazy* on your Stitch and Chat pages so thought I'd send this in on the off chance as Imogen would be amazed and delighted to see herself in mummy's favourite magazine!

Rachel Wright, Bristol

Yvette says: So cute! She may be a little bit young to start on her first kit, but you're never too young to appreciate great design! Thanks for sharing!



◀ Imogen taking an early interest in cross stitching!

Calling all Crazy fans!

Do you have a pet or little one who sometimes likes to take a peek at your copy of *Crazy*? Or maybe your child's favourite toy has a read when they think no one's looking! Send us a photo of them in the act for a chance to win a fabulous prize!

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Your say

What's been your best ever stitching moment?



A Happy Easter design by Lucie Heaton from *Crazy* 162. It was my first Easter stitch – I posted it on Lucie's Facebook

page who said it was lovely! I finished it just in time for Easter.

Jacquie Morris, Worthing



I stitched 34 first Holy Communion cards with names and dates when my youngest daughter was in Year Three. Everyone loved them!

Leigh Neri, via Facebook



The Somebunny to Love I stitched for my daughter on her sixth birthday. She told everyone it was 'the best present ever'!

Debbie Waterman, Northamptonshire

Coming up:

What do you do to get the stitchy bug back when you've lost it?

Email your answer to stitchandchat@cross-stitching.com

Winter's night



Wow your friends and try something new with this tranquil trio of frosty designs stitched on perforated paper
Designed by Meg Evershed

We love showing you new ways with stitching, and as big fans of Meg's shop, The Nutmeg Company, and her clever 3D designs, we're thrilled to bring



StitchTime
40 hrs
(For the set)

you these exclusive projects! Bedecked with beads, sparkly snowflakes, and even a silhouette of Santa and his reindeer whooshing through the sky, simply follow the step-by-step guide over the page to make this super set yourself! ●

StitchList...

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch
- ✕ Beads

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton and DMC Light Effects as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 needle; short beading needle

Fabric - A piece of 14-count Mill Hill periwinkle blue perforated paper measuring 15x20cm (6x8in) for the card; 8x6cm (3x2½in) for the gift tag and 23x15cm (9x6in) for the box. Visit www.3dcrossstitch.co.uk or call ☎ 01748 884 926 to buy.

Extras - Creative Beadcraft beads available from www.creativebeadcraft.co.uk or call ☎ 01494 778 818. Ribbon and white backing card from local craft shop.





*Try something different with this
sensational stitch-on-paper set*

The box lid

Paper gift set

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	B5200	1	2401
♥	151	73	404
⦿	168	1096	1708
⦿	318	399	1801
⦿	341	117	902
★	502	877	1703
P	503	876	1702
⦿	931	1034	1711
⦿	932	1033	1710
⦿	3078	292	102
⦿	3747	120	901
⦿	3753	128	909
—	3770	1009	2314
⦿	E168	(DMC Light Effects)	

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	502	877	1703
—	646	8581	1812
—	931	1034	1711
—	E168	(DMC Light Effects)	
—	E344	(DMC Light Effects)	

✕ Creative Beadcraft beads

⦿ JF79-2

✕

— Cutting line

— Folding line

✕ Contains half cross stitch*

Max. stitch count 70 (h) x 102 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
13x18.5cm (5x7¼in)

*Where there is a fractional symbol used, work half cross stitch in two strands of thread

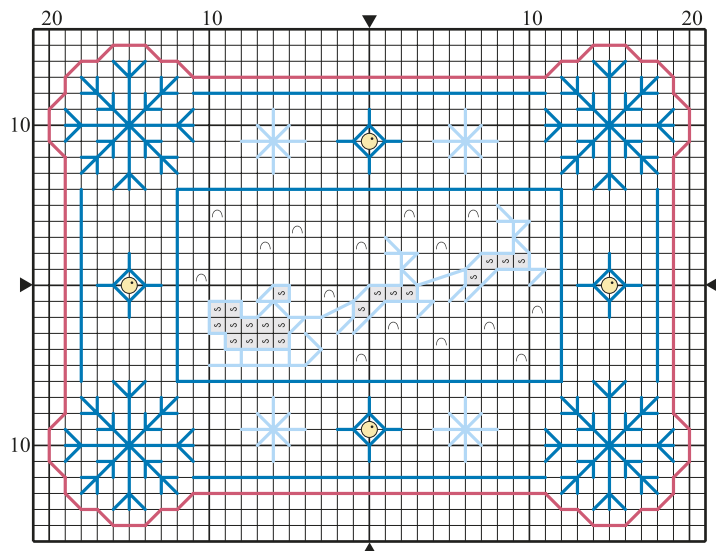
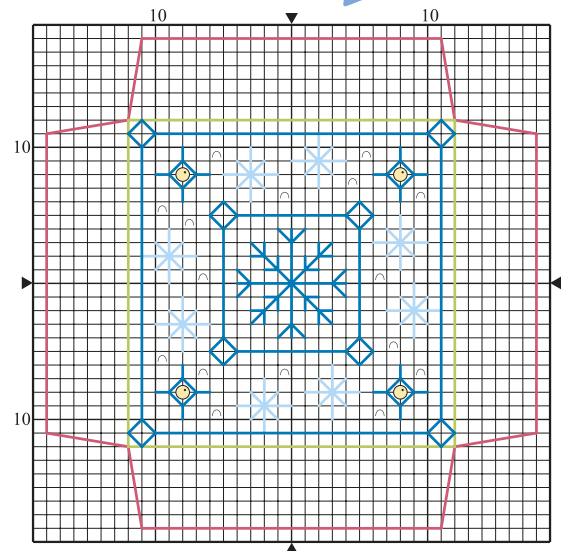
Benedict Says...



I really like the ingenuity behind these designs – I never knew you could make 3D shapes using cross stitching!

Anyone would be astounded to receive this stunning set.
Benedict Blyth, Art Assistant
Cross Stitch Crazy

The gift tag



HowTo

Follow these easy step-by-steps for making the card and gift box

For the card

- Once you've finished stitching your card, cut it out carefully using a pair of sharp scissors, following the red cutting line around the outside of the design.
- Lay the stitched piece on a rectangle of white backing card, right side up. Draw around the design with a pencil, then put the stitching to one side and cut the card around the pencil line.
- Using a glue stick or other adhesive which isn't too wet, spread glue on the backing card shape. Position the back of the stitching over the sticky backing card and press firmly to attach.

- Lay the stitched card on a cutting mat and, using a craft knife, cut carefully along the internal cutting line marked in red on the chart, along the right-hand side of the house.
- Fold the card according to the green fold lines on the chart to form a small Z-shaped pleat, making the house stand out.

For the box

- Cut out all three stitched parts of the box using sharp scissors and following the cutting lines as indicated on the charts.
- Next, fold the box sides along the lines shown in green on

the chart to create a square box shape. Fold all the tabs inside.

- Cut out a piece of white backing card large enough to cover the interior sides of the box without overlapping any of the tabs. Cover one side of backing card with glue and stick to the reverse of the stitched box side, sticking the side tab between the backing card and stitching.

- Spread glue on the inside of the tabs at the top of the box and fold them in, sticking them down to the lining card.

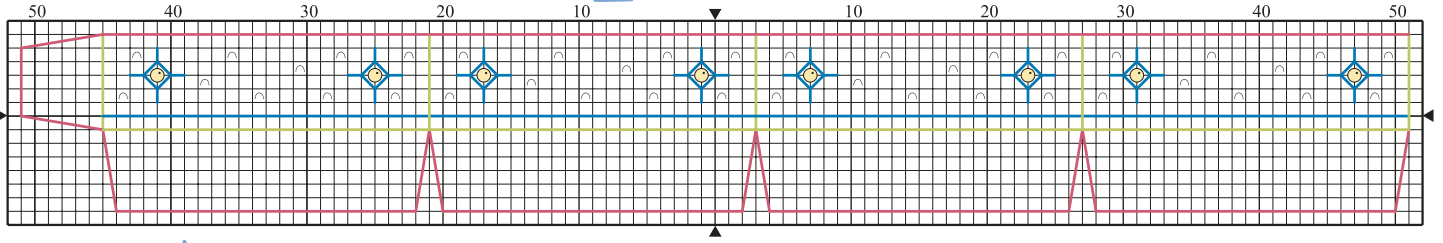
- Fold the tabs at the bottom of the box sides inwards, then cut out a square of plain

perforated paper and stick to the bottom of the box on the outside. Cut a piece of lining card slightly smaller than the base and stick inside the base of the box.

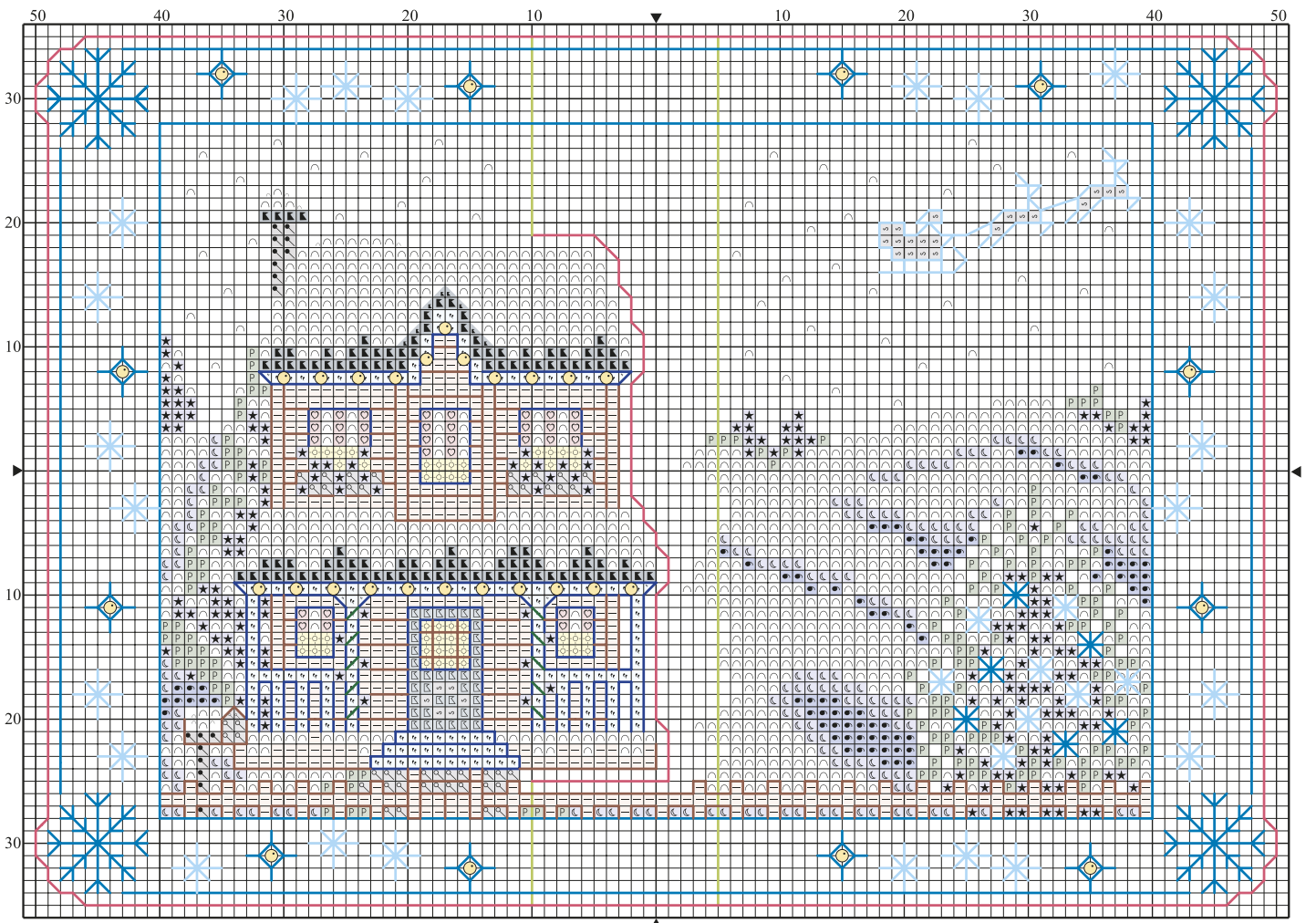
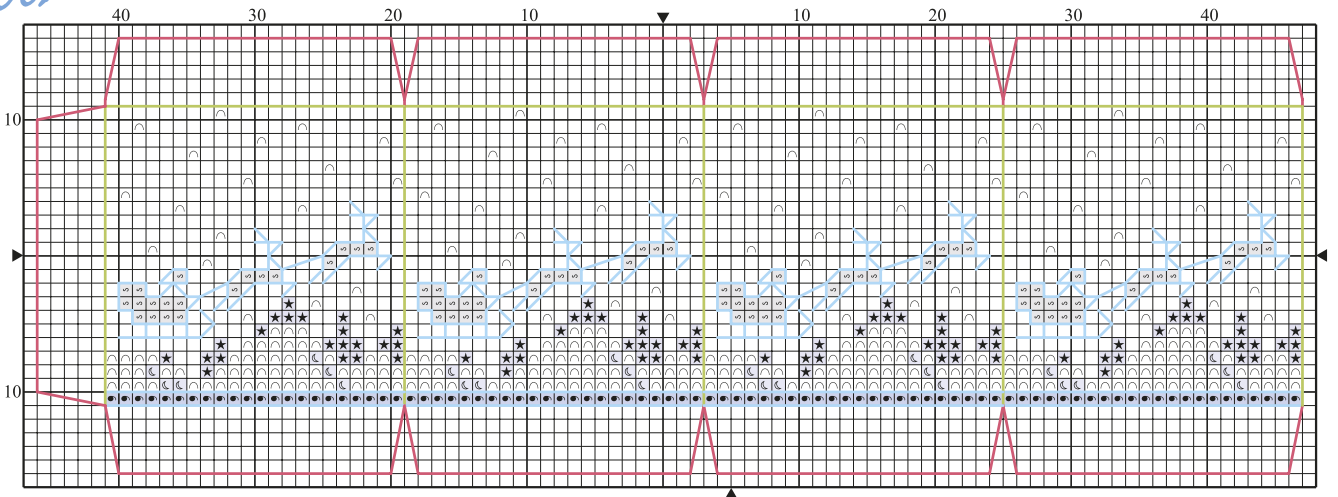
- To make the box lid, cut out the stitched piece following the red lines on the chart. Fold the four tabs downwards.

- Cut out the box rim and fold along the green lines as per the chart. Spread glue on the back of the box rim and attach to the lid over the tabs, hiding the side tab under the rim. Tuck the rim tabs under, inside of the lid. Finish with a square of white backing card on the inside of the box lid.

The box rim



The box side



The card



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- @Crazy_magazine thank you for my prize. Totally unexpected! x @saragary
- Finished my current WIP! Let's not talk about French knots though... @Xstitchbee
- @Crazy_magazine love the national treasure girl designs from issue 194. Please tell me you'll add more! @lesleystoddart

Facebook chat

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



► I must say, I'm really impressed with the 50 Halloween projects from issue 194, now on top of my list to do!
Natalie 'Nitty Nat' Speller

► Am I the only person to stare at my stitching for ages? I quite often hold my WIP up and just look at it. It's so clever how we can make stunning pictures out of little crosses!
Nicola Staff

► Well, the man child is at work and the boy child is in bed – time to read my new *Crazy* me thinks xx
Sarah Cooke

Most liked...



This month's most liked photo was this gorgeous baby quilt, beautifully stitched by Zoe Harkness for her new grandson!



Download of the month

www.cross-stitching.com

Feel yourself gently unwinding with every stitch of this wonderfully peaceful Idyllic Escapes chart, free to download!



Website of the month

www.lesleyteare.com

Crazy designer Lesley Teare has a fabulous new website featuring a brilliant chart shop and must-read blog – check it out!



Pin of the month

www.redgatestitchery.etsy.com

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Let it sparkle



You'll love stitching these twinkling snowflakes, then hanging them from the tree to watch them twirl and dance!
Designed by Fiona Baker

Here in Britain we're used to a snow no-show on Christmas Day, but we still love the idea of a crisp white landscape with soft, silent flakes falling from the sky. So, we think kids of all ages will love stitching these charming



StitchTime
6 hrs
(Each)

snowflakes in their fetching shades of purple and blue. Stitched on plastic canvas, they're easy for little hands to work with – you'll just need to help with cutting the snowflakes out at the end! We've made our snowflakes one-sided, but you could always stitch two the same and stick them together. ●

StitchList...

Perfect for children
✕ Whole cross stitch

ShoppingList...

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

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - 14-count clear plastic canvas measuring 10x10cm (4x4in) for each design. To buy, visit www.craftdepartment.com or call ☎ 01539 823 199

Extras - Cord of choice either bought or handmade

Make your tree shimmer and shine with these iridescent snowflakes





ReaderSays...



I've always dreamed of having a Christmas tree that's decorated completely

with cross stitch ornaments, and these snowflakes are easy enough for my 11-year-old daughter to do! They're so fun and funky, I know they'll really appeal to her and her friends.

Nikki Loans, South Africa

Crazy tip!

Cut the snowflakes out after you've stitched them, remembering to leave space for a cord!

Snowflakes

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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I	3743	869	2611
Q	3746	1030	2702
t	3747	120	901
☒	E718	(DMC Light Effects)	
▽	E3849	(DMC Light Effects)	

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 47 (h) x 47 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
8.5x8.5cm (3¼x3¼in)
Stitched by Fiona Baker



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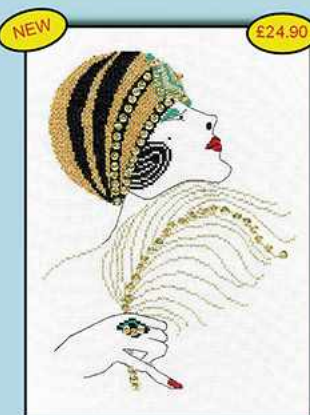
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AND KEEP

Peace and love



We all love a good carol service at Christmas, so limber up your needle for a festive sing-a-long!

Designed by Lesley Teare

...season's greetings

2

Hope my gift...

3

Safe journey...

...hits the right note!



...this Christmas time

Cut-out&Keep

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StitchTime
4-5 hrs
(Each letter)

StitchList...

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

ShoppingList...

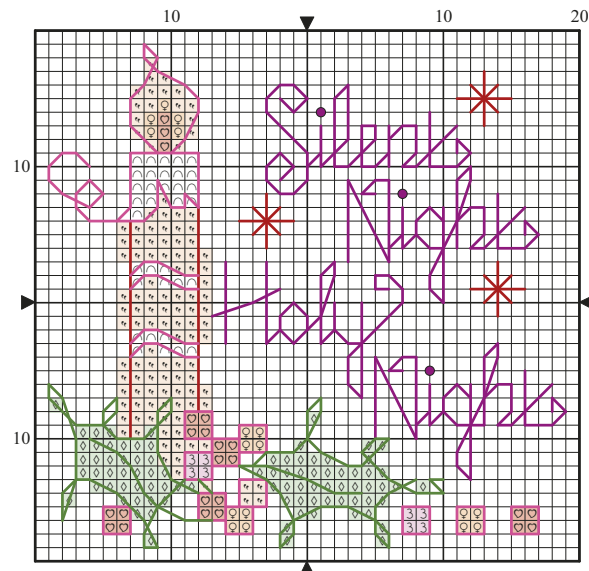
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Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

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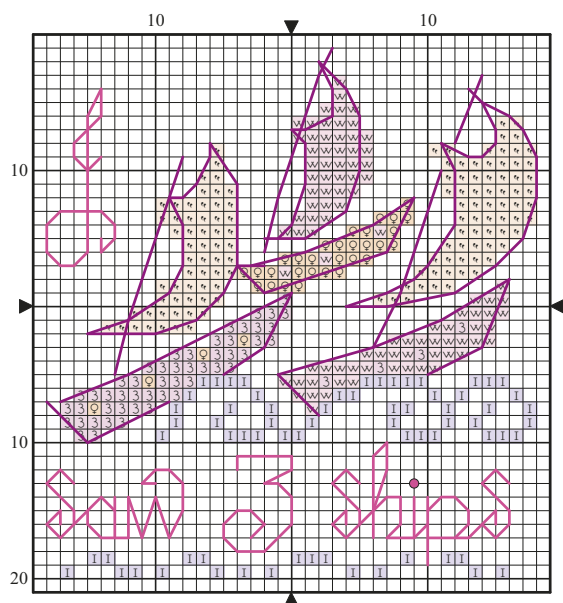
* Silent Night

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♥	351	10	214	—	3607	87	708
◇	964	185	1112	—	3837	111	713
⌘	967	6	304	—	3851	187	1202
♀	3341	328	403	✕ French knots in one strand			
3	3608	86	709	●	3837	111	713
				✕ Whole stitches only			

Stitch count 37 (h) x 38 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric 6.5x7cm (2½x2¾in)

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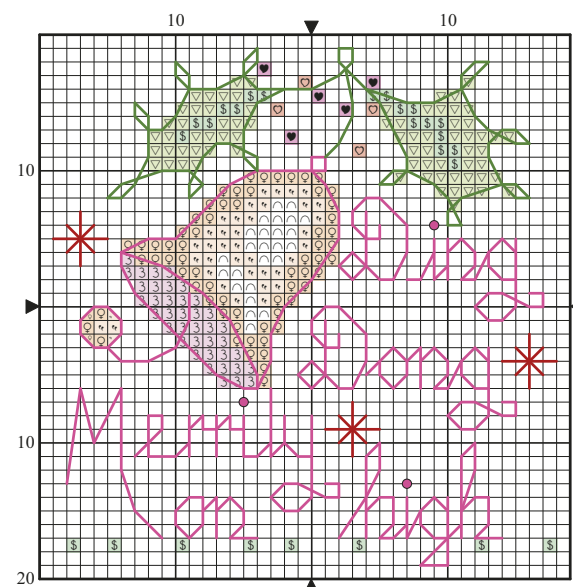
* I Saw Three Ships

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira ▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

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w	605	1094	613	— 3837	111	713
⌘	967	6	304	✕ French knots in one strand		
♀	3341	328	403	● 3607	87	708
3	3608	86	709	✕ Whole stitches only		

Stitch count 39 (h) x 36 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric 7x6.5cm (2¾x2½in)

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* Ding Dong Merrily on High

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira ▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✖ Cross stitch in two strands				✖ Cross stitch in two strands			
∩	blanc	2	2402	3	3608	86	709
▽	164	240	1209	✖ Backstitch in one strand			
♥	351	10	214	351	10	214	
\$	913	204	1212	3607	87	708	
⊕	967	6	304	3851	187	1202	
♀	3341	328	403	✖ French knots in one strand			
♥	3607	87	708	3607	87	708	
				✖ Contains fractionals			

Stitch count 38 (h) x 37 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric 7x6.5cm (2¾x2½in)

4 *Let's celebrate...*



...baby's first Christmas

5 *Thank you...*



...for being my angel

6 *'Tis the season...*



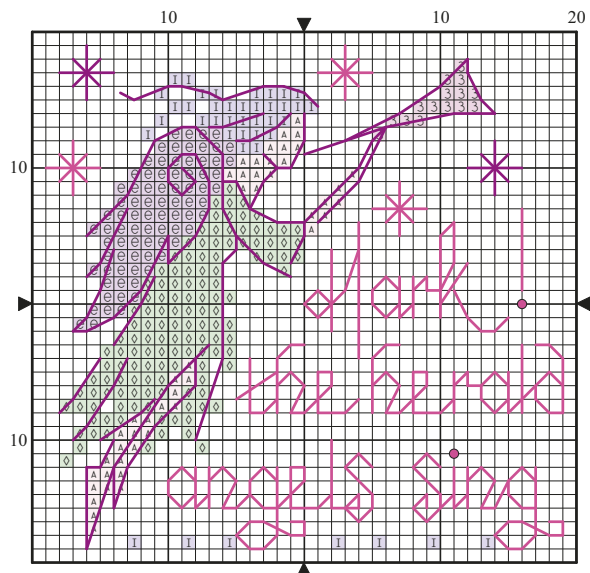
...for all to be jolly!

7 *It's berry nice...*



...to be with you!

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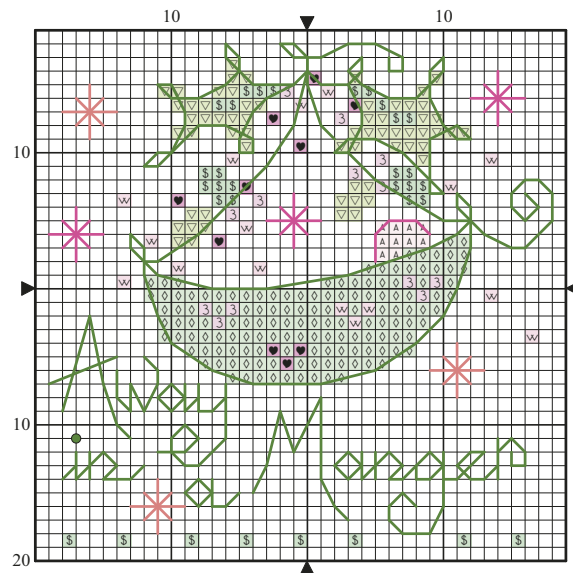


* Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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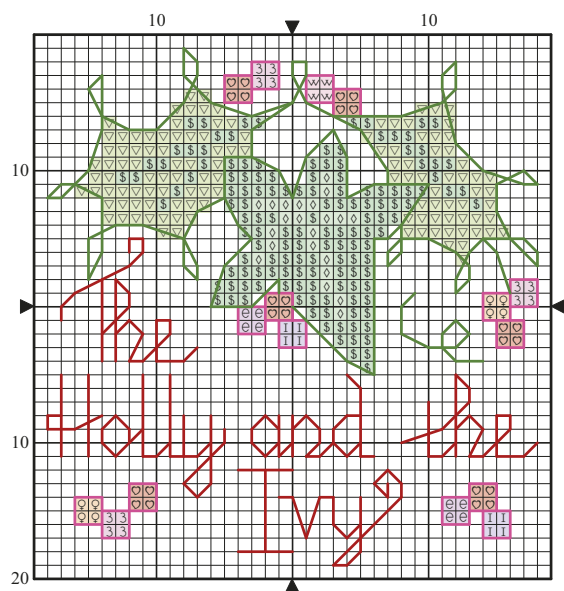


* Away in a Manger

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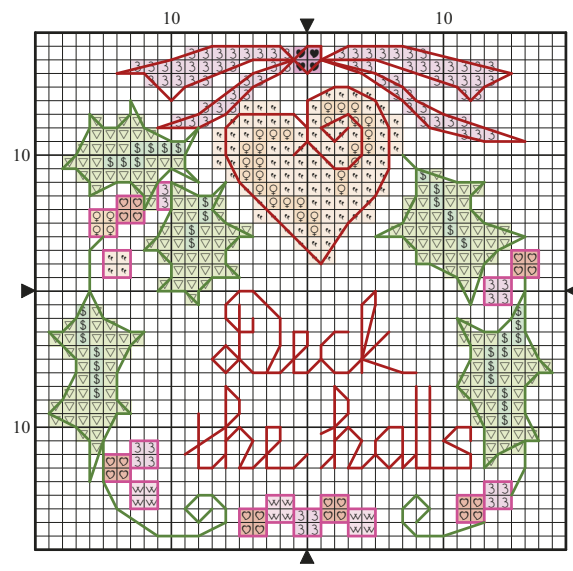


* The Holly and the Ivy

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* Deck the Halls

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Track it Down



Sherlock Anne's on hand to track down the designs you crave. Send her your requests today!

Totally tropical

My partner and I have recently bought a campervan and – much to his dismay! – I'm trying to give it a Hawaiian makeover. I'd love to hang stitched bunting in the window with the van's name 'Winnifred' spelled out. Please can you help me find a suitable kit or chart, Anne?

Katie Robson, Tewkesbury

What a great idea, Katie! The Aloha alphabet chart by Maria Diaz (right) features a variety of fun Hawaiian symbols and I think it would make brilliant bunting. You can buy the chart



at www.mariadiazdesigns.com for £3. To turn it into bunting, stitch it onto coloured aida and sew the triangles to a length of bias binding. Or, cut out the stitching and patch onto pre-made fabric or bunting, such as this Truly Scrumptious Floral Paper Bunting (pictured above). To buy for £6.50, visit www.hamptonblue.co.uk or call ☎ 07989 573 171.

Fabulous frogs

I'm fascinated by tree frogs. I know they're not the cutest creatures on earth but I think they're so incredible! Have you ever come across a kit featuring a tree frog, Anne?

Diane Taylor, Winchester

I have to agree with you, Diane – these tiny little creatures are fascinating! This kit called Tree Frog Among Leaves from Dimensions costs £15 and is stitched on a black aida background to make him stand out proudly.

To help you stitch on such a dark fabric, it's best to work in good light, be it near daylight or a Daylight lamp, and place a white pillowcase

on your lap to help the holes in the fabric stand out. To find your nearest Dimensions stockist, email groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk or call ☎ 01453 883 581.



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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Deck the halls

I love the idea of decorating my Christmas tree with stitched humbugs this year, but they seem quite tricky. Could you find me a simple design to try?

Linda Moston, Basildon

Humbugs are stitched on one piece of aida then stuffed and sewn into shape, so they're surprisingly simple! And, these Humbug Christmas Decorations from Sunken Treasures couldn't be more straightforward as they're worked in just one metallic thread shade. The kits include

everything you need to make four decorations and cost £8. To buy, visit www.sunkentreasures.co.uk or call ☎ 01964 626 310.

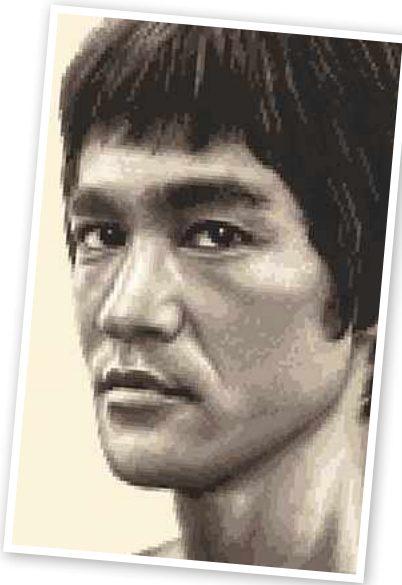


In memory

I've been searching for a design to stitch in memory of Bruce Lee but I can't find one anywhere. Please can you help me, Anne?

Erma Hamilton, Oregon, USA

Jann Designs offer a wide choice of celebrity portraits, including the legendary martial arts expert, Bruce Lee. This design is worked in whole stitches only and measures 26.5x17cm (10½x6½in) when stitched on 14-count aida. To buy this beautifully detailed kit for £21.50 (approximately \$37 USD), take a look at www.jannndesigns.co.uk or call ☎ 0116 270 7239. Postage from overseas countries costs £4.50 (approximately \$7.70 USD).



Gift for a gardener

My husband has an allotment where he grows lots of veggies, and I'd love to stitch a thank you for all the hard work he puts in. Can you find me an appropriate gardening-related design?

Susan Porter, Newton Abbot

It sounds like your husband works very hard, and I can't think of a

better way to say thank you than with a stitched gift! Allotment Fun from Bothy Threads features everything you'd find at an allotment, from a scarecrow to sunflowers, and a juicy pumpkin to a colourful shed retreat, so it's bound to evoke fond memories for your hubby. The design is stitched on 14-count blue aida using whole stitches, backstitch and a sprinkling of French knots. To buy the kit for £24.99, visit www.bothythreads.com or call ☎ 01900 828 844.



Lest we forget

I hope you can help me, Anne. I'm searching for a Remembrance Day design with the quote 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them' and a poppy field in the background. Please can you find this for me? My husband has served in the army for 20 years and I want to stitch it for him.

Sarah Ann Evans via Facebook

Country Threads have two lovely kits in tribute to the men and women of our services, Sarah. Lest We Forget features an image of a soldier and the ode you are referring to, and Remembrance Day (right) shows a poppy field and a similarly moving message. Both kits cost \$50 AUD (approximately £29) plus shipping. To buy, visit www.countrythreads.info or for more details, email fiona@countrythreads.info.

Chart choice

This month: *Stitchy sayings*

We bet some of these sound a bit familiar! Stand up for your fave hobby with one of these sayings

Tick, tock

£4, So Little Time from Goldleaf Needlework

www.goldleafneedlework.co.uk ☎ 01482 571 120

This quirky cross stitched clock design can be framed or turned into an actual clock. It's worked in whole stitches using just one shade of thread so it'll be finished quickly, leaving you plenty of time to get stuck into other projects!



Play with words

Free, Fun Wall Hangings by Rhona Norrie

www.cross-stitching.com

Perhaps your household chores are left unfinished in favour of stitching, or maybe you're forever telling the children to be quiet so you can craft in peace – either way, one of these quotes is bound to ring true. Best of all, the charts are free to download, leaving you more money to spend on crafty supplies!



Cheeky stitch

£8.33, Cross Stitcher Quote by Tiny Modernist

www.sewandso.co.uk ☎ 01453 889 988

Don't be deceived by the pretty colours and sweet motifs, this isn't for the faint hearted! If you like to give friends and family a giggle with the things you stitch, look no further than this 'Cross Stitchers are X-rated' message.



Shopper's delight

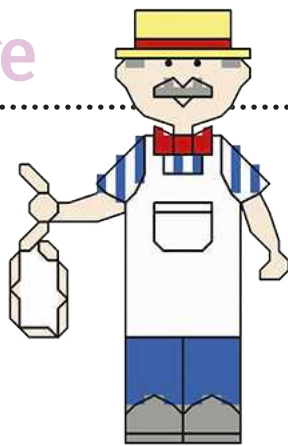
£2.99, So Many Kits... So Little Time by HollysHobbiesUK

www.hollyshobbiesuk.etsy.com

This saying is something every stitcher can relate to! Worked mainly in whole stitches with a little backstitch, this chart will quickly come to life, so you can tick at least one project off your list! Choose from a blue or green colourway and the PDF chart will be emailed straight to you.



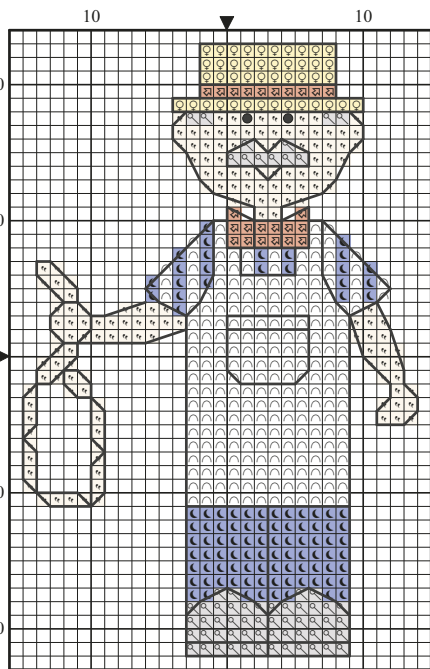
ChartChallenge



Challenge Lucie



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



Top of the block

Could you please chart me a butcher, Lucie? It's my granddaughter's husband's occupation, and as it's his birthday soon, I'd like to surprise him with a card!

Cecilia Eastman, Hastings

What a great idea, Cecilia. I hope you like this jolly butcher!

Lucie

Butcher

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✱ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
🔍	318	399	1801
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♀	727	293	112
☾	798	131	912
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✱ Backstitch in one strand

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✱ French knots in one strand

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✱ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 45 (h) x 29 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
8x5.5cm (3¼x2in)

Old man & football

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✱ Cross stitch in two strands

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🔍	318	399	1801
b	437	362	2012
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✱ Backstitch in one strand

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✱ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 38 (h) x 28 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x5cm (2¾x2in)

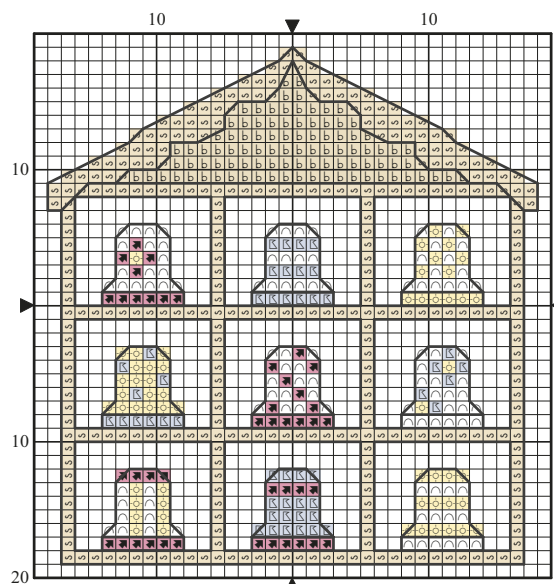
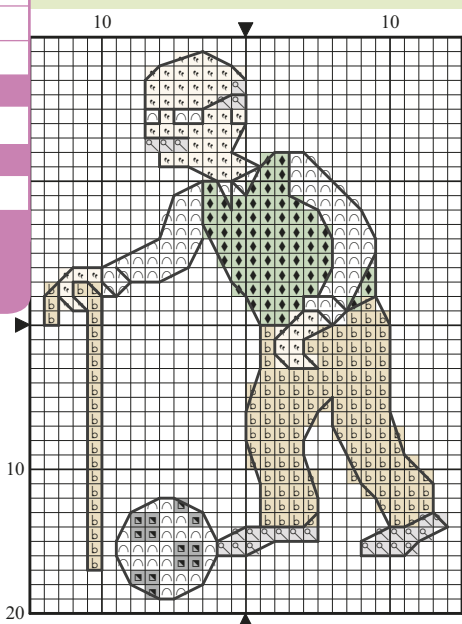
Never too old

My colleague says he's too ancient to play football but is only in his twenties! Could you chart an old man chasing a football?

Denise Evans, Bristol

I hope he enjoys the joke, Denise!

Lucie



Thimbles

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✱ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
b	437	362	2012
🔍	602	57	702
☼	726	295	109
s	738	367	2013
☼	799	145	910

✱ Backstitch in one strand

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✱ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 38 (h) x 36 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x6.5cm (2¾x2½in)

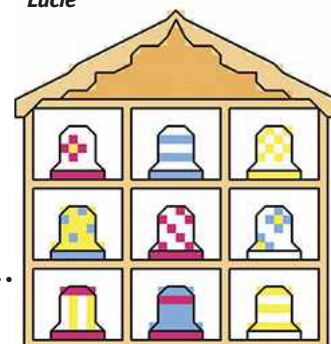
Nimble thimbles

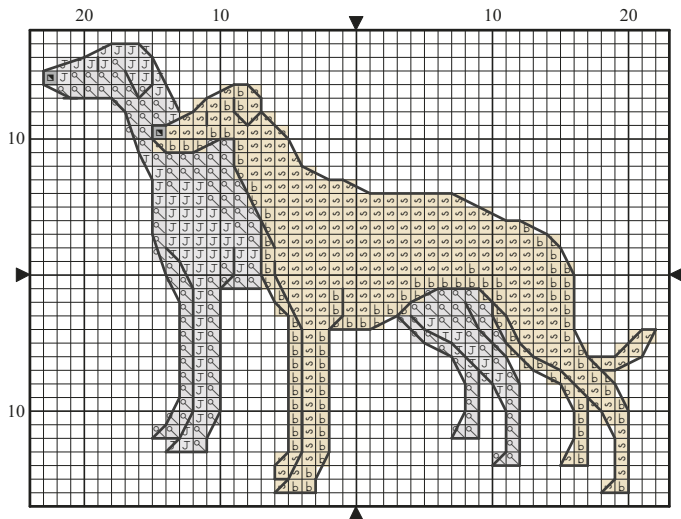
Please could you chart some thimbles in a thimble house, Lucie? My mum is an avid collector, so she'd love this!

Karen Ward, South Yorkshire

Here's a few more for your mum's collection, Karen!

Lucie





Greyhounds

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

Q	318	399	1801
J	415	398	1802
b	437	362	2012
s	738	367	2013

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 33 (h) x 45 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
6x8cm (2 1/4 x 3 1/4 in)

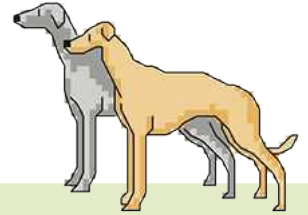
Fade to grey

Could you design a chart of two greyhounds standing together for me, Lucie? I'd like to make cards to raise funds for West Lothian Retired Greyhound Trust. Thanks very much in anticipation!

Caroline Walker, West Lothian

That's such a kind thought, Caroline. I hope you enjoy stitching this handsome pair.

Lucie



Mapped out

A friend has asked if I could make coasters for him to send as gifts. As he comes from Shetland, please would you chart me a map to stitch?

Christine Underwood, Kent

Happy to oblige, Christine!

Lucie

Map of Shetland

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

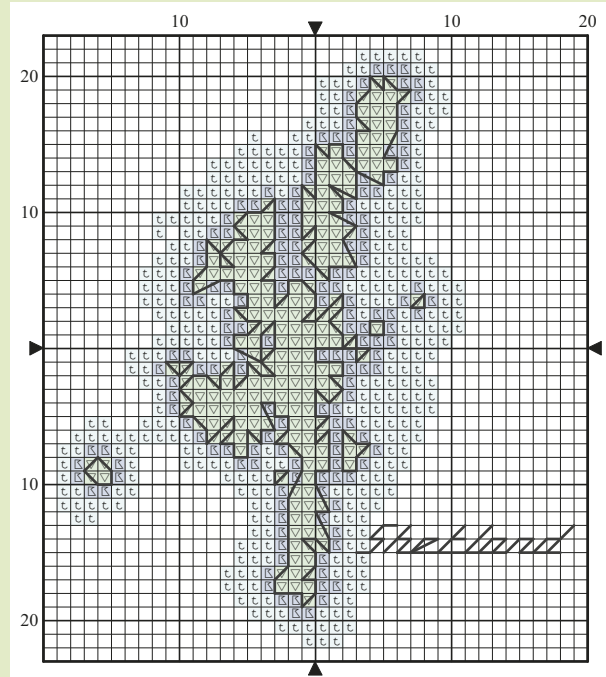
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▽	954	203	1207

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 44 (h) x 38 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
8x7cm (3 1/4 x 2 3/4 in)



Croc on a chair

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
Q	414	235	1714
J	415	398	1802
Q	798	131	912
◆	912	209	1213
▽	954	203	1207
Q	3799	236	1713

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 39 (h) x 30 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x5.5cm (2 3/4 x 2 1/4 in)

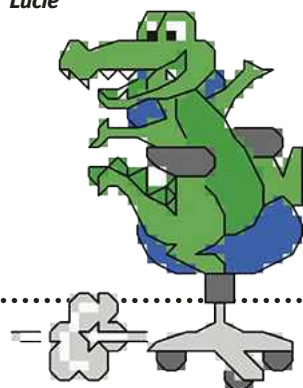
Crocs away

Please can you chart a crazy crocodile whizzing along on an office swivel chair? My daughter is mad about crocodiles, so I'd love to stitch this for her!

Sandra Davies, Southampton

This was so much fun to chart!

Lucie



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.....

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7 decorations that look good enough to eat!

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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 hot chocolate 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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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

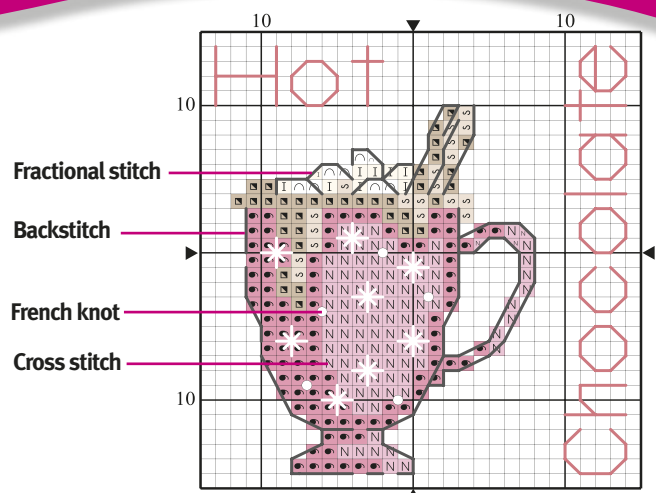
► The centre of most cross stitch charts is specially marked. This is the best place to start stitching, so you end up with the design stitched in the middle of the fabric. The centre of our charts is where the heavy vertical and horizontal lines intersect. To find the centre of your fabric, fold it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

Hot chocolate

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	B 5200	1	2401
I	712	926	2101
●	3831	76	506
N	3833	1023	609
■	3862	374	1913
S	3864	376	1910

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	B 5200	1	2401
—	413	236	1713
—	3832	38	604

✕ French knots in one strand

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✕ Contains fractionals

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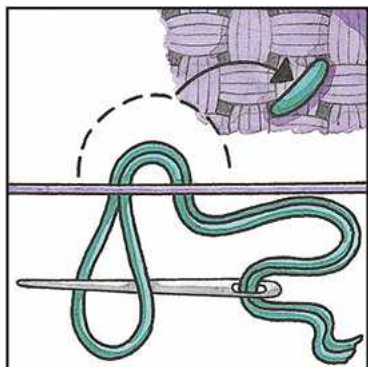
The three main brands of thread we use. The first column is always the one that we’ve used to stitch the design

Thread number represented by the symbol

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

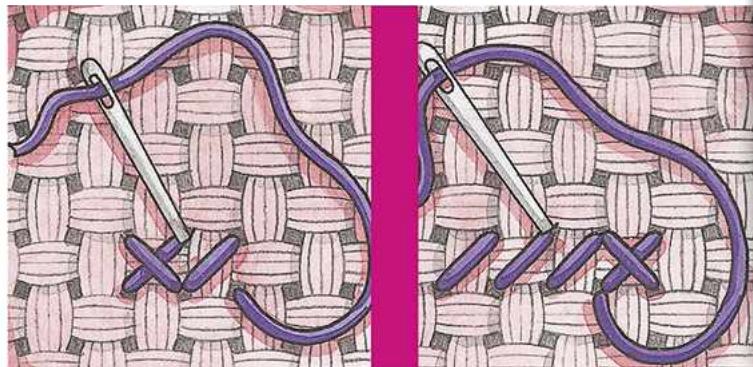
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Starting your thread

► 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.

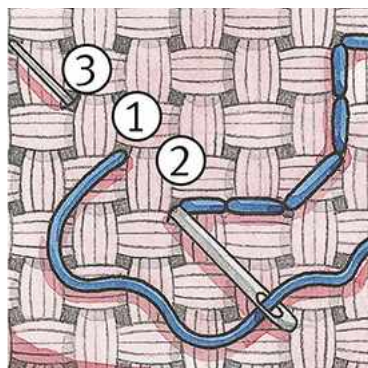


Cross stitch

► 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.

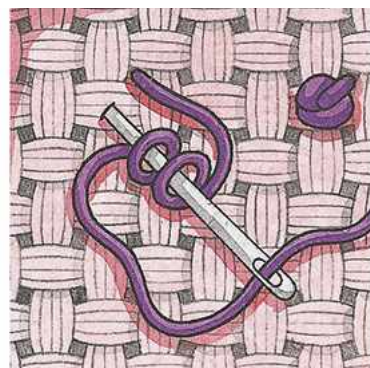
TIP Work each stitch in the same order so the top arms of your cross stitches lie in the same direction.

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.



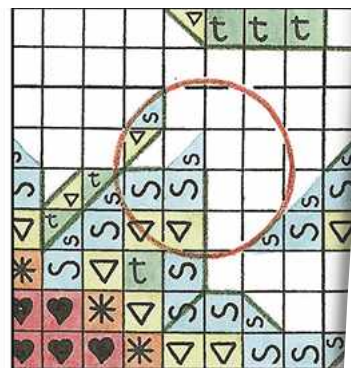
Backstitch

► 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.



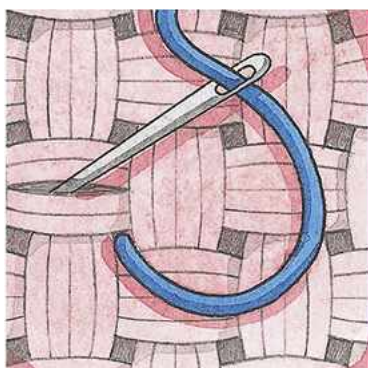
French knots

► 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.



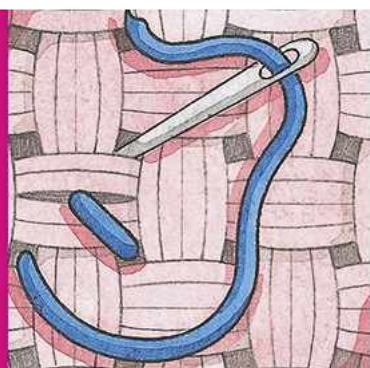
Spotting fractionals

► 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.

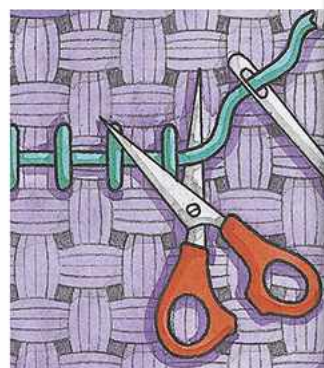


Fractional stitches

► 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

Teabreak



Complete the crossword and rearrange the letters in the coloured squares to spell out the name of a tree (6). Once you've completed the puzzle, send your answer to us and you'll be in with a chance of winning this pretty Butterfly Tea Room sampler kit from StitchKits worth £24! Visit www.stitchkits.etsy.com to buy.

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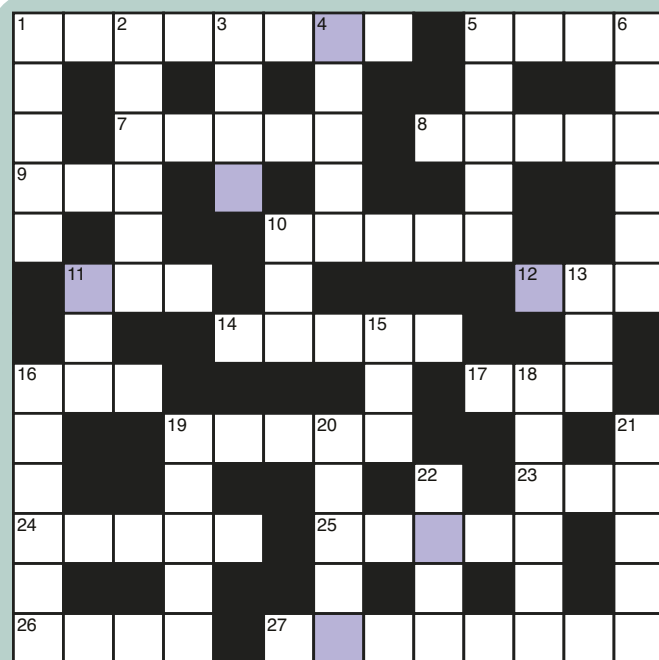


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Across

- 1) Tree also called a may tree (8)
- 5) Tree that bears dates (4)
- 7) Tree with fragrant spring blossom (5)
- 8) Island south of Sicily popular with tourists (5)
- 9) Fish with a very long body (3)
- 10) Main thick tree stem (5)
- 11) Bird that hoots (3)
- 12) Bench seat in church (3)
- 14) Evergreen tree with aromatic wood (5)
- 16) Clear pale blue shade (3)
- 17) Indicate agreement (3)
- 19) Tree with thin papery bark (5)
- 23) As well (3)
- 24) Eagle's nest (5)
- 25) Light wood used for model making (5)
- 26) Male deer (4)
- 27) Dark red-brown wood used for making furniture (8)

Down

- 1) Tree that bears cob nuts (5)
- 2) Cricket bats are made from the wood of this tree (6)
- 3) Aid, assist (4)
- 4) Happen again (5)
- 5) Stout length of sawn timber (5)
- 6) Area of pasture land (6)
- 10) Part of the foot (3)
- 11) Tree that bears acorns (3)
- 13) Finish (3)
- 15) Ornamental tree with winged fruits (3)
- 16) Magnificent, marvellous (6)
- 18) Canadian capital (6)
- 19) Building block (5)
- 20) Venomous snake (5)
- 21) Evergreen tree with bright red berries (5)
- 22) Highest male voice (4)

Celeb wordsearch solution

The missing word is
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Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
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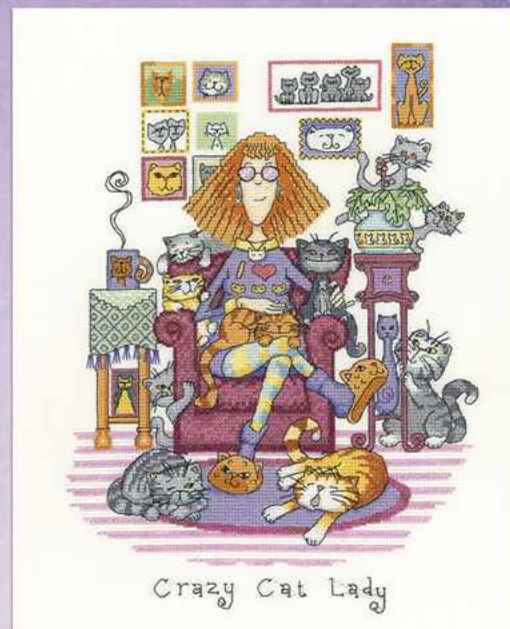
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