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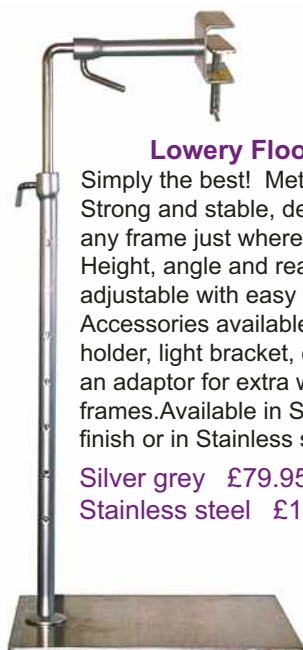


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Welcome...



...to the October issue of your favourite cross stitch mag! As usual, *Crazy* is jam-packed full of fabulous charts for you to stitch, including your gorgeous free gift in support of Breast Cancer Care – a pretty bookmark card kit decorated with summery motifs. Turn to page 8 to find out how you

can use it to raise money for this amazing cause! Then, check out Lesley Teare's stunning geisha girl on page 10 – oh-so-beautiful, a joy to stitch, and designed exclusively for *Crazy* readers.

We've got something for everyone in this issue, from the spooky gift ideas on page 20 for fans of Halloween, to a super-cute woodland scene any little one would love on page 28. Plus, there's a really sweet set of national costume cards on page 67, and a fantastic project on page 55 you just have to try – a set of autumnal-themed humbugs, complete with step-by-step making up instructions!

I'd love to see your finished projects, so make sure to email your photos to yvette@cross-stitching.com and you might even end up on our Letters page!

Yvette
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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!



Joanne Dean, Wirral

Describe your stitching style...

I'm a complete perfectionist and have to
keep everything neat and tidy! I have a
weekly sort of my nest of stitching boxes
which sit in the corner of my craft room.

How cross stitch crazy are you?

Very! I love having lots of projects on the
go and am always on the lookout for new
ones to make a start on.

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

I have two boys who keep me busy, but
when I get the chance I like to browse
through my huge pile of Crazy magazines!



Debbie Tan, Melbourne

Who taught you to cross stitch?

I taught myself back in 1981.

Which project are you most proud of?

A wedding sampler which I finished the
day before my wedding. It means so much
to me because I married the man I love and
am still married to him. We'll be celebrating
our 30th anniversary next year!

What gets your needle twitching?

I stitch the whole year through because
there's always an occasion that warrants a
hand-stitched card, or for my nearest and
dearest, a wall hanging!

Emma Murphy, Birmingham

Which cross stitch designer would be your dream dinner party guest?

Joan Elliott. I've only recently discovered her
work, so I'd like to invite her round to give me
some invaluable advice and guidance.

Who is your favourite cuddly character?

I adore Boofle – he's simple to stitch and looks
great once completed!

Who do you most like to stitch for?

I stitch mainly for my nieces and nephews – I love
stitching their names and Disney characters.



We want to hear from you...

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Exclusive!

Sweet card and bookmark kit!



Stitch this scrumptious two-in-one bookmark and card kit to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Care

We know from all your wonderful letters and emails how many of you regularly stitch for charity, so we hope you'll enjoy this month's free gift. To help support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, Rhona Norrie has designed this lovely bookmark kit to stitch as a gift for someone, or to sell to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care.

The beauty of these charts is they can be repeated again and again – why not hold a bake sale and use the strawberries, slice of cake and teacup designs as cake toppers? Simply stitch the designs onto perforated paper, cut out and attach a cocktail stick at the back. For more brilliant fundraising ideas, take a look at the handy card inside your free kit!

Meanwhile, the Crazy team have been busy holding their own charity bake sale – turn to page 47 for a peek at some of the yummy treats we've been making and find out how much we raised! And, for more information about this incredible charity, visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk where you'll also find delicious recipes, events and ways to donate. ●

Bookmark card kit

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira ▼ Colour

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	B5200	1	2401	white
⦿	415	398	1802	light grey
—	437	362	2012	tan
♥	666	46	210	dark red
⦿	704	255	1308	light green
N	727	293	112	yellow
W	761	1021	404	pink
⦿	3713	1020	502	light pink
♥	3801	1098	411	red

✕ Cross stitch in one strand

⦿	666	46	210	dark red
C	3801	1098	411	red

✕ Backstitch in one strand

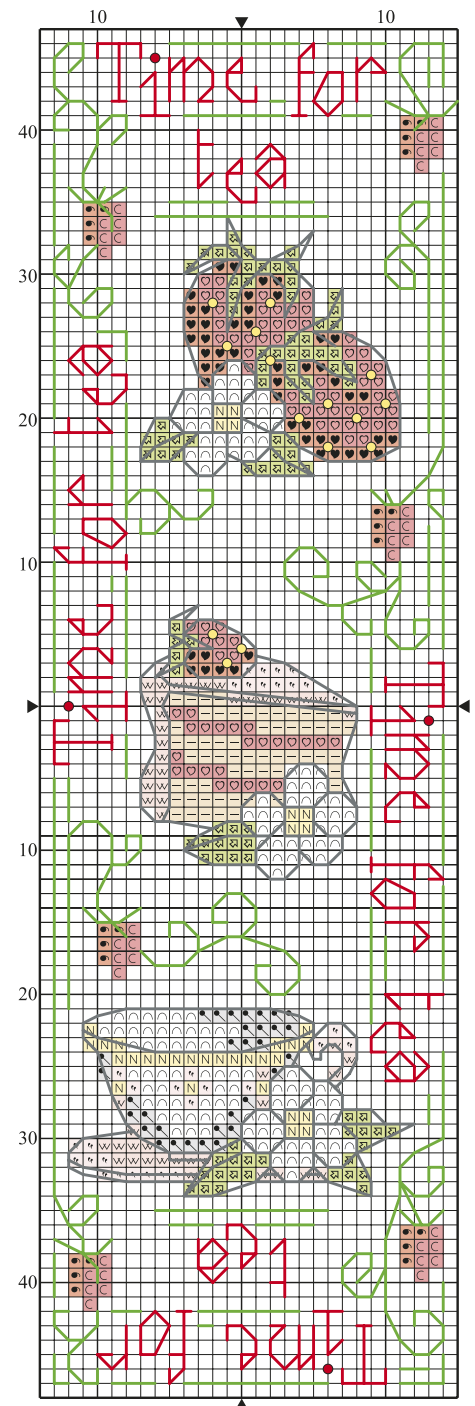
—	317	400	1714	grey
—	666	46	210	dark red
—	702	226	1306	green

✕ French knots in one strand

●	666	46	210	dark red
●	727	293	112	yellow

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 93 (h) x 27 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
17x5cm (6½x2in)
Stitched by Sarah Heys



Oriental beauty

Feast your eyes on this stunning geisha by Lesley Teare and watch as your needle and thread bring her to life
Exclusive to Crazy!

Surrounded by a cloud of fluttering butterflies and softly scented blooms, this captivating geisha girl is a real showstopper. As you relax into the sumptuous scene you'll feel yourself being gently transported to the exotic



StitchTime
50 hrs
(Approx)

climes of the Far East, a land which continues to capture the imagination of young and old.

Lesley has used minimal backstitch to allow the geisha's kimono, fan and facial features to really stand out, while a scattering of gold seed beads and black French knots add texture and an extra touch of opulence. Once complete, make sure you hang this vision where you can admire her every day! ●

StitchList...

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

ShoppingList...

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Capture this enchanting geisha in stitches for a touch of Eastern promise

Crazy tip!
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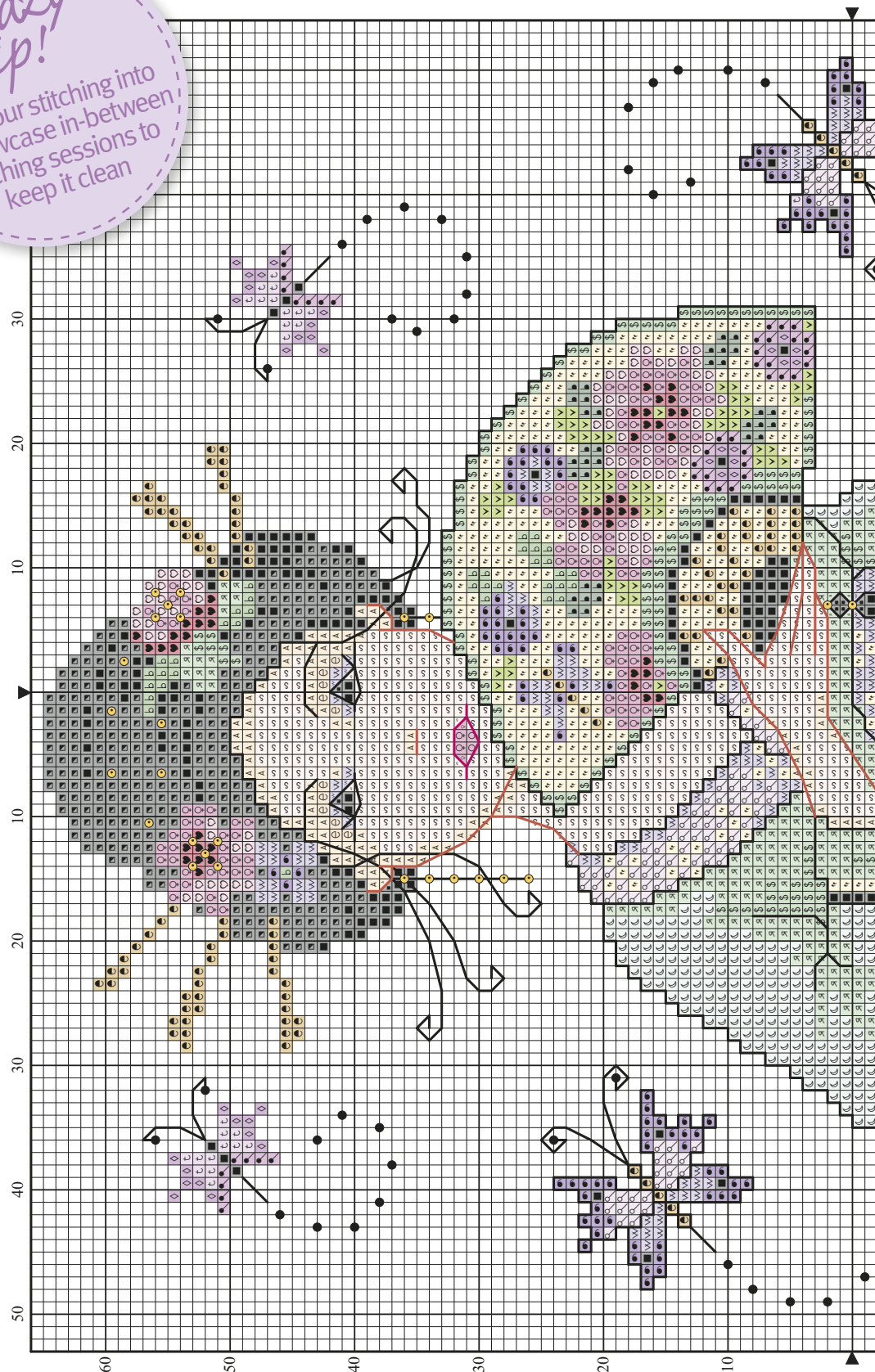
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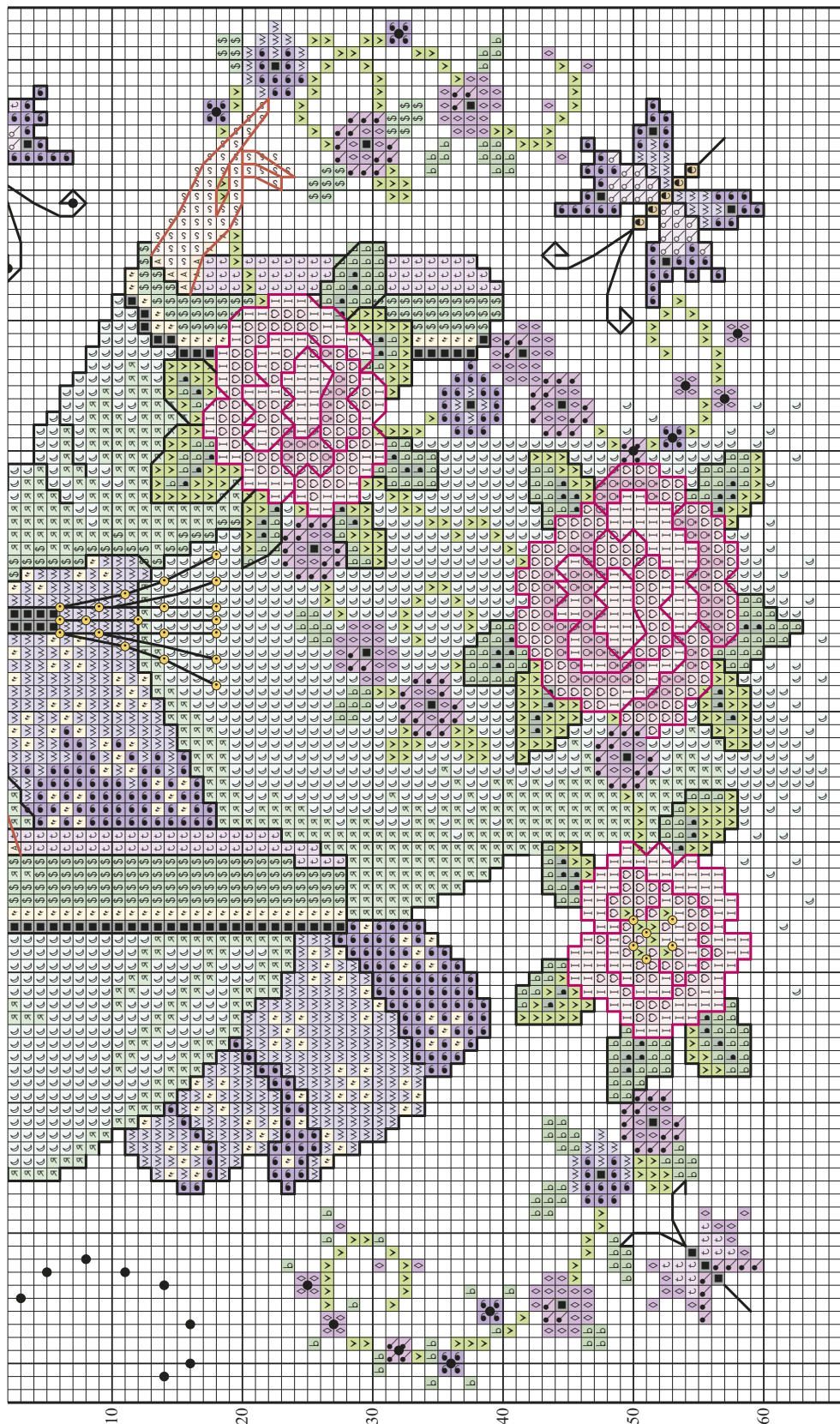
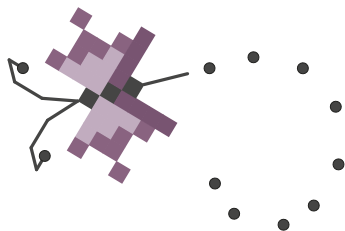


I love stitching oriental designs, and this geisha is so pretty

and feminine in beautifully soft shades. I just can't wait to start stitching her!

Emma Murphy, Birmingham





Geisha

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✦ Cross stitch in two strands

w	155	1030	902
◇	208	99	804
t	210	108	802
q	211	342	801
■	310	403	2400
●	333	119	903
●	436	1045	2011
b	561	212	1205
♥	600	63	703
♥	605	1094	613
v	703	238	1307
☾	747	158	1104
I	818	23	502
b	912	209	1213
A	945	881	2309
Я	964	185	1112
\$	992	1072	1202
s	3770	1009	2314
e	3771	868	2605
■	3799	236	1713
♀	3806	62	701
♀	3823	386	2512
♀	3837	111	713

✦ Backstitch in one strand

—	150	59	508
—	310	403	2400
—	3778	338	402

✦ French knots in one strand

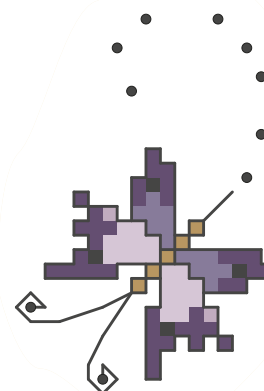
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✦ Mill Hill seed beads

●	00557		
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✦ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 130 (h) x 105 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
23.5x19cm (9 1/4x7 1/2in)
Stitched by Lesley Teare



Dear Yvette

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

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Star letter ★ ★

What a hoot! ★

I used my Oscar the owl free gift from issue 191 as an accessory on an embroidery hoop wall hanging, made from recycled splash-bleached denim. I hope you like it – Oscar thinks it's an absolute hoot! Marie-Therese Kielty, Clydebank

🌸 Oscar looks very content on his hanging perch, Marie-Therese – I love what you've done! Yvette



You are a winner!
Marie-Therese



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

Glamour puss

This is the card I made for my dear friend Barbara to celebrate her 40th birthday! The designs from issue 85 were perfect, so cute and girly. I also added some writing to make it even more joyful – thanks so much for your wonderful ideas!

Sara Lugnani, Switzerland

🌸 I bet Barbara was thrilled! Yvette



▲ Turning 40 was fabulous thanks to Sara's card!

Chocoholic

When I saw the Crazy for chocolate motifs in issue 185, it made me think of my daughter's teacher who loves chocolate! When this teacher changed classes in May, it gave me a good reason to stitch for her. I backed my stitching with interfacing, then attached it to a magnet.

Paula Spee, Netherlands

🌸 Such a sweet gift, Paula! Yvette



▲ Paula made a sweet magnet for her daughter's teacher

► This fruity fella makes a bright addition to Veronica's kitchen



Fruit crush

Here's my stitched strawberry from issue 192, made into a potholder for my kitchen. I love *Crazy* for these quick-stitch designs. I hope you like it! Veronica Paratico, Italy

🌸 He's such a cheery chap! Yvette

Just pawfect

I wanted to make something for my daughter in America, so I looked back through my *Crazy* magazines and found this delightful cat in issue 159 which I've used as the centre for a cushion. It's ideal because she has a black cat that she's very fond of and I'm sure she'll be delighted with this present. It's worth keeping back issues as they can come in very useful when you're stuck for ideas!

Gladys Lemin, Lancashire

✿ So glad *Crazy* came to the rescue, Gladys! To complete your back issue collection, turn to page 49.



▲ Gladys found this gorgeous design in one of her back issues of *Crazy*

Filled with colour

This year, many of my friends had babies, one of whom was Dominik, born on the 25th May 2014. In one of my back issues of *Crazy* I found this chart. It's really colourful, and I hope Dominik's toddler life will be the same!

Ela Rozbicka, Poland

✿ What a thoughtful sentiment, Ela. I love your handsome parrot!

Yvette



▲ Dominik'll love this colourful parrot!

All seasons

Here are the seasonal tree designs from issue 187. Finding a frame took me a long time, however, I was lucky enough to eventually find something ideal at a car boot sale for just £1!

Claire Boston, Southport

✿ A super-stylish finish, and what a bargain!

Yvette



▲ Claire's trees appeared in issue 187

► Marlene's first piece of cross stitching is just amazing!



Plain sailing

I began stitching only recently at the age of 70. For Mother's Day my son and daughter-in-law gave me a subscription to *Crazy*, which I thoroughly enjoy. A couple of months ago I spotted this design and started stitching it. Hope you like it!

Marlene Byford-Rew, Devon

✿ We love it – so pleased you're enjoying your subscription!

Yvette

Little flower

I'd like to thank you for the teacher Gift ideas in issue 191. My three-year-old son recently went on a six week gardening course which he loved. I wanted to do something nice as a thank you for the teachers and found the perfect chart which I adapted slightly to fit with the gardening theme. They loved them, and even shed a few tears.

Bonnie Yahoo, by email

✿ What a kind way to say thanks, Bonnie!

Yvette



▲ These little keyring pillows made cute thank you presents from Bonnie



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Celebrity WORDSEARCH

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

ARTS SHOW
CHARITY WORK
CLAUDIA
COMIC RELIEF

FILM/
PROGRAMME
GREAT BRITISH/
SEWING BEE

JOURNALIST
LONDON
PRESENTER
RADIO

STRICTLY COME/
DANCING
WINKLEMAN

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

U	N	E	E	B	G	N	I	W	E	S	C	P
C	H	F	J	A	R	T	S	S	H	O	W	N
C	P	S	E	O	I	D	A	R	M	I	K	A
R	O	Y	I	J	U	M	G	E	T	R	G	M
E	J	M	L	T	M	R	D	L	O	N	S	E
T	M	L	I	F	I	A	N	W	J	T	H	L
N	B	M	O	C	N	R	Y	A	R	W	O	K
E	R	D	A	C	R	T	B	I	L	N	D	N
S	I	O	I	R	I	E	C	T	G	I	O	I
E	B	N	D	R	G	T	L	B	A	K	S	W
R	G	E	A	W	L	O	N	I	S	E	O	T
P	B	H	K	Y	O	P	R	K	E	H	R	W
M	C	L	A	U	D	I	A	P	W	F	C	G

Stitching Nirvana

I wanted to show you my stitching which is a step up from the Christmas penguin I did when I was about seven! I hope you can tell who it is – it's taken me a while, but I feel it was definitely worth it.
Cat Watts, Bath

✿ I'm really impressed, Cat! Am I right in thinking it's Kurt Cobain?
Yvette



▲ Cat's second ever stitching attempt!

Top teacher

I wanted to share with you a design I stitched for my son to give to his teacher when he leaves primary school at the end of term. I stitched it using the brilliant teacher Gift ideas from issue 191. I hope you (and his teacher!) like it.
Victoria Coxhead, Gloucestershire

✿ I'm sure your son's teacher will love it!
Yvette



▲ Victoria stitched this design using the teacher motifs from issue 191

Pastel perfect

As soon as my subs copy of issue 188 landed on my doormat, I picked up my needle and started these cute designs. I decided to stitch four in one to make a picture to frame, using sparkly aida and beads in place of the French knots.
Kirsty Nash, Denbighshire

✿ These are so pretty and delicate, Kirsty.
Yvette

▲ These cute motifs from issue 188 can be enjoyed all year round



▲ The teacher motifs from issue 191 have proved really popular!

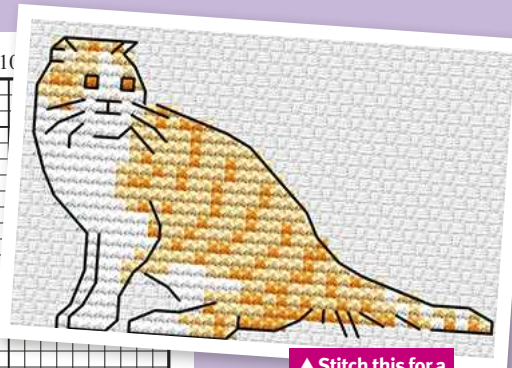
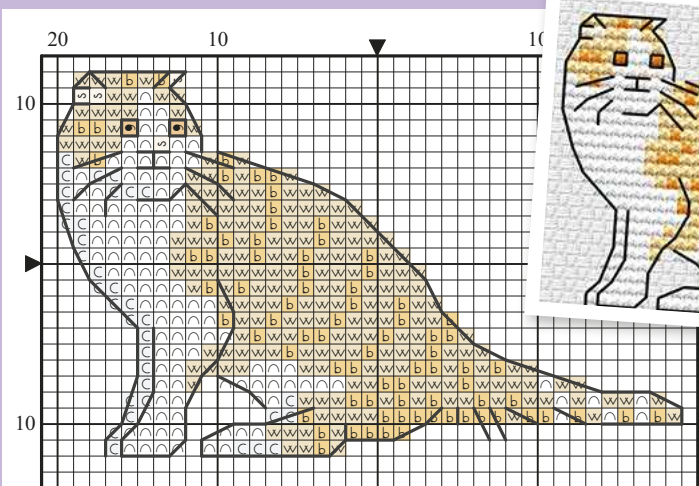
Lucky find

I'd been hunting for nice designs I could turn into cards to go with the gifts I'd made for my two daughters' teachers and teaching assistants, for their end of year gifts. These teacher Gift ideas from issue 191 were just what I needed, and I think they've turned out well!
Joanne Hayward, by email

✿ I agree, Joanne!
Yvette

Cross stitch quickie

Next month:
SIAMESE



▲ Stitch this for a lover of unusual cat breeds!

Scottish fold cat

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✗ Cross stitch in two strands

h	blanc	2	2402
w	738	367	2013
e	741	304	202
b	742	303	114
c	762	234	1804
s	948	892	306

✗ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✗ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 25 (h) x 39 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
4.5x7cm (1³/₄x2³/₄in)

Fab fairies!

We've been wowed by all your gorgeous photos featuring issue 193's free fairy hoop kit – here's a few of our faves!

FIRST PAST THE POST!

Send us a picture of your first finished project from this issue of *Crazy*, and you could be in our next gallery, or win First past the post!



Fairy quick

My copy of *Crazy* arrived at 10.30am, and after a thorough read through, I sorted the threads from my free fairy kit and started stitching at 11am. By 1.20pm it was finished, pressed, backed with pale pink felt and framed. It was so lovely to stitch!

Thanks for yet another fabulous issue, I have them all.

Leigh Neri, Middlesex

✿ Wow, that was quick off the mark, Leigh!

Yvette



▲ Pam made a few little adjustments to make this an extra-special gift for Thea

Perfect gift

I was struggling with what to get for a friend's daughter's christening. However, when I arrived home yesterday my new copy of *Crazy* had arrived and – yet again – you must have read my mind as the free kit was perfect! I have added my own flair to it by changing the hair colour to match Thea's, added some beads and her name to make it more special. I finished it today and I'm going to keep the chart so I can use it in the future.

Pam Delacroix, Rotherham

✿ Your customising looks brilliant!

Yvette



▲ A little bit of magic and sparkle works brilliantly here

All that sparkles

As soon as issue 193 of *Crazy* hit the doormat, I just had to stitch the free fairy kit ready for my niece's upcoming sixth birthday in a few days' time. I changed a couple of the enclosed threads to add a little bit of sparkle – I just hope she likes it!

Wendy Price, Crawley

✿ The sparkle works so well here, Wendy. I'm quite sure your niece is going to be fairy delighted!

Yvette

New home

I've just finished this lovely fairy which was the free gift with *Crazy* issue 193. It will be perfect for my two daughters' new bedroom – we are moving house in a few weeks' time. I hope you like it!

Karolina Blair, Belfast

✿ Good luck with the move – I hope your daughters love their new room, and their new fairy!

Yvette



▲ This fairy will make a lovely gift for Karolina's daughters

Right on time

My subs copy of *Crazy* issue 193 arrived this morning. I was looking for a little project to do in between my WIPs, so the free gift was perfect! My mum loves fairies and the colour pink, so I set about it right away. A few hours later I'd finished, and how lovely is she? I think my mum will agree.

Maria Lee, Leeds

✿ I'm sure your mum is going to love it, Maria!

Yvette



▲ This kit made a welcome change from Maria's WIPs!

Quick stitch

I got in from a busy morning to find the latest copy of *Crazy* on my doormat. I couldn't resist starting on Lucie Heaton's adorable fairy kit and finished it just in time to pick my daughters up from school!

Janet Barnes, Merseyside

✿ Impressive, Janet – great work!

Yvette



▲ Janet finished this just in time to do the school run!

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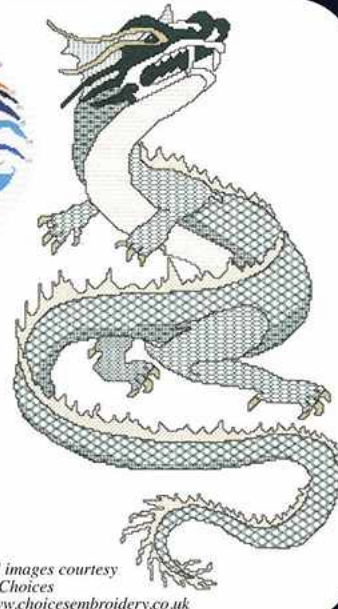
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CelebStitch

Channing Tatum

Get in on the action and stitch this multi-talented model, actor and producer for a fan!

From his early days as a model for big name brands such as Armani and Dolce and Gabbana, to an impressive and diverse roll call of movies – think heartwarming rom-coms like *The Vow*, action hero turns in the *G.I. Joe* films, and even the starring role in risqué film *Magic Mike* – Channing Tatum is fast becoming a household name. All achieved by the age of 34, with plenty more appearances on the silver screen in the pipeline, Channing's star is most definitely in the ascendant!

Worked in whole stitches only, you'll soon see Channing's portrait coming to life before your eyes, so why not make a start today? ●

Channing Tatum

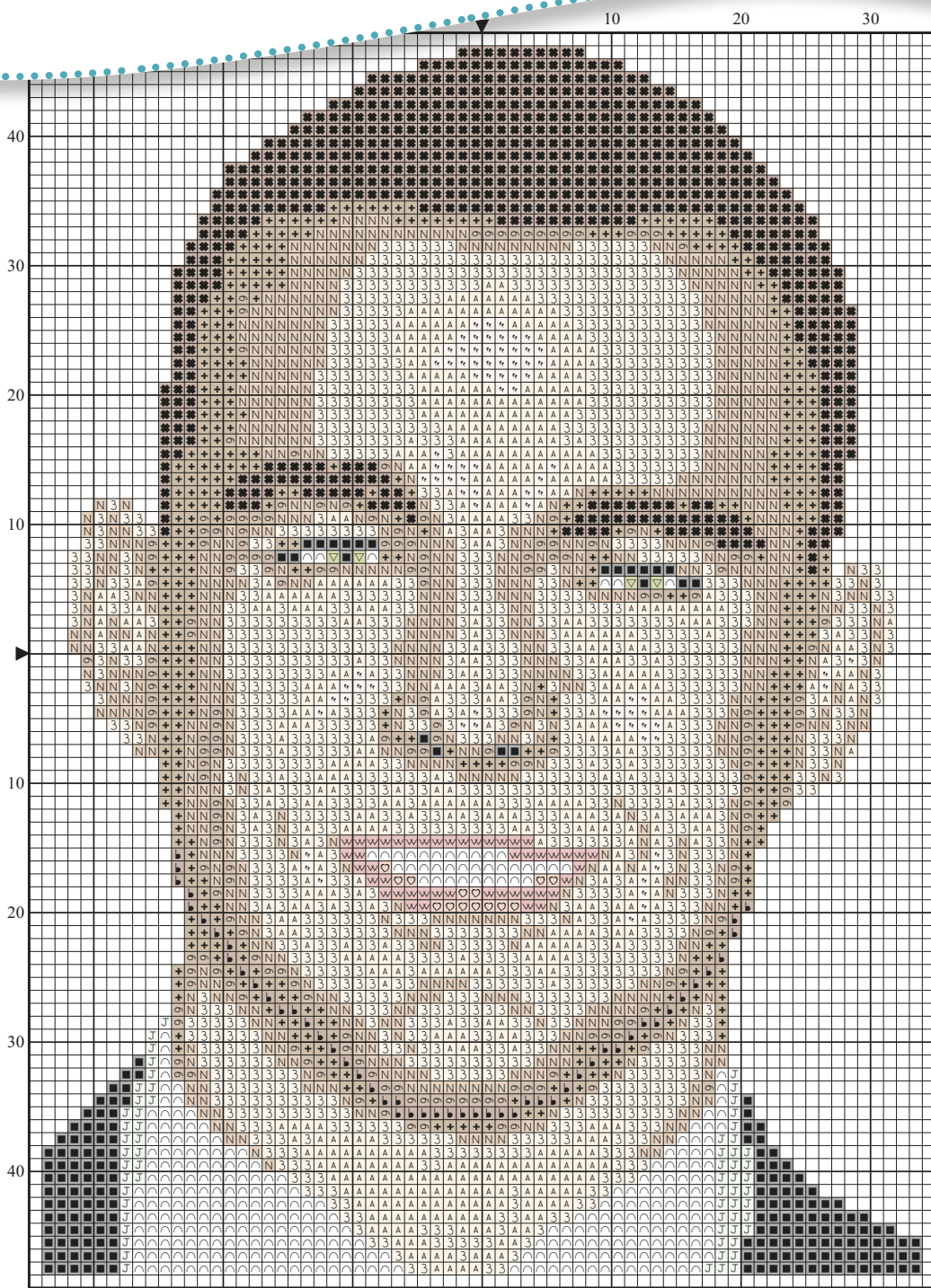
▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

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N	407	914	2312
♡	760	1022	405
3	950	4146	2309
■	3031	360	2003
J	3072	847	1805
▽	3364	260	1603
✱	3371	382	2004
W	3712	1023	406
⋈	3770	1009	2314
A	3774	778	306
+	3862	374	1913
○	3863	379	1912

✳ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 95 (h) x 68 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
17.5x12.5cm (6³/₄x4³/₄in)



Reader's pick!
This celeb was chosen by
ALICE WILSON

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 requests to celebstitch@cross-stitching.com or on a postcard to: Celeb stitch, Cross Stitch Crazy, 9th Floor, Tower House, Fairfax Street, Bristol BS11

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 Halloween Gift ideas



Planning a Halloween party this year? You'll be wanting to get your spooky stitch on, then! Ready, steady, ghoul...
Designed by Lucie Heaton

Thinking of throwing a supernatural soirée or taking the kids trick or treating? Then help everyone get in the ghostly groove with these devilishly good designs!

Lucie has made these fun motifs quick to stitch, designing them with whole stitches, backstitch and just a few French knots – turn to page 80 for help with any techniques. And, some of the designs have been stitched on glow in the dark aida, adding to the atmosphere once the lights are low. Just remember to never leave a lit candle unattended! ●



StitchTime
2-3 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...

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

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24/26 tapestry needle

Fabric - Fabric Flair White Glow in the Dark 14-count aida measuring a maximum of 10x10cm (4x4in) for all designs except candle and jar decoration and bat necklace, available from www.sewitall.com. 5cm (2in) and 3cm (1¼in) wide 16-count white aida band with gold trim cut to the desired length. To buy, visit www.willowfabrics.com or call ☎ 0800 056 7811. 14-count clear plastic canvas measuring 8x8cm (3x3in) from www.craftdepartment.com or call ☎ 01373 454 448

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Glow in the dark!



Death by chocolate



Trick or treat?

A ghoul's best friend



You light up the room

You're invited!



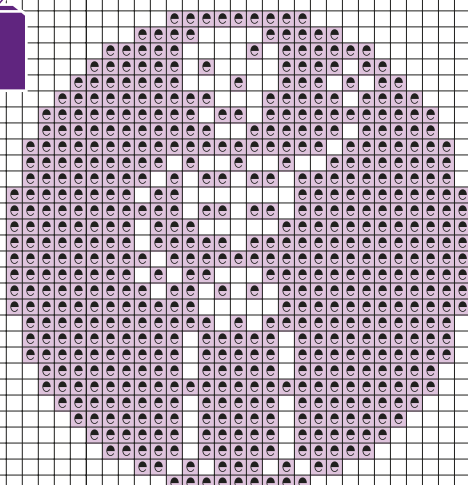
Have bags of fun

Hello, pumpkin!

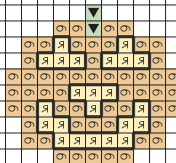


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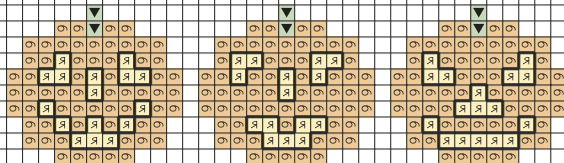


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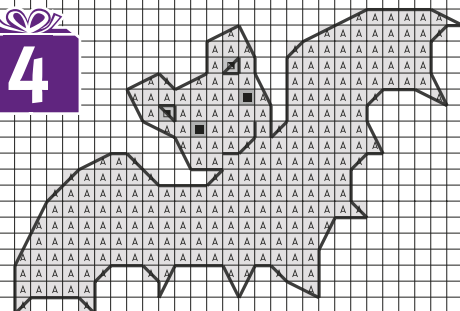


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► Stitch these perky pumpkins (below) on top of each other and make into a spooky bookmark



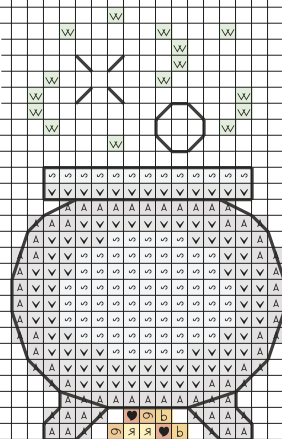
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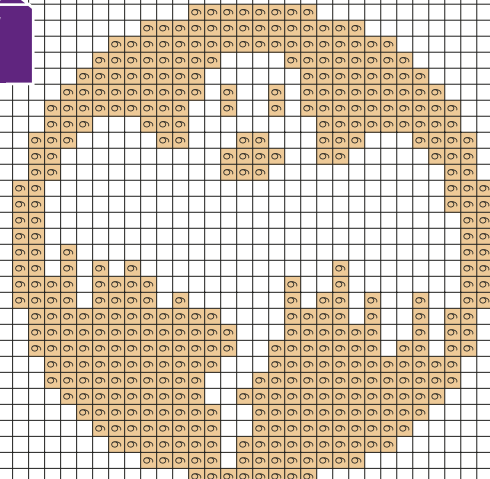
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► Back stitched designs with felt and hang from an embroidery hoop to create a halloween mobile

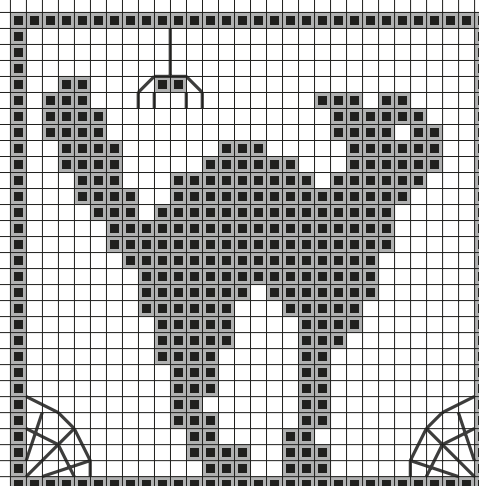
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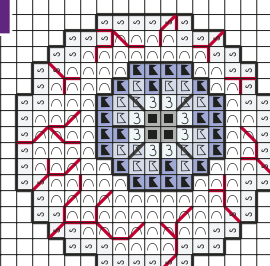
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► Make four similar sized designs into a set of coasters for a deadly drinks party

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Halloween

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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e	210	108	802
A	318	399	1801
♥	349	1098	212
♥	351	10	214
■	414	235	1714
▼	415	398	1802
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■	798	131	912
■	799	145	910
3	800	144	908
▼	912	209	1213
w	954	203	1207
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✕ Backstitch in one strand

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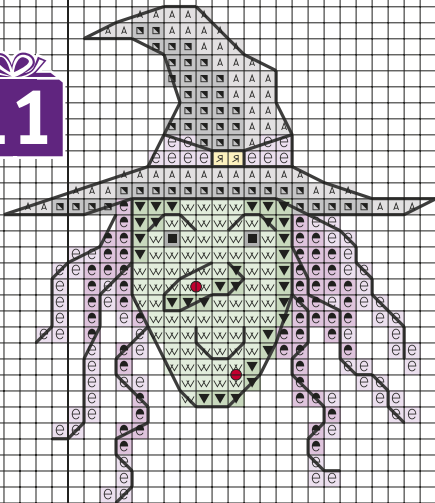
✕ French knots in one strand

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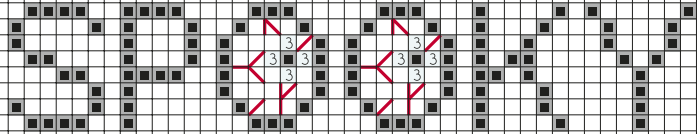
✕ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 50 (h) x 47 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
9x8.5cm (3½x3¼in)
Stitched by Alison Love

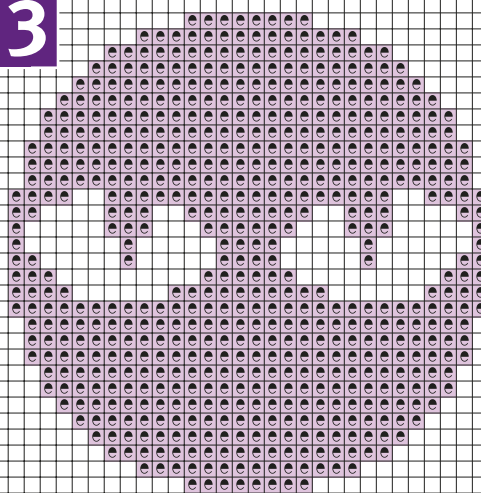
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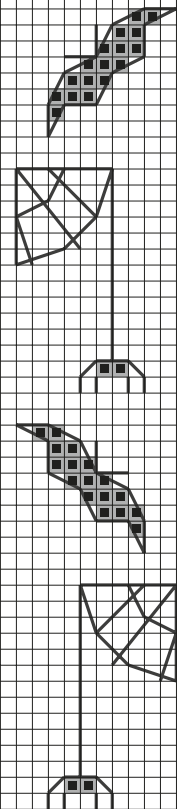
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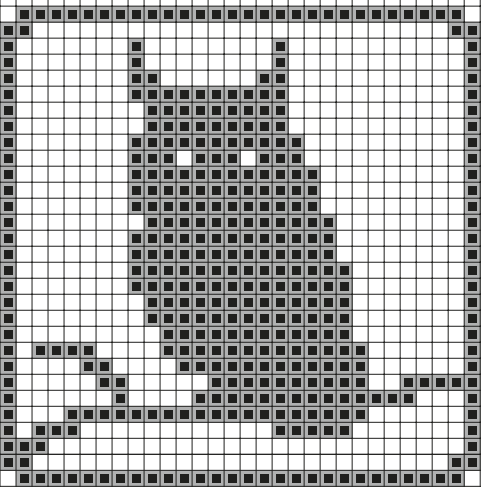
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► Wish friends a happy Halloween by patching a motif onto a greeting card

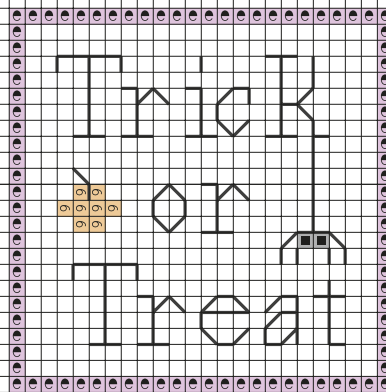
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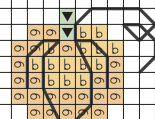
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► Replace white thread with glow-in-the-dark thread for a fun finish kids'll love!

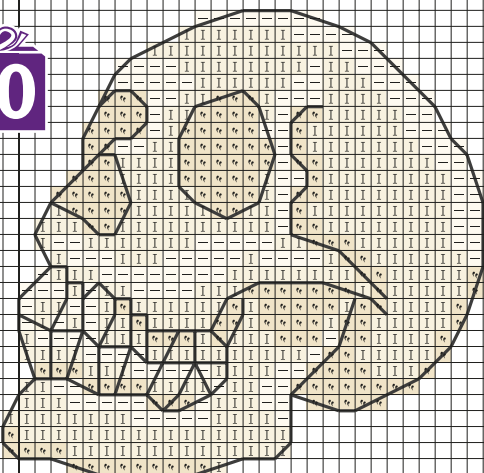
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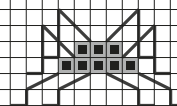
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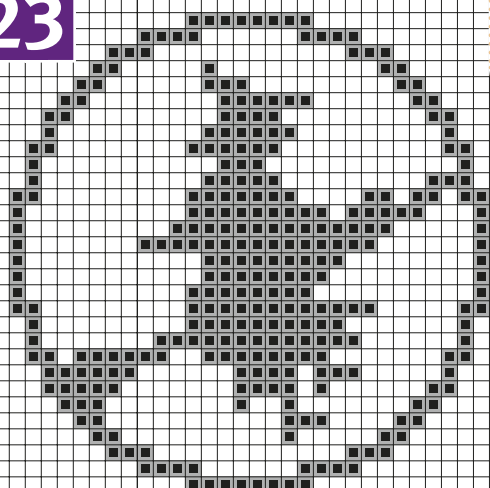
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► For 'confetti' cards, stitch tiny motifs to pop behind acetate in a round aperture card

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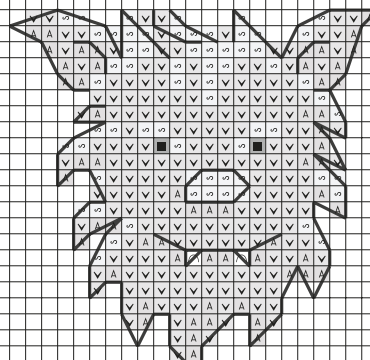
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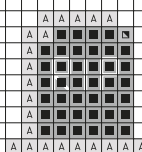
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► Make up motifs into cards and write on various clues for a haunted treasure hunt

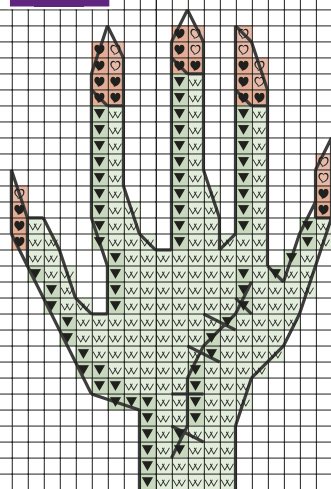
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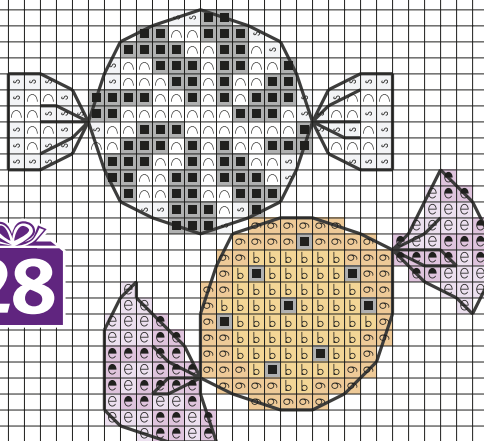
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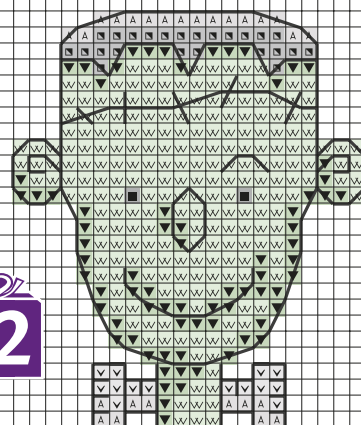
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► Magnets are a fun way to use motifs – stitch a selection to stick on your fridge!

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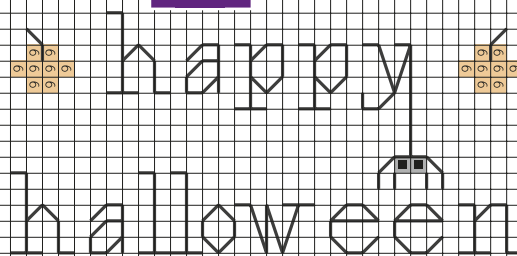
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► Decorate trick or treat bags with the yummy stitched sweets pictured above

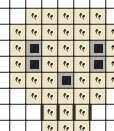
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► Turn a design into a brooch – stitch on plastic canvas then attach a brooch pin

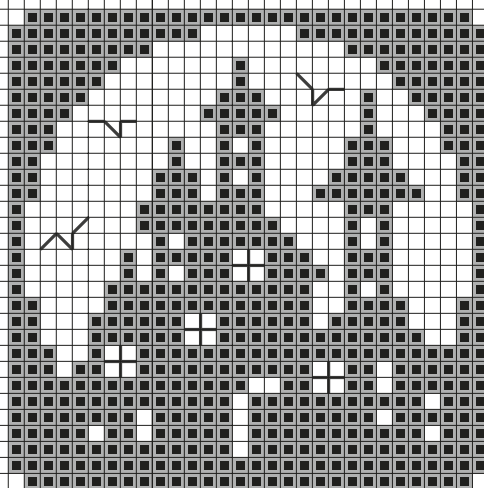
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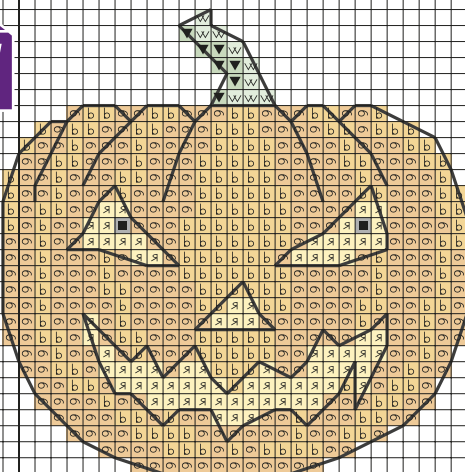
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► Make your own bunting by patching different designs onto triangles of fabric

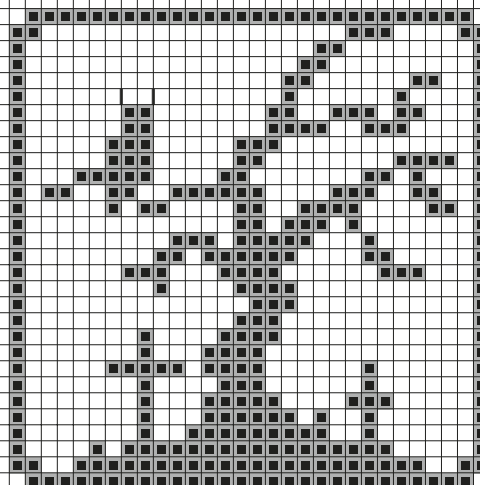
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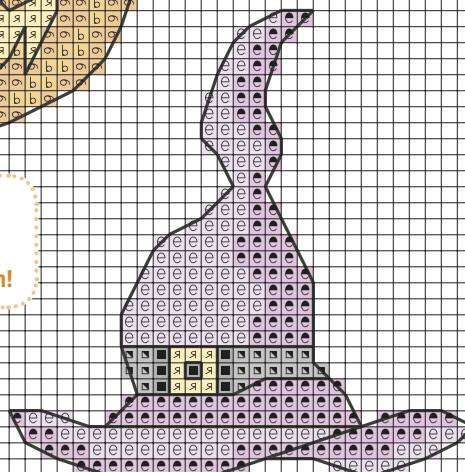
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► Smaller motifs make great cake toppers – simply attach to a cocktail stick using tape

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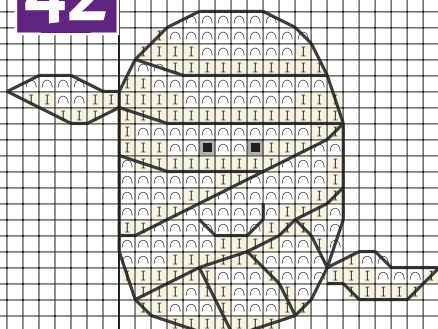
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► Scale up this handsome hat (right) for a ghastly game of pin the hat on the witch!

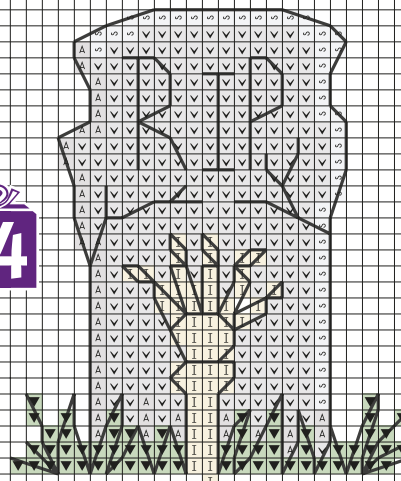
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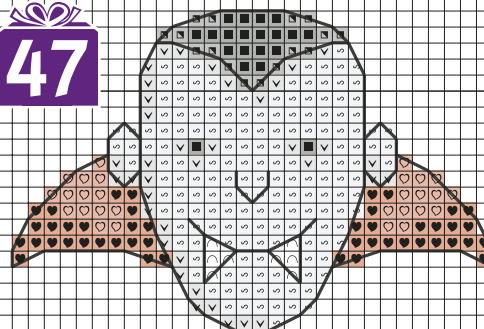
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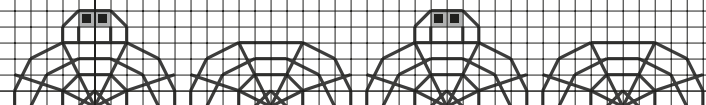
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► Design your own party invites by stitching motifs on perforated paper

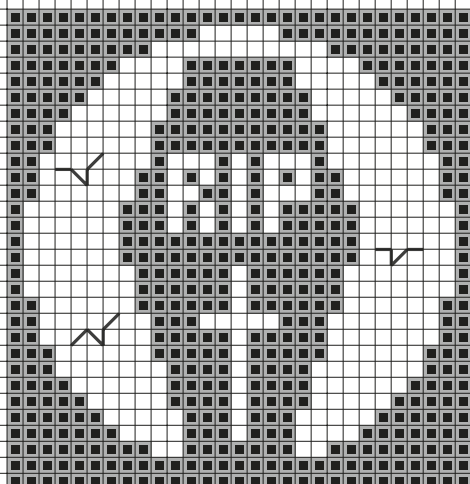
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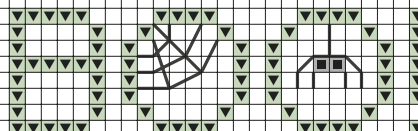
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► Use a few of your favourite designs to make a spooky Halloween sampler



October... Must-haves



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



◀ Spooks you, sir

Here at Crazy we love any excuse to pick up a needle and thread, so we can't wait to get stuck into some special scary stitching for Halloween! We love Lizzie Kate's distinctive mix of quirky lettering and fun motifs and think their latest chart, Hats Off to Halloween 2, is a brilliant way to get in the spooky spirit! It costs £7.50 (approx), and is a great way to greet ghoulish guests, or to create a Halloween banner to hang up in your front window. Either way, we're sure you'll enjoy every spine-tingling stitch!

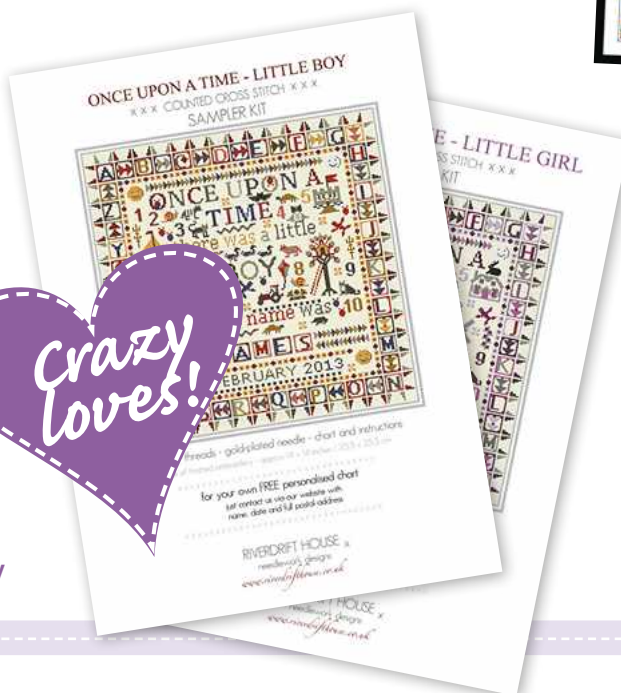
* To buy, visit www.sewandsocook.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150



▶ Baby boom

The happy news of a new baby is a time to celebrate, and what better way to welcome them to the world than a stylish sampler? Once Upon a Time – Little Boy and Once Upon a Time – Little Girl are both brand new kits from Riverdrift House costing £23.95 each. They measure 35.5cm (14in) square and come with everything you need to stitch them, including a gold-plated needle and a free personalisation chart – simply contact Riverdrift House via their website to get yours!

* Call ☎ 01503 220 952 or visit www.riverdrifthouse.co.uk to buy



▲ Under the sea

Appreciators of Art Deco design and fashion will love this striking underwater scene of a lady in full 1920s dress complete with cloche hat, standing amongst the fish and coral! Art Deco Lady Underwater measures 30x40cm (12x16in) and is available as a full kit for £24.97 from Stitch in Sparks. We think it would make a wonderful statement piece in a bathroom! Graphics produced courtesy of www.printableheaven.com.

* Visit www.stitchin-sparks.co.uk or call ☎ 01948 841 566 to buy



▲ Squirrel away

Having a beautifully well-ordered stash is something most of us aspire to, so finding appealing new ways to keep threads and needles neat is always high on the agenda! We especially love this adorable John Lewis Cyril Sewing Box created by designer-of-the-moment Donna Wilson. Costing £30, you'll find a handy fixed pincushion in the lid, plus a roomy basket to store all your stitching accessories.

* Visit www.johnlewis.com or call ☎ 0345 604 9049 to buy

► Owl prowls

There's something about owls that has us reaching for our needle quicker than you can say 'twit twoo', so we were so excited to see these contemporary new designs by Amylee Weeks. The cute range features six kits including Be Brave, Be Happy, Be You and Love (clockwise from top left). You can buy the kits for £15.99 each, which include coloured aida, threads and Mill Hill beads for beautiful added texture and detail.

* Call ☎ 0843 289 9612 or visit www.qualityneedlecraft.co.uk to buy



◀ Measure up

Every crafter needs a good tape measure (or two!) within easy grasp, so why not pop one of these retractable beauties in the post as a little birthday treat for a friend or crafty teen? At £6 each (or £2.50 for the Toadstool design) they're an absolute steal – we'll take the lot, please!

* Visit www.themakery.co.uk or call ☎ 01225 581 888 to buy while stocks last!

▼ Mini makes

With her distinctive style and flair for both cute and classic designs, Susan Bates has long been a regular contributor to *Crazy*. So, we're delighted to be able to share her latest book, *Cross Stitch Mini Motifs – Hearts, Birds and Flowers*, with you! Featuring over 60 dainty motifs of birds, flowers and hearts, you'll always have a cute card design up your sleeve, or you could use them to pretty up all manner of items from purses to tea towels.

* To buy for £8.99, visit www.susanbates.co.uk or www.CrossStitchSusie.etsy.com



Splurge or save?

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

Hello, deer!

This Vervaco Cross Stitch Cushion Kit – Deer has caught our eye with its charming detail and pretty blue sky. The kit includes everything you need to complete a cushion front, for £30.99. To buy, visit www.minervacrafts.com or call ☎ 01254 708 068.



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Forest friends



Welcome these woodland cuties into your home for a splash of autumnal colour and oh-so-sweet charm!

Designed by Jayne Schofield

As autumn's palette begins to show itself in the rich reds and burnished golds of the turning leaves, it's time to celebrate the new season and look forward to pulling on your wellies and getting outdoors!



StitchTime
25 hrs
(Approx)

For the busy creatures in this woodland scene it's time to get ready for the colder months ahead, gathering food and making nests extra warm and snug. Buoyed on by the pretty colours and adorable animals in this easy-stitch design, you'll be saying bye bye summer, hello autumn before you know it! ●

StitchList...

For all stitchers

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

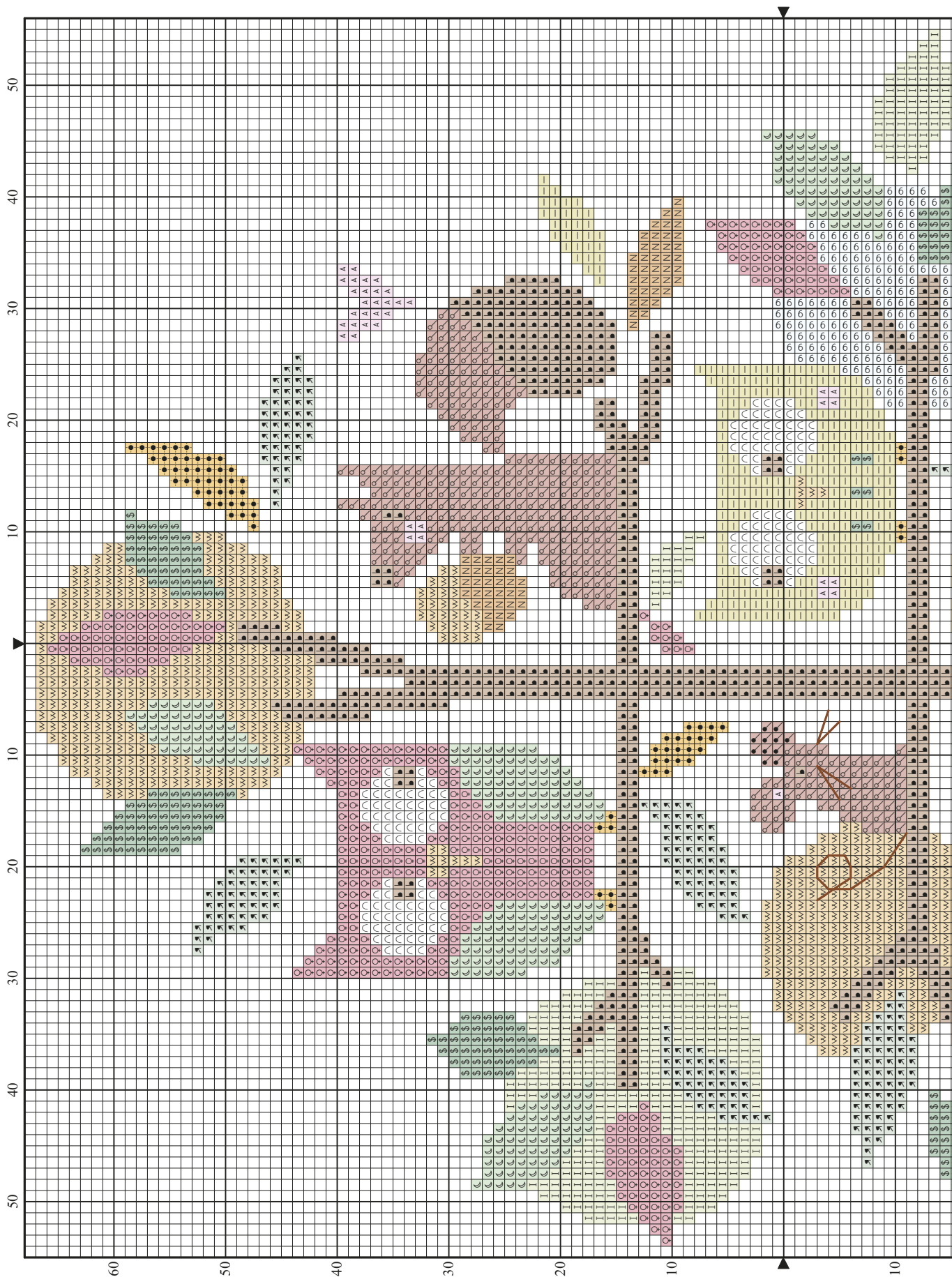
Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - A piece of Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 36x30cm (14x12in). To buy, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 01453 889 988

Extras - Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 26x22cm (10¹/₄x8³/₄in)







ReaderSays...



This woodland scene is lovely – it's just so cute and I love all the little

animals and bright colours. It's definitely another one for my 'To do' project list!

Joanne Dean, Wirral

Woodland scene

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✕ Cross stitch in two strands

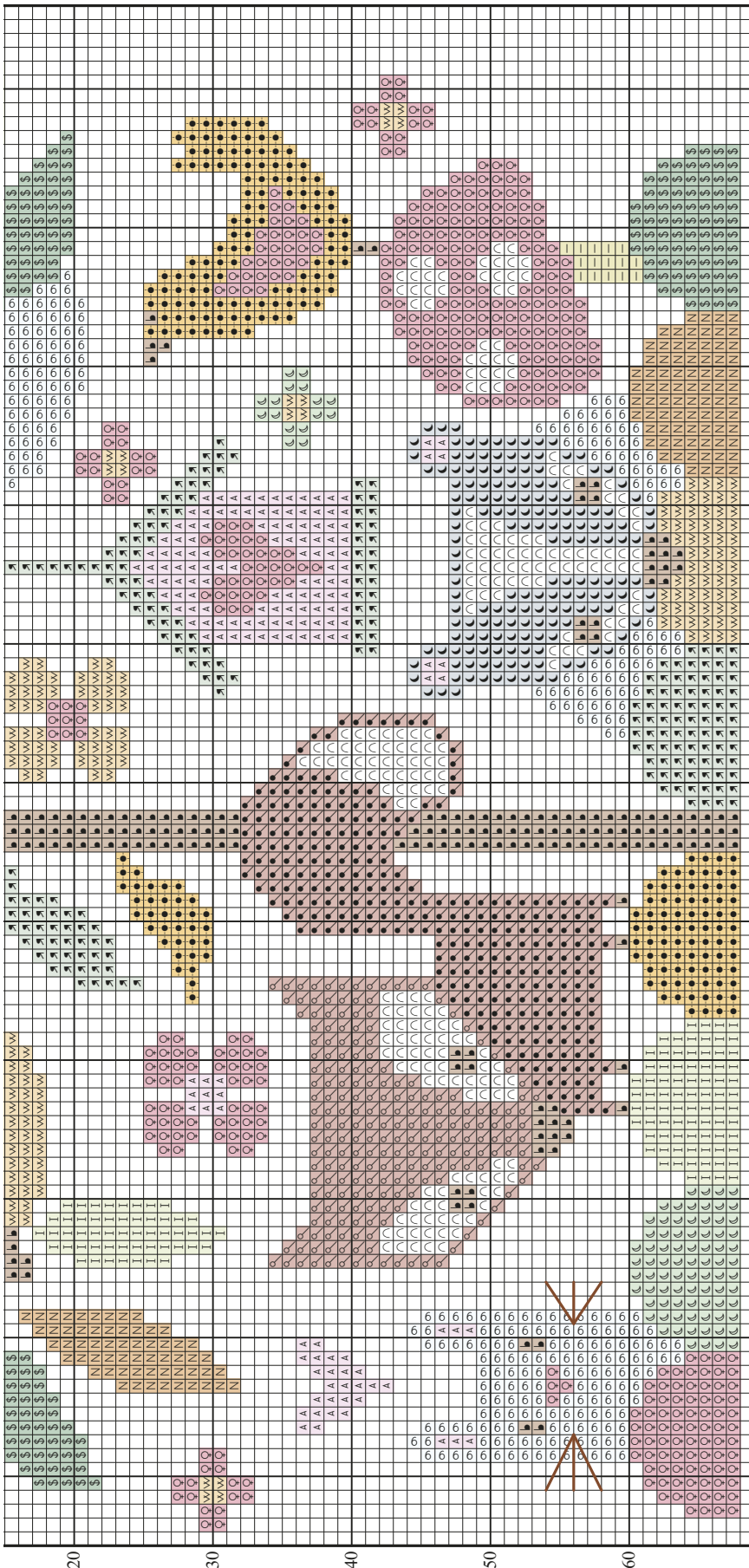
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✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 135 (h) x 109 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
24.5x20cm (9⁷/₈x7³/₄in)
Stitched by Barbara Cox



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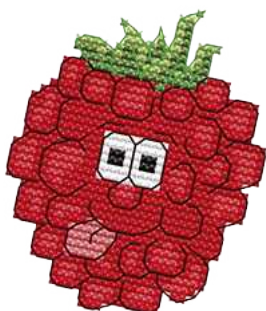
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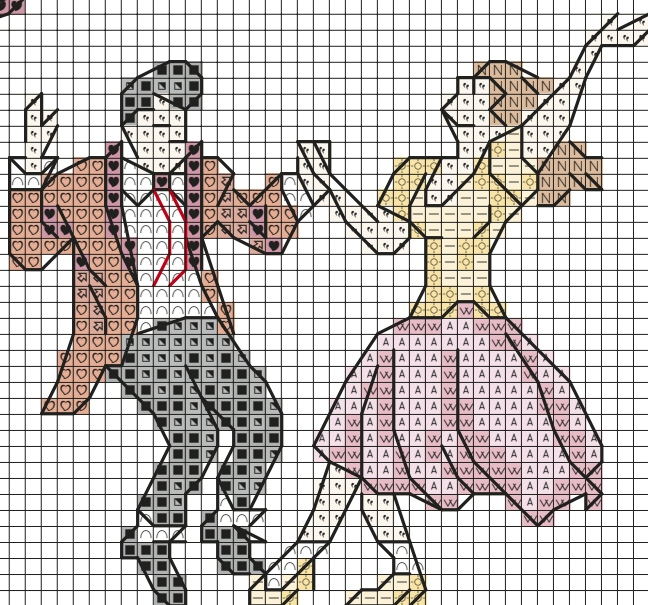
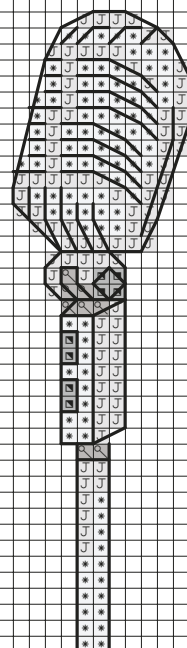
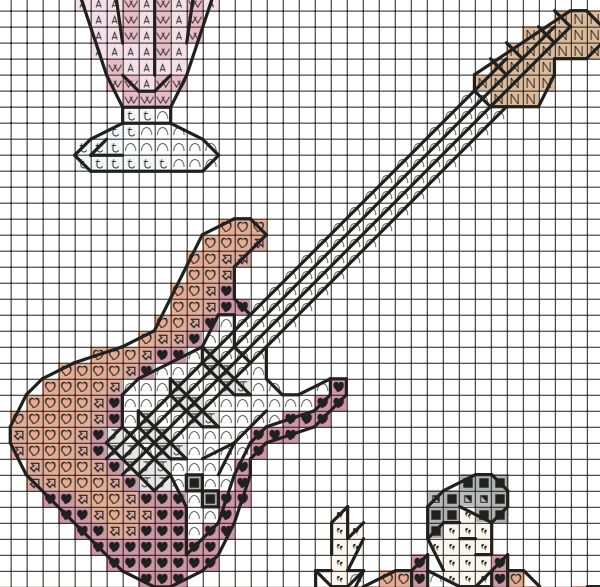
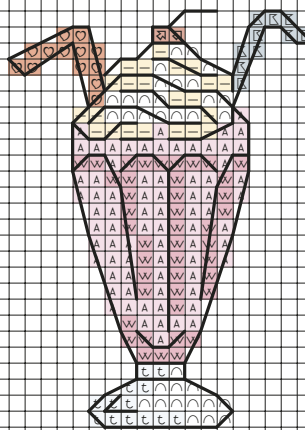


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Rock 'n' roll

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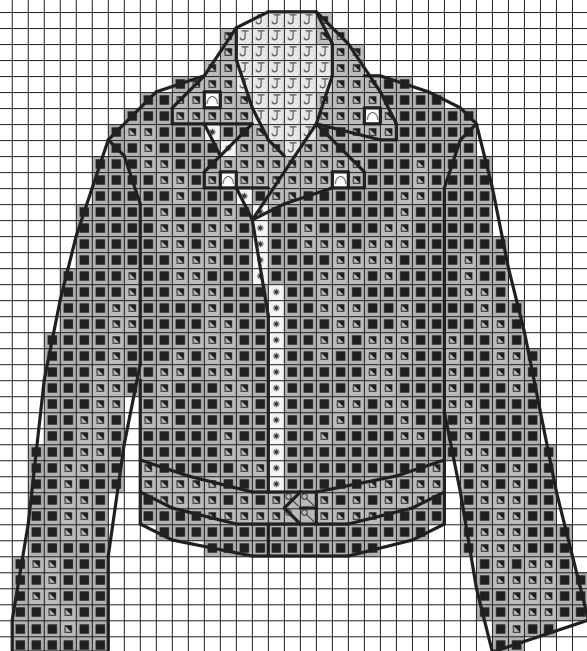
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✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

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



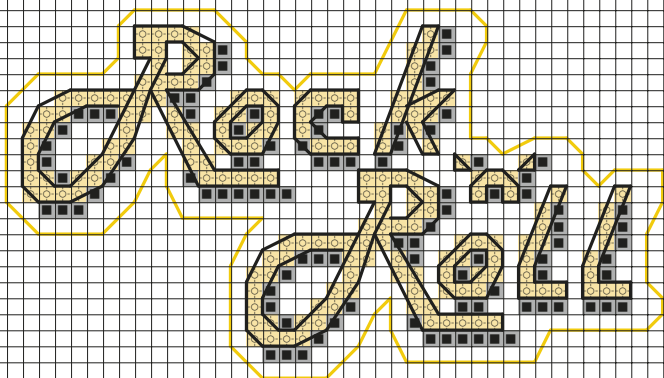
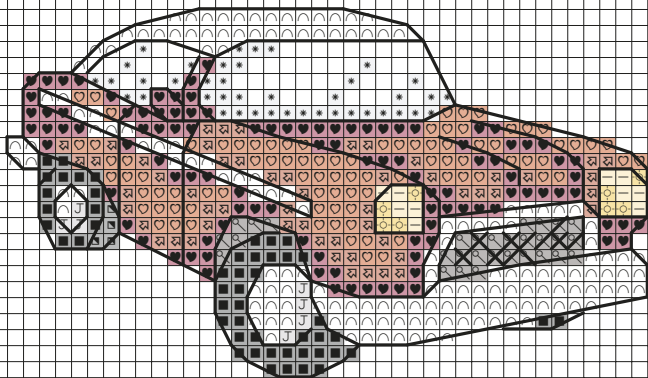
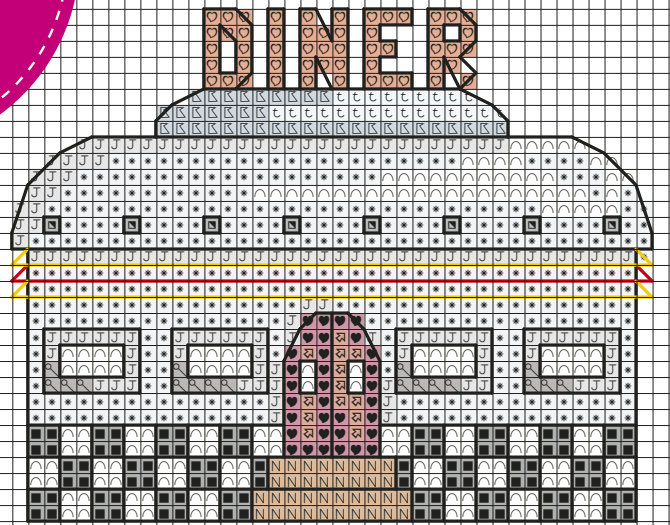
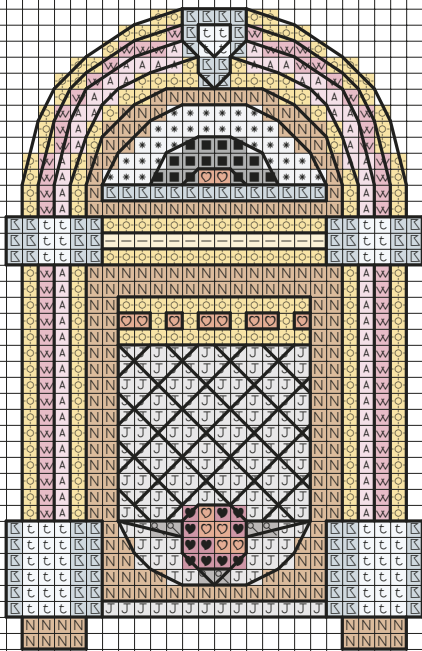
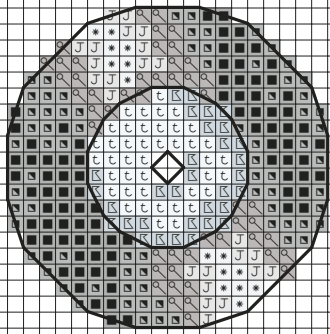
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Rock 'n' roll

Crank up the jukebox
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**Designed by
Fiona Baker**

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This summer catch up with family and friends over a Strawberry Tea and help women facing breast cancer.



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Iona, age 7

Breast Cancer Care is the only UK-wide support charity helping the thousands of women waking up to the harsh reality of breast cancer every day. Holding a Strawberry Tea is a great way to show your support. It's so simple and a perfect excuse for a summer get together at home or in the garden if the weather is nice. Just keep the tea flowing, add some strawberries and cakes, and ask your guests for a donation.

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And whether you raise £20 or £200 – every penny counts and your support will help people facing breast cancer today.

On average every Strawberry Tea helps fund ten calls to our Helpline so people facing breast cancer can get the support they need.

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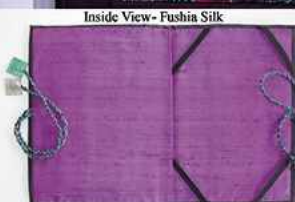


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Storage solution

Q I like to stitch in my room before bed, but my bedside table is cluttered with all my crafting equipment, and there's not enough room for me to buy a bigger one! Can you help me find an alternate way to store my stash?

Gwen Davis, Bangor

A Don't worry, Gwen, we have a great solution for you! These stylish storage hoops from issue 189 of *Crazy* are the ideal way to keep your scissors, thread, tape measure and stitching bits and bobs neat and tidy, and off your bedside table. They're super-simple to make, are a great way to use up scraps of fabric, and also look great as wall art in your



bedroom, craft room or even your lounge! If you haven't got a copy of issue 189, get hold of a back issue for £6.35 at www.subscribeonline.co.uk/immediate/backissues or call ☎ 0844 844 0385 to buy.

Sew interesting

Q At my sewing group last week, I heard two ladies discussing an ORT jar, but I was too shy to ask what it was! Please can you explain it to me, Angels?

Miriam Cooper, Glasgow

A An ORT jar is a little pot for storing leftover threads, with ORT being an acronym which stands for Odd and Random Threads. You can use any jar you like, be it an empty coffee container (washed, of course!), or an on-trend Mason jar. As you cut off your snippets of thread while you're stitching, simply place them in the container instead of throwing them away. Some lengths of thread you can use again for smaller projects,

or once it's full, you can use it as a display piece! You could also use your scraps to stuff mini cushions, or leave them out for the birds as nest material. If you're using a glass jar, however, be careful not to leave it in direct sunlight, as it could set the threads alight.

Threaded bliss

Q I'm currently working on a large chart with a total of 42 colours and I'm finding it a real struggle to keep my threads in order! Is there a thread organiser out there that will help me?

Maya Lupita, Berkshire

A We love this large, durable thread organiser from Stitch Craft Create. It can store up to 50 thread shades and also includes 10 blank code cards so you can add numbers or symbols for easy reference. Why not try photocopying the key you're working on from the chart, then cut and stick the symbols onto the code cards, as this way the symbols will match perfectly? You can order the Handy Thread Organiser for £12.99 from www.stitchcraftcreate.co.uk or by calling ☎ 0844 880 5851.

3 vintage car designs

Get your stitching in gear with these classic finds!



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This fun Cut Thru Vintage Car cross stitch kit has real character! Worked on 16-count aida, the complete kit costs £31.99. Visit www.bothythreads.com or call ☎ 0800 013 0150 to buy.



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▼ The Handy Thread Organiser stores up to 50 threads



Our TOP TIPS

For adding seed beads

- 1** Choose a matching shade of thread, or invisible thread to attach beads to your stitching.
- 2** Always attach your seed beads using a beading needle, which has a sharper point and a smaller eye so it will pass through easily.
- 3** When attaching, use a half stitch in the same direction as the top arms of your stitches to make sure all the beads are facing the same way.
- 4** To make sure your beads are really secure, you can bring up the needle to complete the second arm of the cross and pass through the same bead.
- 5** If you hand-wash your stitching, do not scrub vigorously or wring the garment tightly as this may crush or damage the fragile beads.
- 6** When ironing your stitched piece, place it face down on a soft clean towel to protect the glass beads from damage.
- 7** If you spill your beads onto the floor, wrap sticky tape around your hand with the sticky side facing out for a quick way to collect them!

Pretty poppies

Q I saw a lovely kit online called Field of Poppies and was going to buy it, but I noticed it says it's 'stamped'. Can you tell me what that means, Angels?

Erin Fletcher, Hamburg, Germany

A Stamped cross stitch kits – as opposed to counted cross stitch kits – have the design printed directly onto the fabric, so you don't need to refer to a chart. As the printed guide is stitched over, it can't be seen on the finished piece and is generally considered to be an easier way of stitching a design, especially if you're a beginner. So, if you fancy a change and you like the project, it's definitely worth getting! To buy Field of Poppies for £24.50, email groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk to find your local stockist.

Spooky stitching

Q My 10-year-old son Lucas is mad about monsters, and with Halloween just around the corner, I'd really like to surprise him by stitching him something fun – and a little bit different – to mark the occasion.

Helena Lincoln, London

A What a great idea, Helena! We've found you this spooky Batty Buddy Bug chart whose eyes and teeth are stitched using glow-in-the-dark thread, so it will hopefully keep your son



▼ Field of Poppies is a stamped design, so no chart counting involved!

amused at night time, too! Designed by Faby Reilly, this little monster chart comes with a tutorial guiding you through the making up of this funny fellow, too. To order for \$6.99 (approximately £4), visit www.creativepoppy.com.



▼ Have a monster Halloween with this mini make!

third baking soda, and half a teaspoon of lemon juice and apply the mixture to the stain, then gently rub it in. Allow it to sit for around 20 minutes, then wash as normal, but make sure to test on a corner of your stitching first to check it doesn't have any adverse effects.

Bookmark that

Q I've found a cute design for a bookmark, but I'm not very good at making up. Can you suggest a ready-made bookmark I can stitch directly onto?

Willow Thomas, North Hampton

A How about this Lacy Bookmark from Framecraft? It consists of a 51x178mm piece of 18-count ivory aida edged with delicate lace, and costs £3.75. Call ☎ 01543 360 842 or visit www.framecraft.com to buy, and on the website you'll also find booklets full of charts which fit these measurements perfectly.



▲ Making up is made easy with this ready-made bookmark!

Stain remover

Q I own two pieces of stitching that are 20 years old and both have developed yellow streaks, even though they've been kept out of the light. Do you know what the marks are, and if it's possible to remove them?

Alexa Haman, USA

A It's difficult to tell what they could be, but it sounds like they could be caused either by age (as fabric can turn yellow with time) or something that has come into contact with the stitching prior to storage, such as hand cream or suntan lotion. There isn't much that can be done without damaging the colour of your stitching, but it might be worth trying a solution of baking soda and water on the stitched piece. Mix two thirds water, one

Hello Angels!

Send your stitching problems to Crazy's Angels and we'll come to your rescue! Make your questions as crazy as you like and send them to the address listed right.

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A is for apple



StitchTime
2-3 hrs
(Each letter)



Add a little learning into playtime with these soft, colourful alphabet blocks – they're the perfect size for little hands that just love exploring!

Designed by Durene Jones

StitchList...

Perfect for beginners

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch

Watching your little one learn through play is one of the many joys of parenthood, and these easy-stitch blocks are a definite must-have in every toddler's toy basket! Using whole stitches and backstitch only, we've made this eye-catching abc into cubes using soft cotton fabrics

in engaging colours – we're sure your child won't be able to resist building towers and then gleefully knocking them down!

Alternatively, stitch all the letters together to make a sweet wall hanging for the nursery, or use them to make a special name plaque for your child's room. Whichever you choose, this abc spells fun, fun, fun! ●

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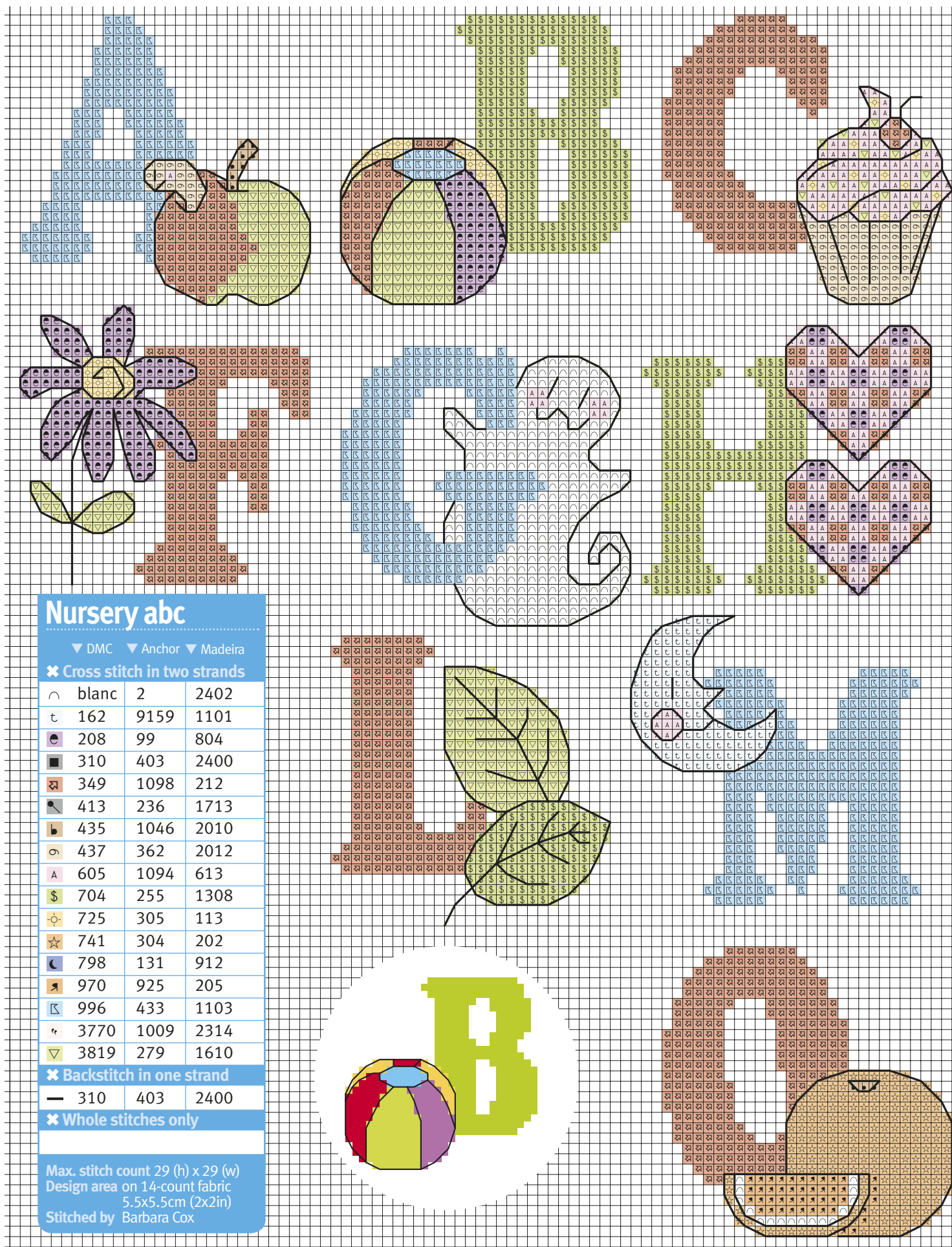
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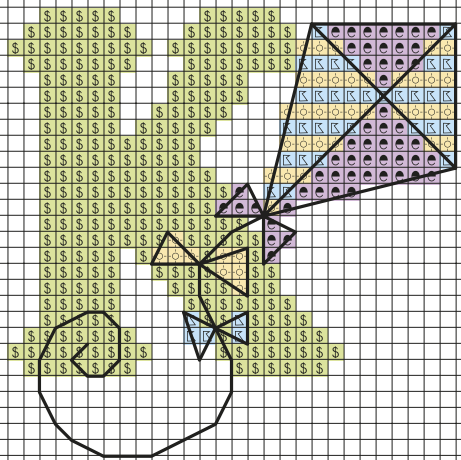
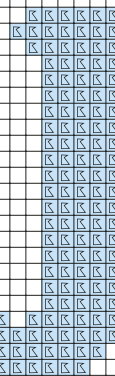
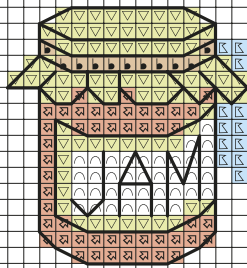
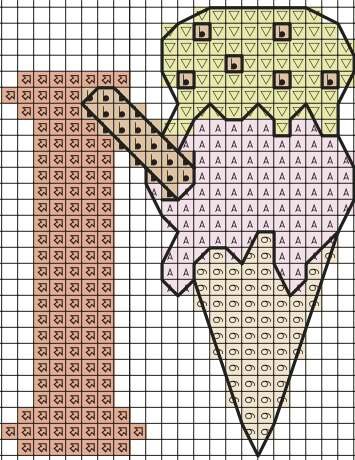
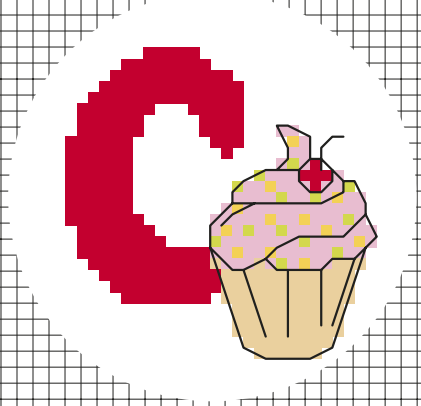
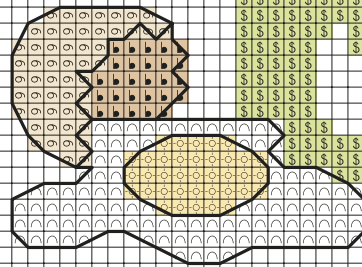
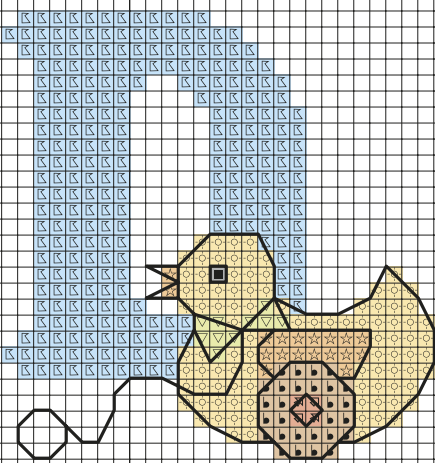
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Fabric - A piece of Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 10cm (4in) x the required length. To buy, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150

Extras - Backing fabric and wadding of choice





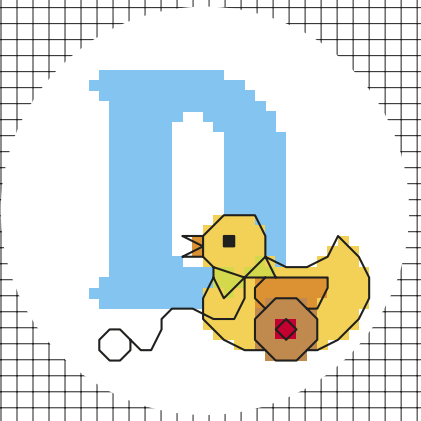
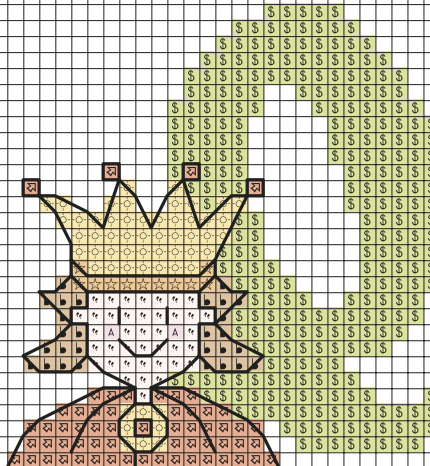
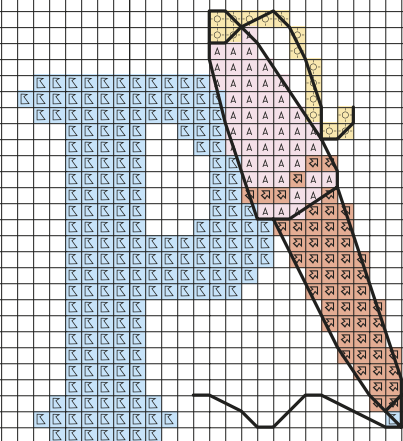
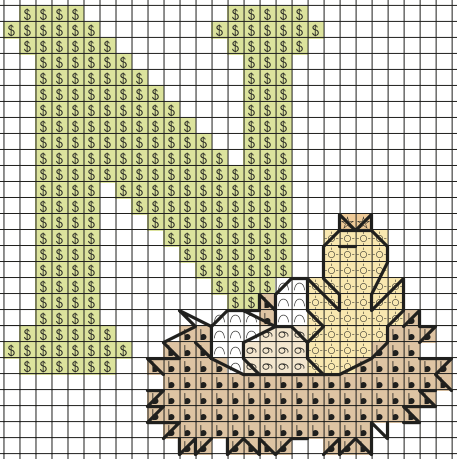


YvetteSays...



I'm always on the lookout for cute ideas to stitch, so this bold alphabet will be ideal. I'm looking forward to choosing some pretty fabrics to make up the blocks!

Yvette Streeter, Acting Editor
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**WE RAISED
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FOR BREAST
CANCER
CARE!**

▼ Some of the
yummy cakes made
by the Crazy team

Feature

▼ The bake sale
begins and it's cake
buying mayhem!



▲ Yvette (Acting Editor)
and Rachel (Production
Editor) smile for the camera

Get involved!

Show your support for Breast Cancer Care with a scrummy Strawberry Tea and good friends!

We already know what a kind hearted lot you are, stitching a stream of cards and gifts for new babies, good friends, colleagues and neighbours, but this month we have a very special request for you. We're asking you to take a short break from your needle and thread – yes, really! – and hold a strawberry-themed tea party to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Care.

Taking part is easy

The beauty of this idea is that you can put in as much or as little effort as you feel you can. If you're a confident baker, why not whip up a batch of light and fluffy strawberry muffins or a gooey and indulgent strawberry cream Victoria sponge cake? Then get together with a few



▲ Steph (Art Editor),
Yvette and Rachel
raise a glass of fizz!

colleagues to sell your bakes in a cake sale at work, or rope in a few neighbours and set up a little stall selling cakes outside your house! Even if you're not so hot in the kitchen, you can still get involved – just buy a cake, pop the kettle on and invite some friends round to enjoy a sweet slice

and donate something to the charity. It really is true that every penny counts, as whatever you can give goes towards helping the incredible work that Breast Cancer Care do in supporting people facing this terrible disease, offering help, advice and a friendly ear to anyone.

Crazy's fundraising

Of course at Crazy Towers we love baking cakes almost as much as stitching, so we couldn't resist holding our own Strawberry Tea! Happily, other magazine teams in our office in Bristol wanted to get in on the act too, so we joined forces and held a scrummy Champagne and Strawberries event this July. We were astounded by the fabulous array of cakes, including Art Editor Steph's salted caramel chocolate torte, and Acting Editor Yvette's rose-infused cupcakes! In total, we raised £180 for Breast Cancer Care which could go towards funding a Breast Cancer Care hospital information point for a year.

The Strawberry Tea campaign runs from 1st June to 31st August, so make sure to take part in whatever way you can! ●

To find out more about the charity or to register for a fundraising pack, go to www.breastcancercare.org.uk/strawberry or call ☎ 0870 164 9422.

5 TOP TIPS FOR FUNDRAISING

1 Stitch and sell the strawberry charts on page 8 as bookmarks or cards.

2 Set up a stitchathon on Facebook and get people to sponsor you!

3 Too hot for baking? Move your feast to the evening and hold a summer barbecue or cocktail party instead.

4 Clear out your cupboards or sort through any old stichy stash and sell unused wares at a car boot sale.

5 Everyone loves a bit of bunting! Raid your stash for oddments of fabric or buy end-of-roll pieces from your local haberdashery to make into cute bunting to sell to friends or at work.

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Flower burst



Add colour to a corner of your sofa with this vibrant cushion – a bright pop of sunshine, whatever the weather!

Designed by Susan Bates

Looking at this bold and beautiful design, you can't help but smile! These big blowsy blooms in shades of orange, pink and purple are the perfect way to chase away grey clouds and let cheer flood into your home.

StitchList...

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch



StitchTime
60-70 hrs

This versatile design, which uses whole stitches and backstitch only, would also work beautifully as a picture, as the pretty pink border frames it so well. Or, for a quicker project, you could pick out the large pink flower and frame it in a hoop. Let's hear it for autumn colour! ●

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 35x30cm (14x12in). Visit www.sewandso.co.uk to buy, or call ☎ 01453 889 988

Extras - Backing fabric and piping cord of choice. Cushion pad to fit





RachelSays...



I'm terrible for constantly wanting to add little updates to my home, so this funky cushion in

clashing bright shades is going to look great in my living room!

Rachel Nott,
Production Editor,
Cross Stitch Crazy

Autumn flowers

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✱ Cross stitch in two strands

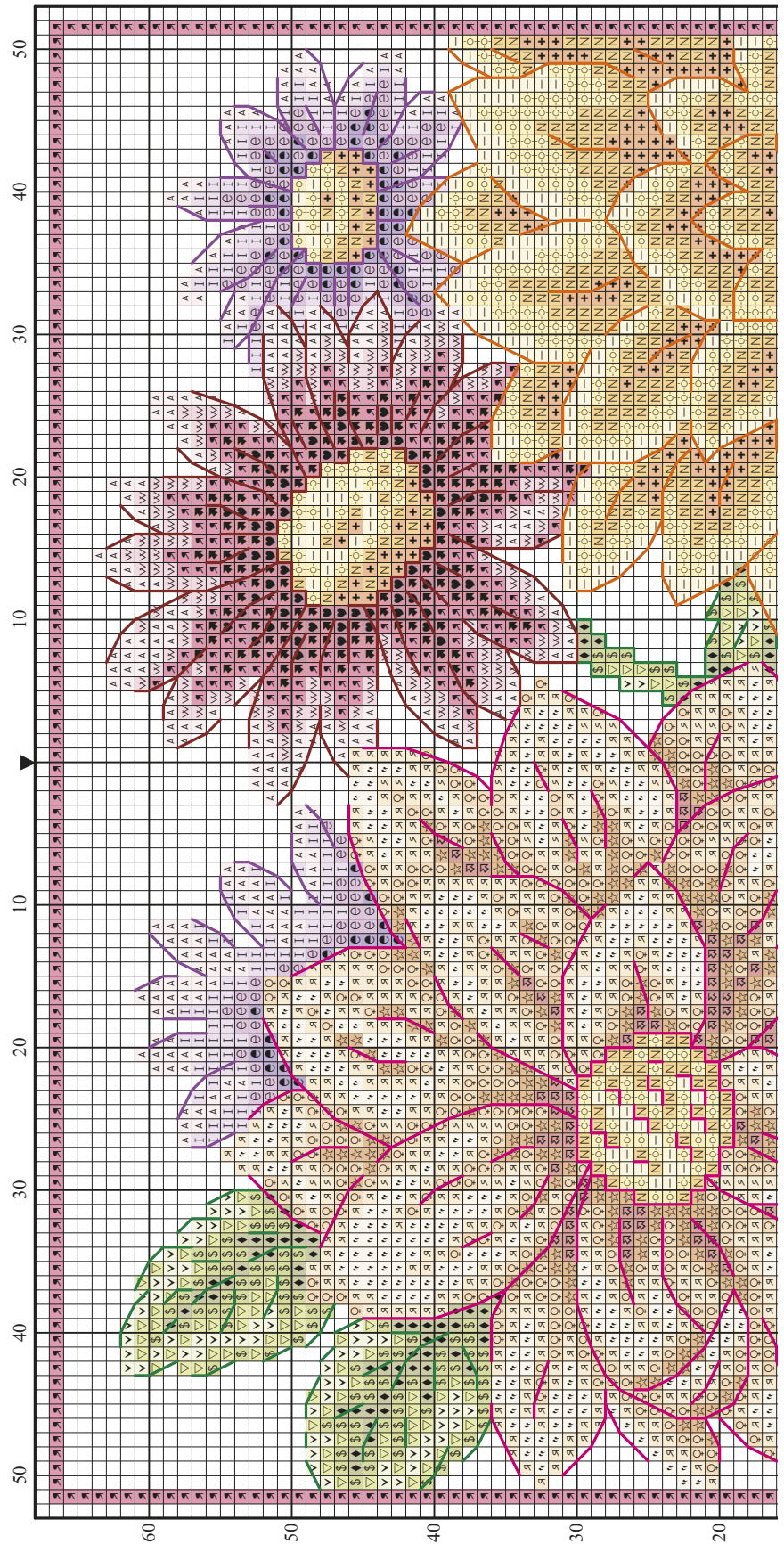
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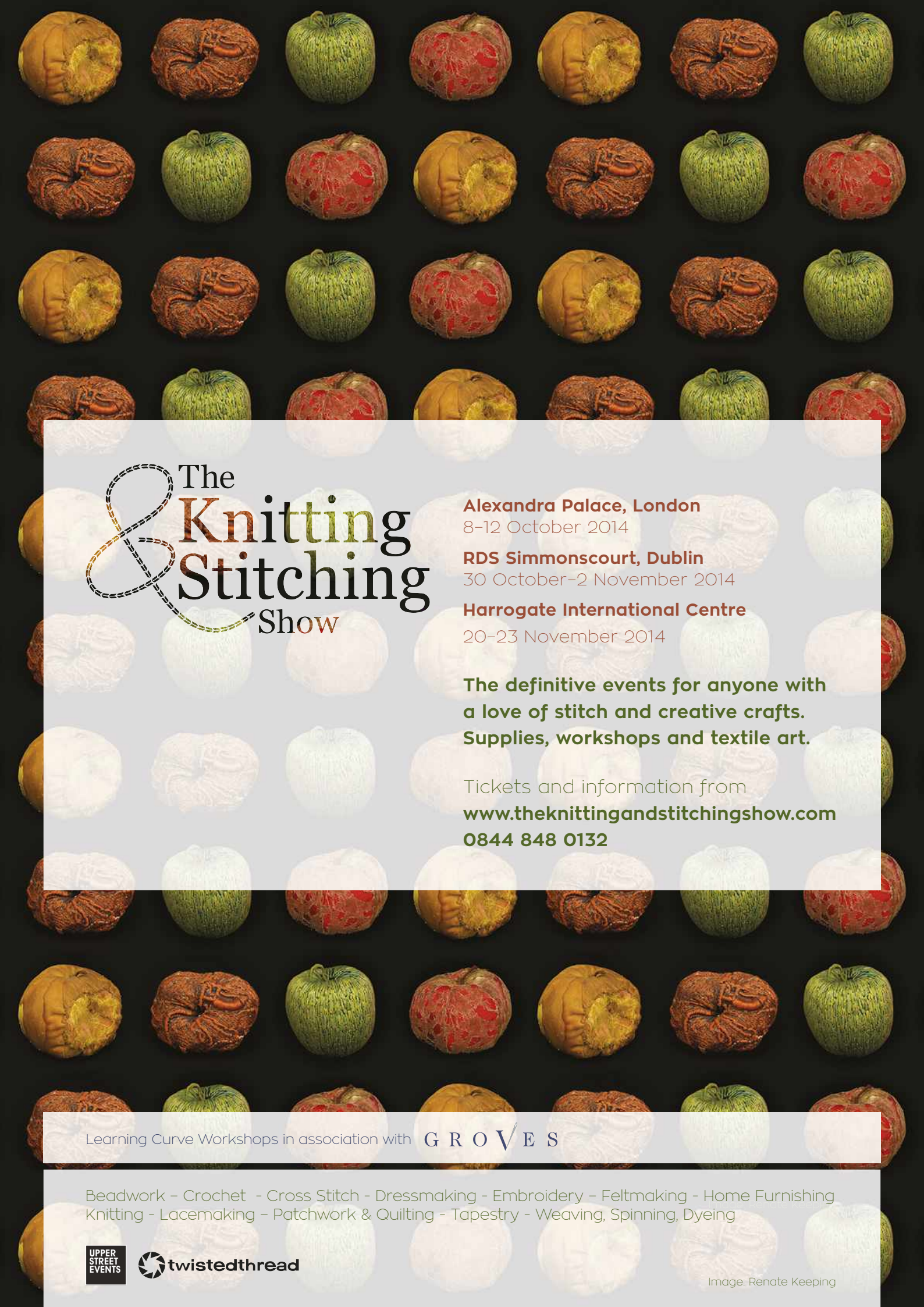
✱ Backstitch in one strand

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—	817	13	210

✱ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 134 (h) x 104 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
24.5x19cm (9½x7½in)
Stitched by Debbie Hart





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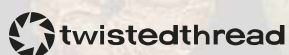


Image: Renate Keeping

Harvest time



Weave some wonderful autumn magic with your needle, as you whip up these sweet humbugs to decorate your home

Designed by Rhona Norrie



StitchTime
10-15 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch
- ✕ Beads





If you're looking for a new way to bring the glorious crispness of a bright autumn day into your home, then look no further than these delightful humbugs! Simply stitch your choice of leaf pattern onto aida, adding seed beads last if your design requires them, then follow the straightforward steps on page 58 to turn your stitching into sweet three-sided decorations. Hang individually or along a piece of ribbon like bunting – whichever way you choose they'll be much admired! ●

ShoppingList...

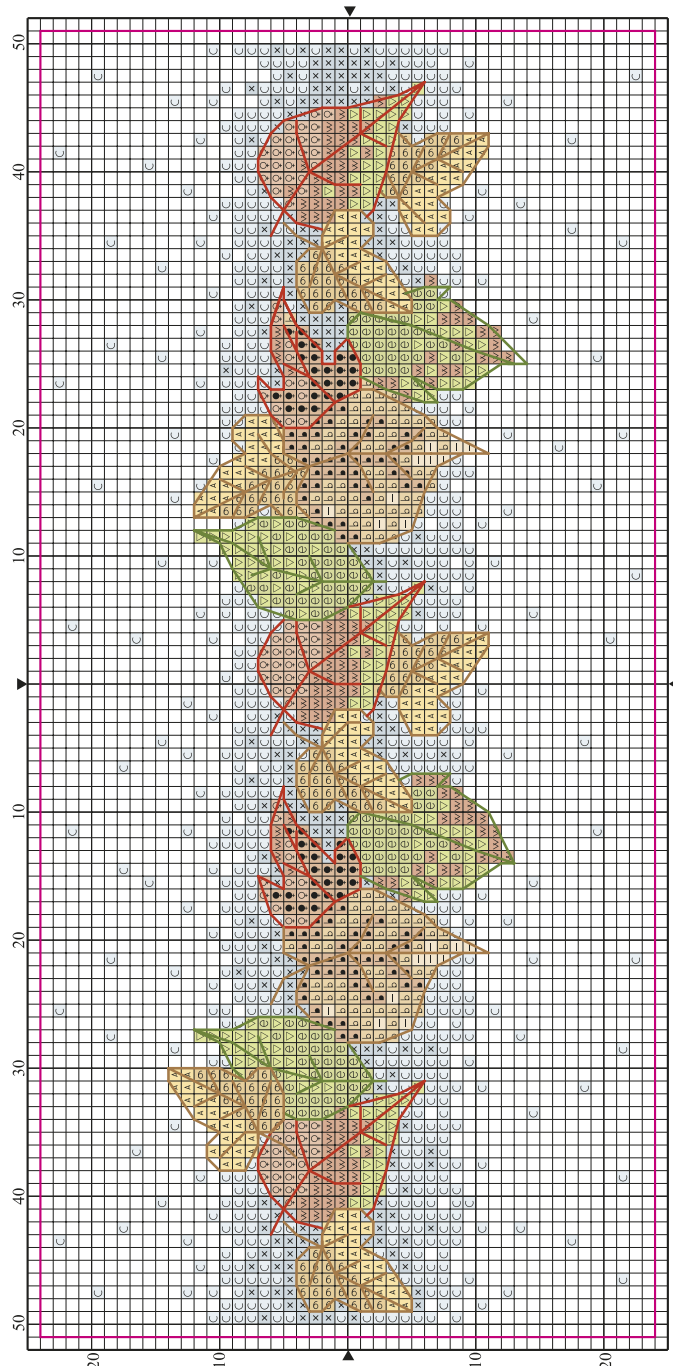
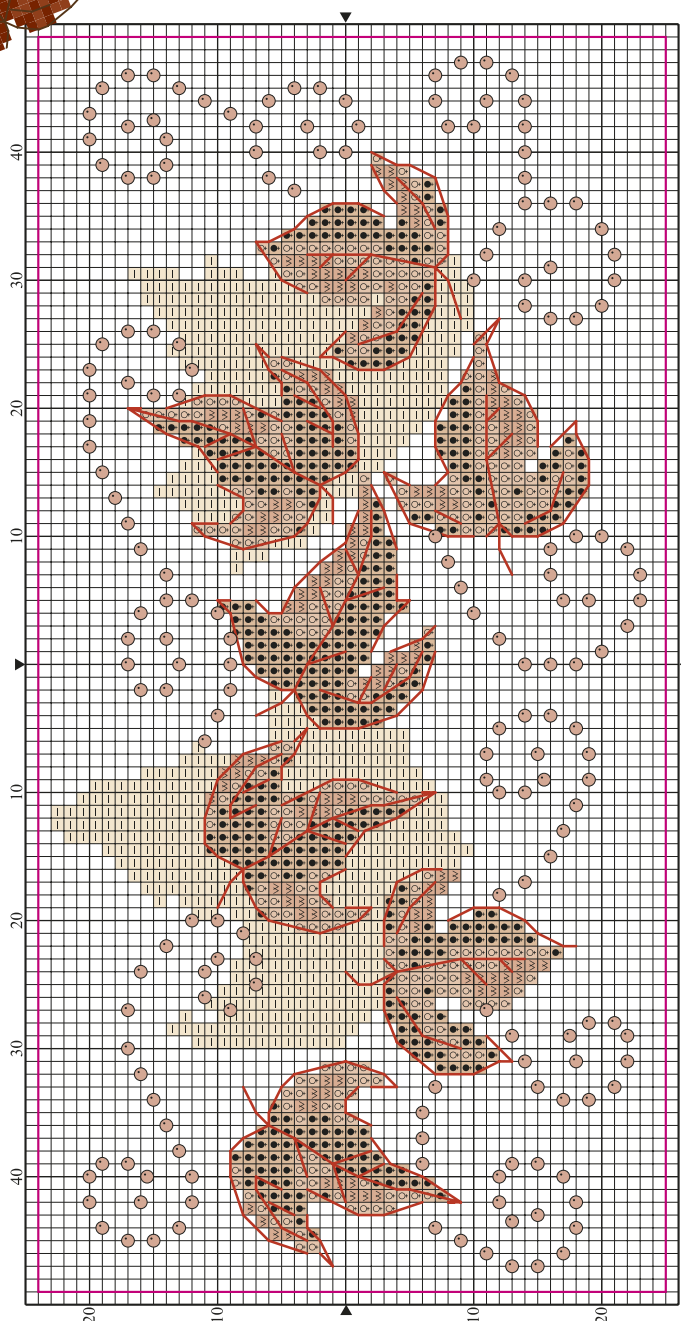
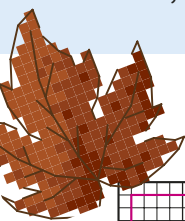
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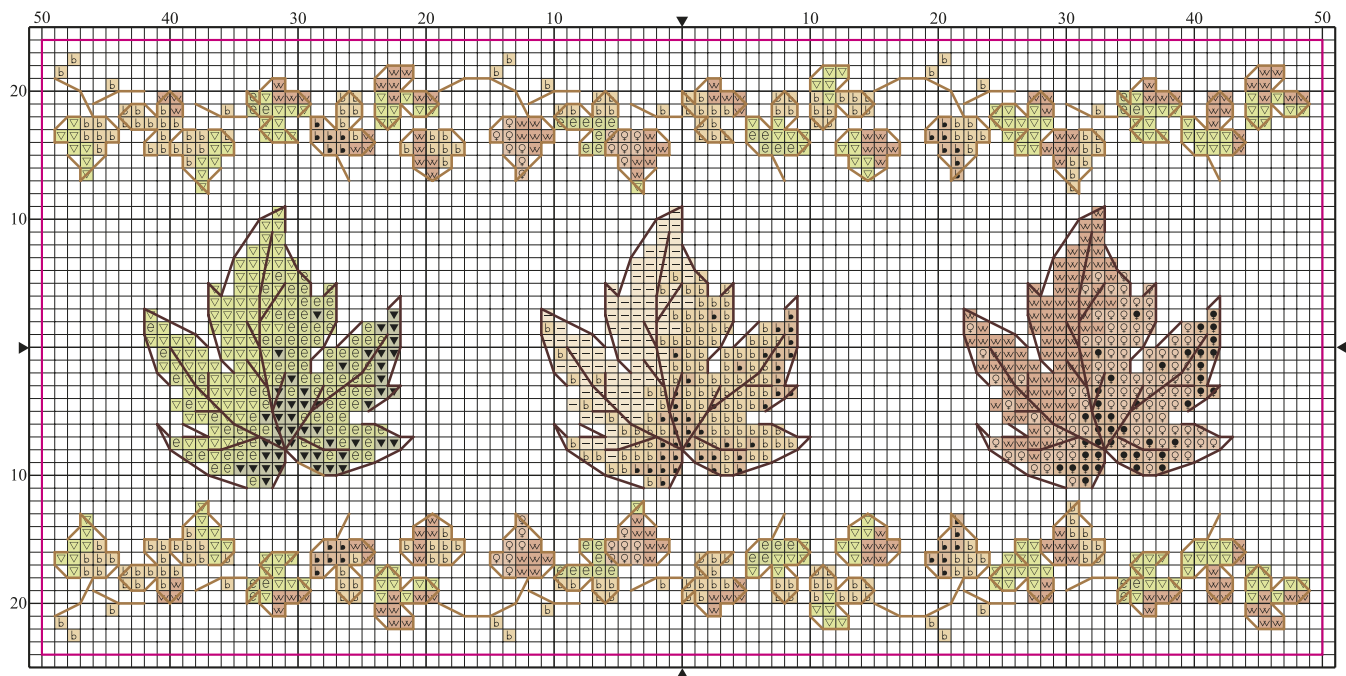
Beads - Mill Hill seed beads as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle; beading needle

Fabric - A piece of Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 10x20cm (4x8in) for each design. Visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150 to buy

Extras - Cord and wadding of choice



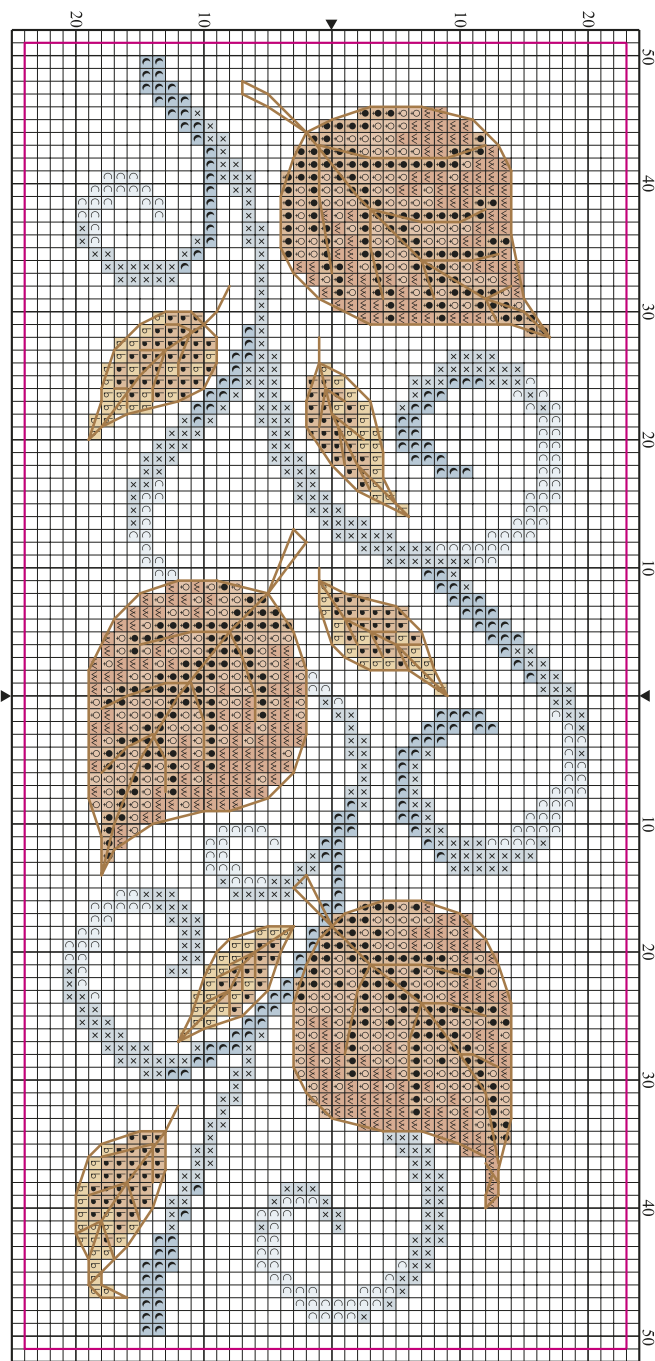


ReaderSays...



I think these lovely decorations would make great birthday gifts for other crafters – I like the way you could even mix and match the colours as you wish. They're also a good choice for those days when you feel like stitching something quickly.

Debbie Tan, Melbourne



Humbugs

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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w	921	884	311

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Mill Hill seed beads

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✕ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 49 (h) x 102 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
9x18.5cm (3½x7¼in)
Stitched by Julieanne Charles



How to make... hanging humbugs



1 Stitch your design onto a piece of aida, then carefully cut it out using a sharp pair of scissors, so your stitched piece measures 14x24cm (5½x9½in).



2 Fold under both short edges up to the white backstitched line, then hem these edges closed by hand using white cotton thread and small whipstitches.



3 Next, fold the bottom edge under, up to the white backstitched line. Stitch the bottom edge closed by hand as before, using small neat whipstitches.



4 You will now have something which looks like a little pocket. Stuff the pocket with plenty of wadding until you have a nicely plump, squishy shape.



5 To create a humbug shape, fold the open edge under, following the backstitched line so the stitched side seam is centred. Stitch closed using whipstitch, leaving a small gap.



6 Fold a short length of cord in half and push the cut ends into the gap left at the top of the humbug. Whipstitch the gap closed to finish, making sure the loop ends are secured inside.

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Your say

Where's the strangest place you've stitched?



Jenny Leggott, London

In my fast response ambulance car in the Olympic park, just before the Paralympics began!



Patricia Bentley-Ivens, Brighton

I've stitched up a mountain when the weather was too bad to ski, on a roof, and in a nightclub!



Ceri Dean, Barnton

In the delivery suite while I was in labour – it helped to take my mind off the pain!

Coming up:

What's been your happiest ever cross stitching moment?

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Lunch time!



Make sure the kids look forward to school dinners with a funky lunchbox in two amazing designs!
Designed by Diane Machin

Trying to get children to eat a healthy lunch when left to their own devices can be tricky, but presented with these brilliant lunchboxes, we're sure they'll be lingering a little longer in the dining hall! Stitched in a bright palette



StitchTime
12 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...

Perfect for children

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch

using just whole stitches and backstitch, they're a delight to work, and super-simple to attach to the front of a plain lunchbox.

So, whether your child is mad for the emergency services, or the peace and tranquillity of an underwater world, you'll enjoy feeding their eager imaginations as well as their little tummies! ●

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - A piece of 14-count white aida measuring 15x20cm (6x8in) for each design. To buy, visit www.craftdepartment.com or call ☎ 01373 454 448

Extras - Lunchboxes from high street stores



StephSays...



These are so bright and cheerful – you could even use biscuit

cutters to make sandwiches in the shapes of cars or fish and take the theme to the extreme!

Steph Maskery, Art Editor, Cross Stitch Crazy

Crazy tip!

Thread several needles before you start so you can work the different shades quickly

Lunchboxes

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

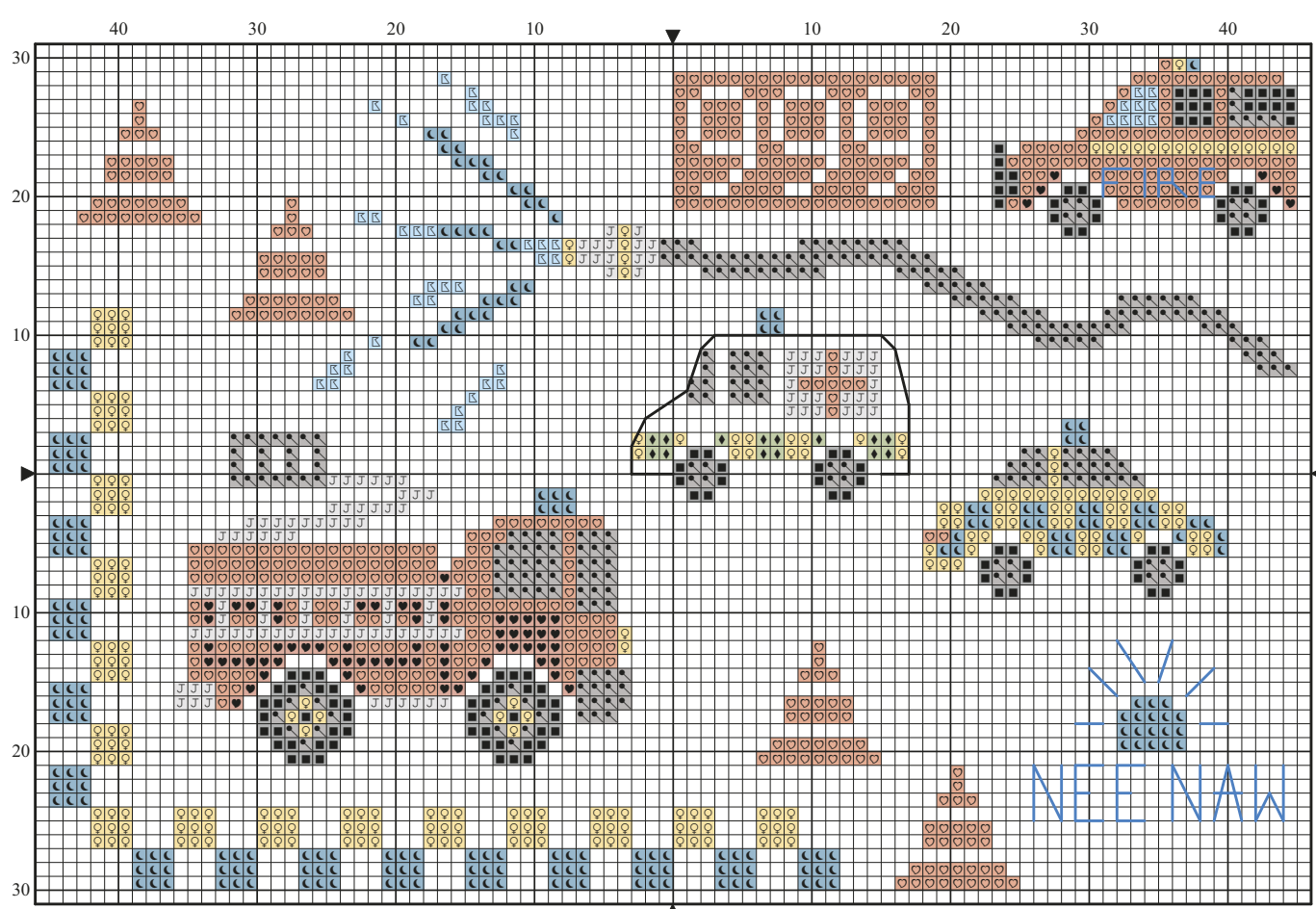
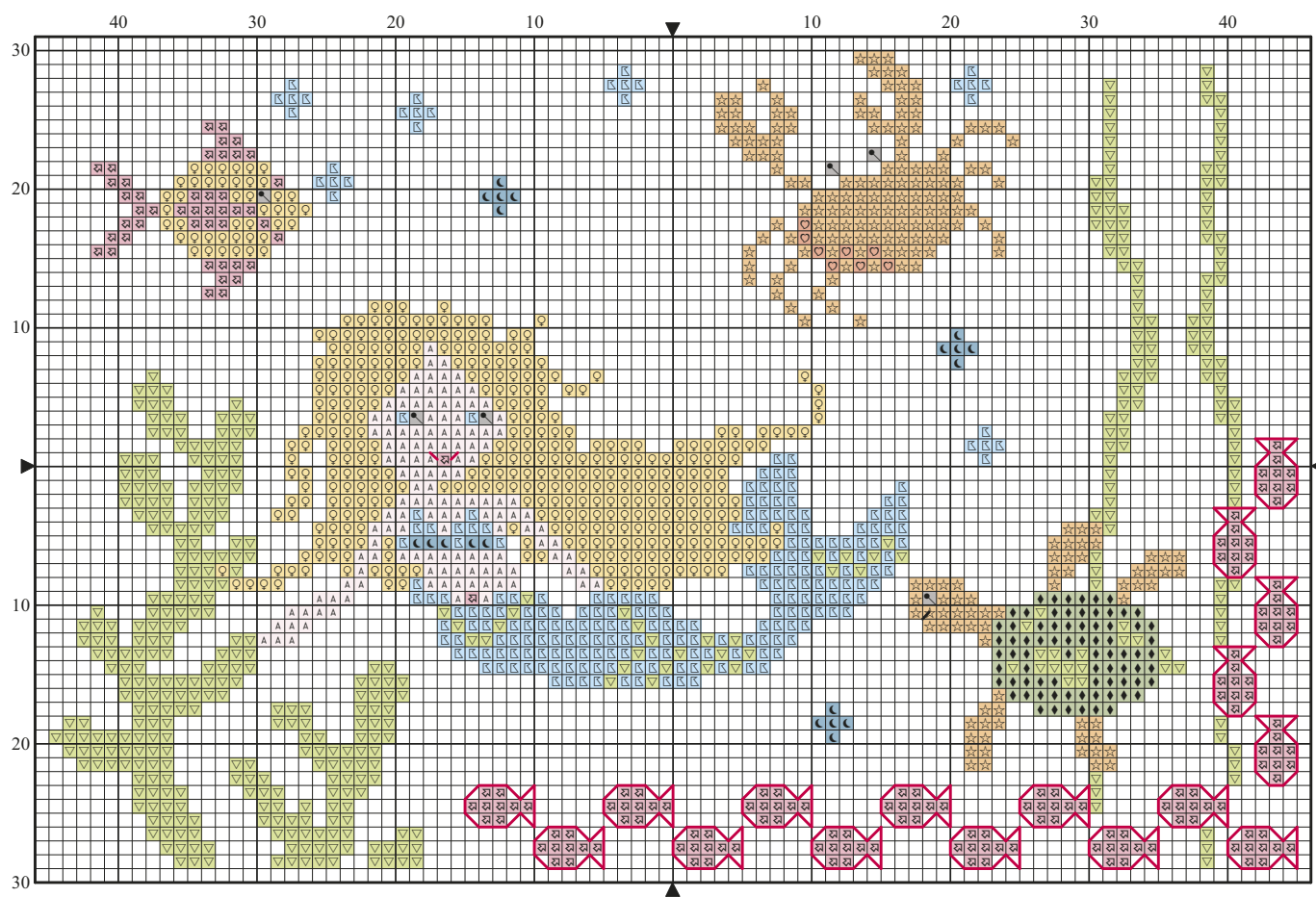
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✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	310	403	2400
—	824	143	1010
—	961	76	610

✕ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 60 (h) x 90 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
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Stitched by Lynne Blackledge



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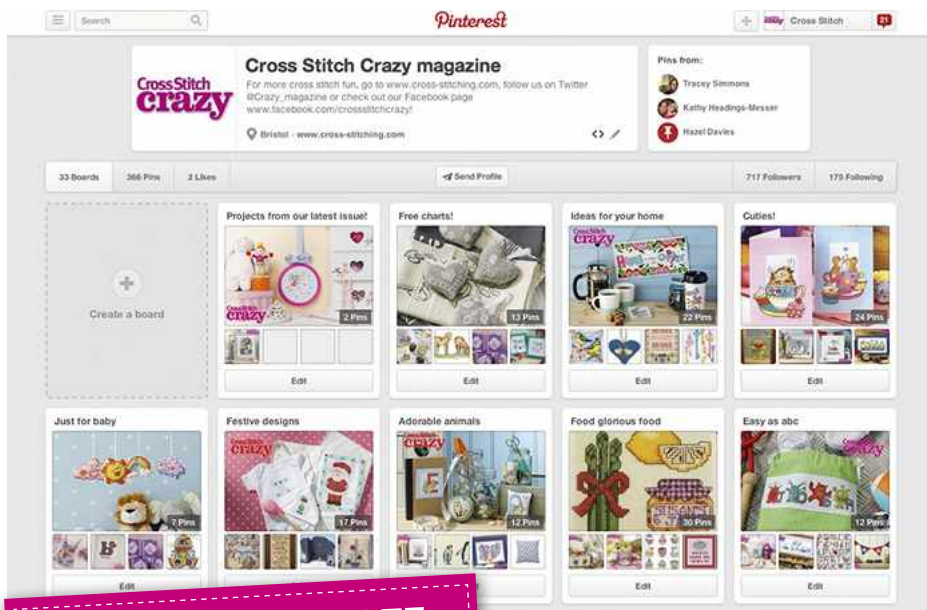
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- I made a bookmark using a pattern from an old cross stitch book I found in a charity shop, fab find! #WIPWednesday @FlutterbyButton

Facebook chat



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

- I'm a tea girl all the way but going to make the keyring from *Crazy* 193's Gift ideas for a coffee loving friend! **Lorraine Parkin**
- Finished my Lucie Heaton fairy... Added some diamantes to make the magic sparkle and I'm going to hang it in my daughter's room. **Zandra Hunt**

- Day 18. Completed Charles by John Clayton, or as many people like to call him, Mr Darcy. So pleased with how he has turned out, can't wait to get him framed! **Lindsay Holmes**

Most liked...



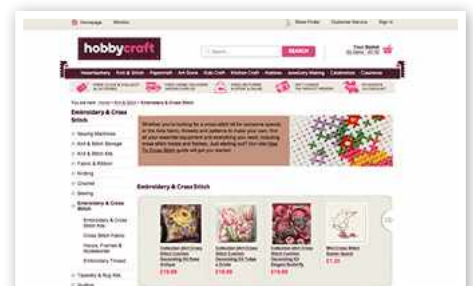
This month's most liked photo was this cute coaster by Sharon Gilroy for her son's teacher. Top marks!



Download of the month

www.cross-stitching.com

Nothing says 'you're the world to me' more clearly than hearts, so tell someone special just that with this delicate rosebud card.



Website of the month

www.hobbycraft.co.uk

Packed with kits, fabric, threads and more at bargain prices, Hobbycraft's site also has a handy How To guide for stichy beginners!



Pin of the month

www.thislittlestreet.com

We might not get round to trying this ourselves but we admire the ingenuity of this pretty primped-up footstool!

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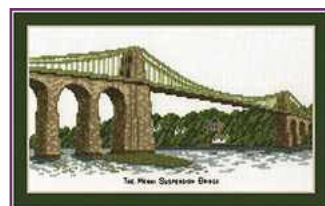
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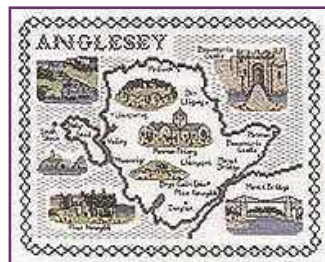
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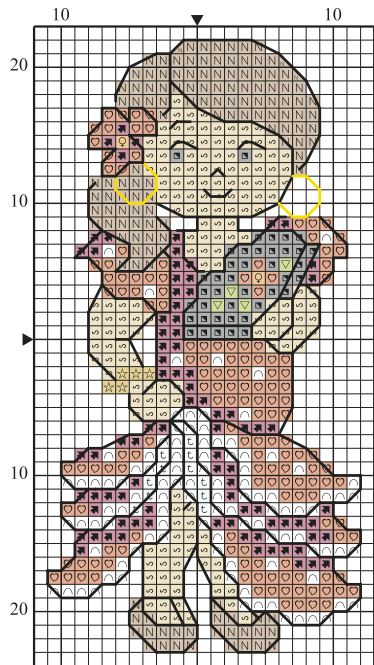
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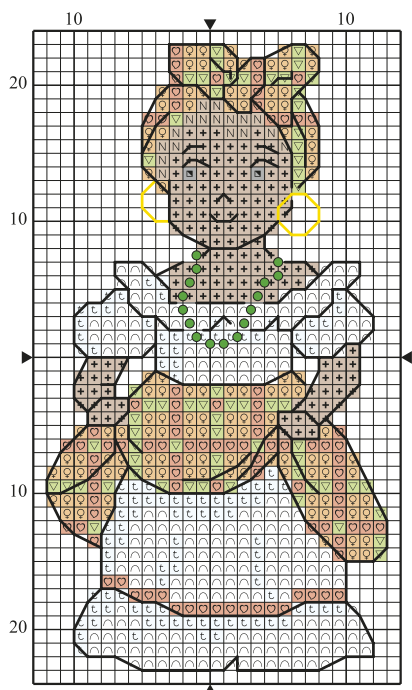
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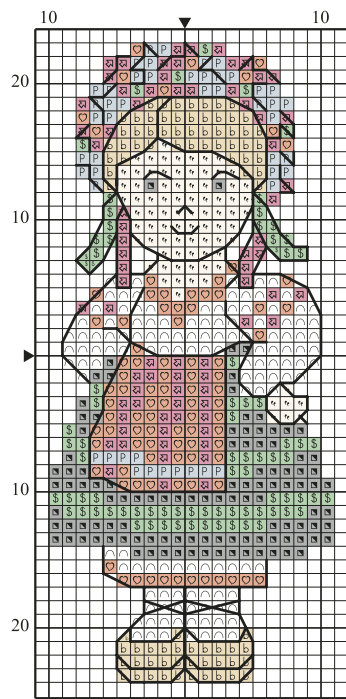
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Sugar and spice...



...and all things nice!

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Just to say...



...I'm your biggest fan!

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Hats off to you...



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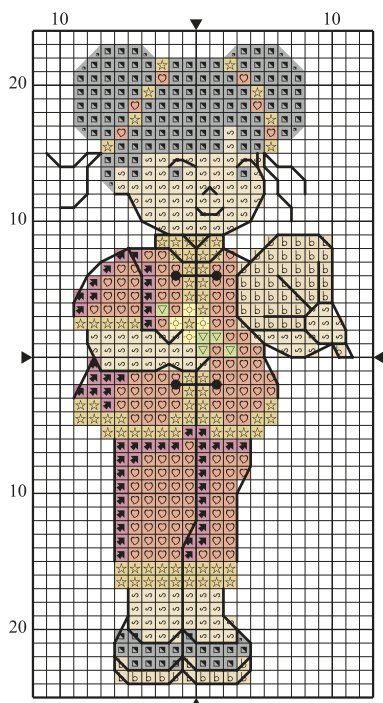
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Happy birthday...



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Chinese girl

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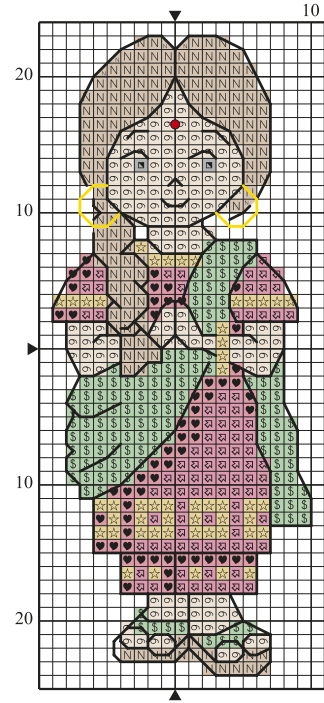
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Indian girl

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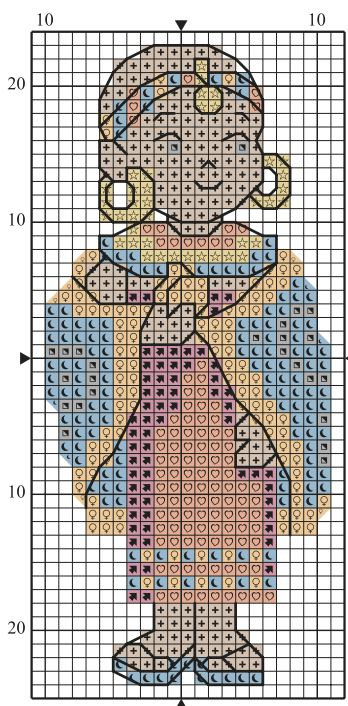
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Kenyan girl

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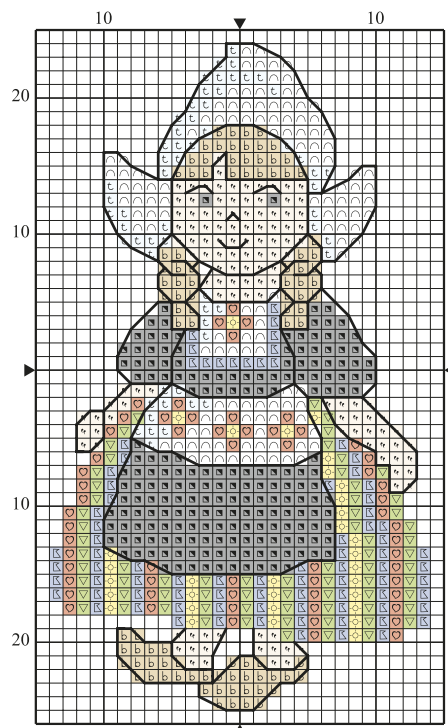
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Dutch girl

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✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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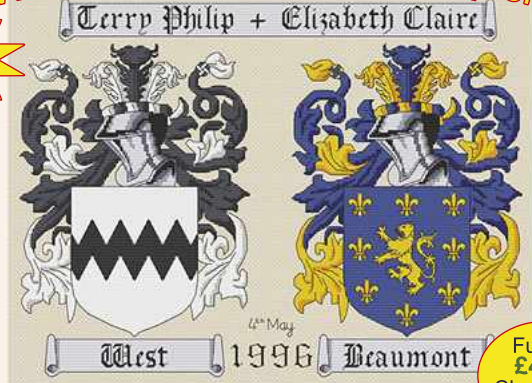
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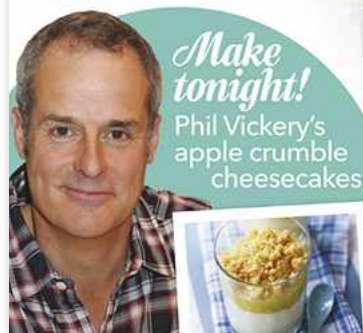
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Walk on the wild side

Please can you help me find a chart featuring a wolf? My friend absolutely loves them.

Eileen Toomey, Bristol

It seems that most wolf charts out there tend to be from American manufacturers, Eileen, and I found the widest selection at Sew and So. I especially love these two beautiful designs however, both by Kustom Krafts. King of the Hill (top) measures 25.5x35.5cm (10x14in) when stitched on 14-count aida, and Lying in Wait (bottom) is slightly larger measuring 35.5x40.5cm (14x16in). Both cost £9.86 for a chart posted direct to your door. Log on to www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 0800 013 0150 to buy.



Pitch perfect

My sister, Lottie, is getting married next summer and is planning a rustic wedding with all the guests camping over after the ceremony. As it's a few months away I wanted to keep her excitement up by stitching her something fun, frivolous and preferably camping related! Can you help me please, Anne?

Clover Rutton, Barnstaple

That sounds like my kind of wedding, Clover, and I think I know just the design for you! Rainbow Cup Cakes by Helen Smith for Bothy Threads measures 22x29cm (8 3/4 x 11 1/2 in) when stitched and features bunting and colourful cupcakes adorned with wellies, camp fires,

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Glamorous granny

My grandmother loves me to make gifts for her. I'd like to stitch her a pretty, elegant present, but nothing too big, and I'd prefer to buy a kit rather than a chart if possible. Does anything spring to mind, Anne?

Sofia McHugh, Dunbar

Every lady needs a pocket mirror to keep in their handbag, so I'm sure your grandmother will love these Black Gold Handbag Mirror kits by Maria Diaz. There are four designs in the range;

the knickers and the basque designs are more risqué than the shoes and the lady though, so you may prefer to stitch one of the latter two designs! Each kit costs £12.99 and includes threads, aida, a needle, ribbon, a chart, the mirror and a pouch to keep it in. To buy, visit Maria's shop at www.mariadiazdesigns.com.



Mini marvels

My friend was telling me you can buy cross stitch kits to make items for dolls' houses but she can't remember where. Have you heard of these kits, Anne?

Carol Mayhew, West Lothian

The leading expert in dollhouse needlepoint is Janet Granger. Take a look at www.janetgranger.co.uk and you'll see she sells a range of miniature kits, including tiny cushions, carpets and even tea cosies! My personal favourite are her new Clutch Bag kits. The designs are worked in tent stitch (similar

to half cross stitch) on 40-count silk gauze and measure a mere 1.5x2cm (1/2x1in) when stitched! There are six adorable designs to choose from and you can buy each kit for £9.95, or all six for £53.73, either from her website or by calling ☎ 01538 308 860.



London love

My downstairs living space has been decorated with a London theme. I have red buses, underground signs and other memorabilia everywhere! I'd love to stitch a more contemporary sampler to add to my extensive collection though – can you help me find one, Anne?

Rachel Smith, Clapham

UK designer (and regular Crazy designer!) Emma Congdon sells a range of modern sampler charts in her Stitchrovia shop on Etsy. London (top) and Sound Like London (bottom) should be just what you're after, and cost £10.99 and £8.50 respectively for a downloadable PDF chart. To buy, and to check out Emma's other designs, visit www.stitchrovia.etsy.com.



Chart choice

This month: *Halloween*

Halloween is a great occasion to stitch for, so we've rounded up our favourite four spooky charts, ready to be brought to life!

Ed's Choice

Bags of fun

\$8.49 (approximately £5), Halloween Purse by Faby Reilly Designs

www.creativepopppatterns.com

Be the belle of the ball with this stylish purse by Faby Reilly! Follow the chart to stitch designs for the front, back and sides, plus a cute mouse to go on the inside flap, then follow the steps to turn your stitching into a clutch bag.



Trick or treat

£10.76, Halloween Welcome Stand-Up

Chart Pack by Stoney Creek

www.sewandso.co.uk

This chart pack comes with handy pre-cut mounting boards, wadding and instructions to help turn your stitching into a wonderful welcome for trick or treaters!



Dotty for Halloween

£2.10, Pumpkin Pattern by Hobikolik

www.hobikolik.etsy.com

If you're after a simple and stylish design to stitch for Halloween, look no further than this polka dot offering from Turkish designer, Hobikolik. It's an easy design worked in whole stitches and backstitch only, so why not stitch a row of them to turn into bunting for a spooky party?



Recipe for success

\$6.99 (approximately £4), Witches' Cauldron by Chouett'alors

www.creativepopppatterns.com

Halloween parties are often dark and atmospheric, so try this fun chart worked using funky fluorescent and glow-in-the-dark threads to really stand out – kids'll love seeing the witch work her magic once night falls!



Quick cards

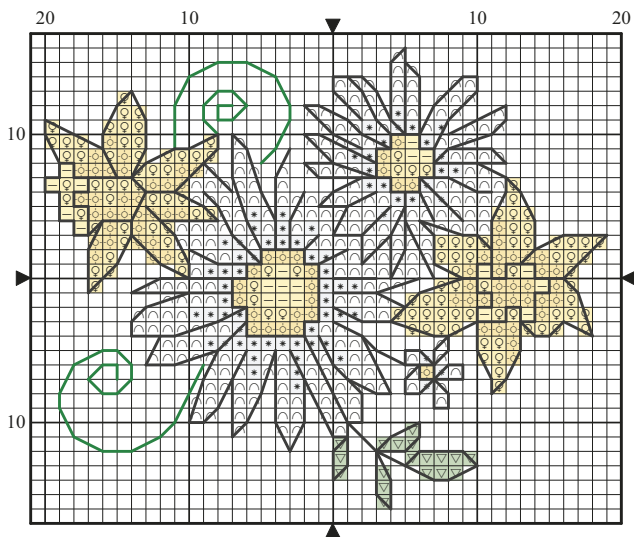
I love stitching cards for friends and family but sometimes I find I have one or two occasions to stitch for each week, and it can be a bit overwhelming. Can you recommend any small kits that would be ideal for weddings, birthdays, new babies and other occasions please, Anne?

Charlie Loots, North Pemberton

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Daisy, daisy

I recently got married and would love to stitch thank you cards based on my flowers. Could you please chart a bouquet made up of daisies and daffodils?

Sarah Coleman, Essex

Of course, and congratulations!
Lucie



Bouquet

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

⌒	blanc	2	2402
☉	725	305	113
♀	726	295	109
—	727	293	112
*	762	234	1804
▽	912	209	1213

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	911	205	1214
—	3799	236	1713

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 32 (h) x 39 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
6x7cm (2 1/4 x 2 3/4 in)

Stethoscope

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

⌒	blanc	2	2402
☉	318	399	1801
J	415	398	1802
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⊠	603	55	505

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

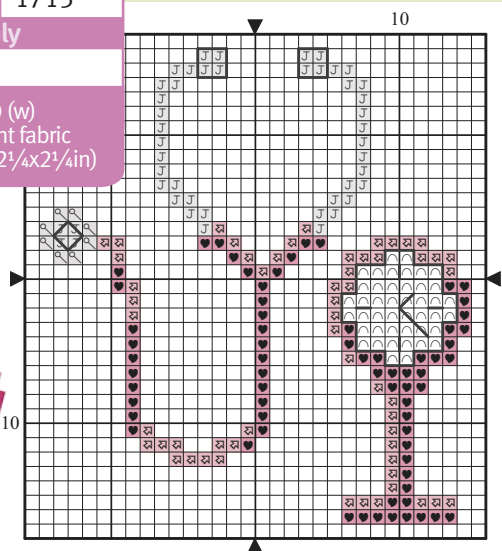
Stitch count 33 (h) x 30 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
6x5.5cm (2 1/4 x 2 1/4 in)

Sister bliss

My niece is graduating as a nurse this summer, so could you chart me a pink fob watch and pink stethoscope?

Mary Murphy, Tipperary, Ireland

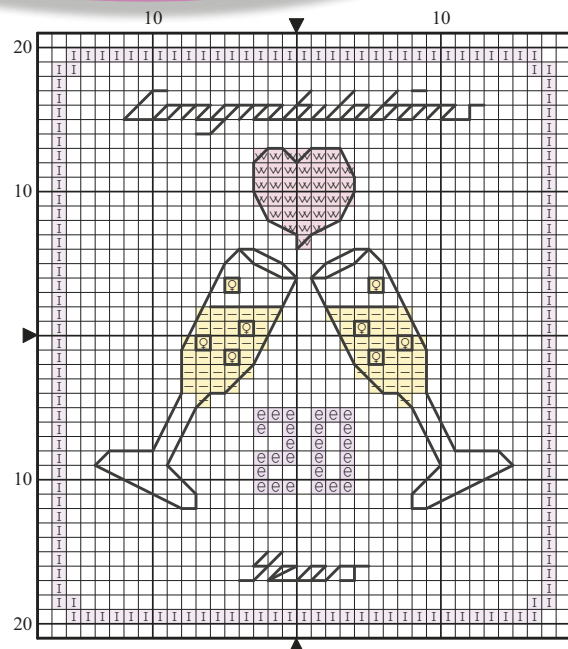
My pleasure, Mary.
Lucie



Challenge Lucie



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



20 years on

My son's 20th wedding anniversary is coming up soon, and I'd love it if you could design a special chart to mark the occasion please Lucie.

Patricia Amos, Essex

What a wonderful achievement!
Lucie

20th anniversary

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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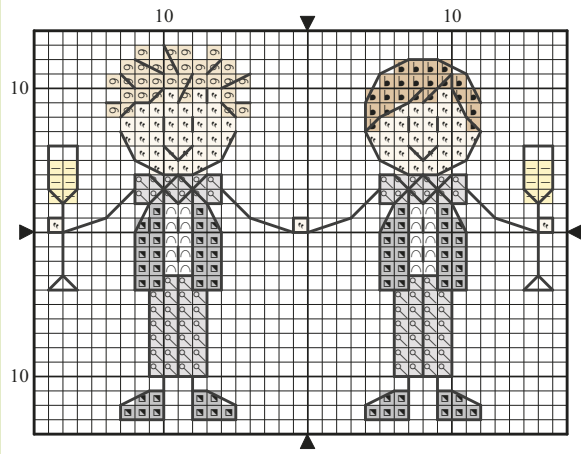
✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 40 (h) x 35 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7.5x6.5cm (2 3/4 x 2 1/2 in)

ChartChallenge



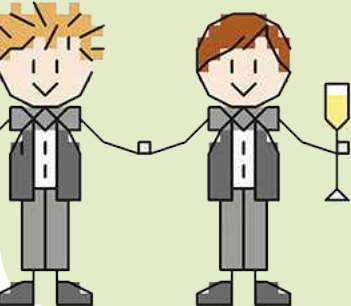
Men united

You recently did a chart of two brides, so I wondered if you could do a chart of two grooms, as this would be perfect for a wedding I have coming up.

Lisa Brookes, Cheshire

Here you go, Lisa. I hope you enjoy the day!

Lucie



Grooms

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

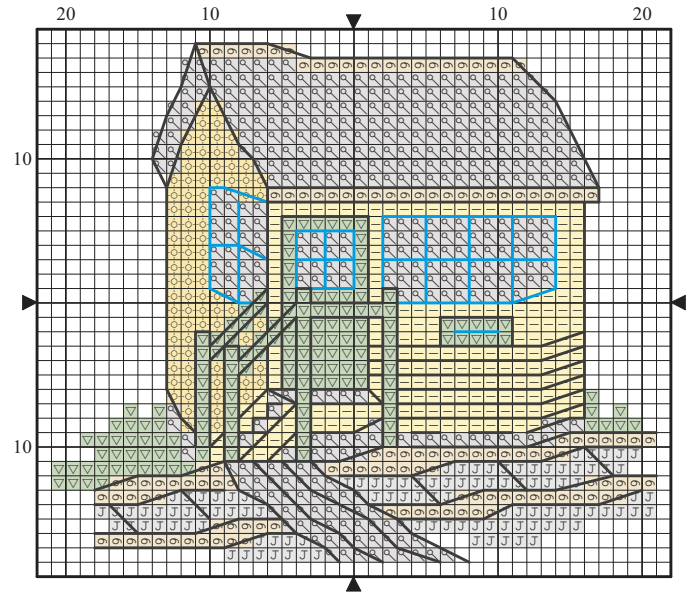
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⌒	414	235	1714
⌒	435	1046	2010
⌒	437	362	2012
⌒	727	293	112
⌒	948	892	306

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 26 (h) x 35 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
5x6.5cm (1³/₄x2¹/₂in)



Green light

I'd love it if you could chart me a railway signal box, Lucie. My boyfriend works as a railway signalling designer and I'd like to be able to stitch him a picture for him to display at work!

Holly Bennett, Reading

I hope this fits the bill, Holly.

Lucie



Signal box

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

⌒	318	399	1801
⌒	415	398	1802
⌒	437	362	2012
⌒	725	305	113
⌒	727	293	112
⌒	912	209	1213

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	blanc	2	2402
—	3799	236	1713

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 36 (h) x 42 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
6.5x7.5cm (2¹/₂x3in)

Personal organiser

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

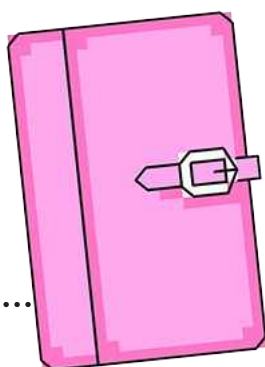
⌒	blanc	2	2402
⌒	603	55	505
⌒	604	26	614

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 30 (h) x 21 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
5.5x4cm (2¹/₄x1¹/₂in)



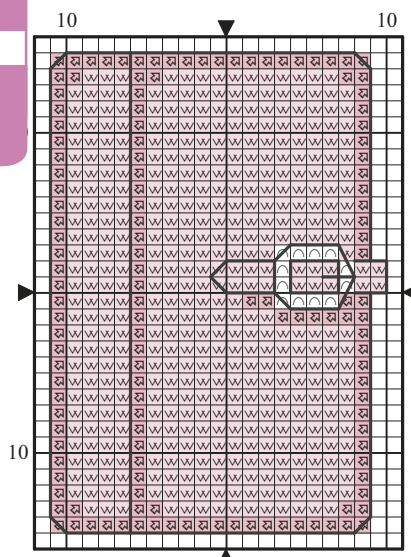
Think pink

Please could you chart me a pink personal organiser? I've recently got into decorating my organiser, and would like to stitch a card to send to others who enjoy it too!

Emily Currie, Isle of Lewis

What a novel idea. I love it!

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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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 coffee 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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Scottish Fold cat
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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

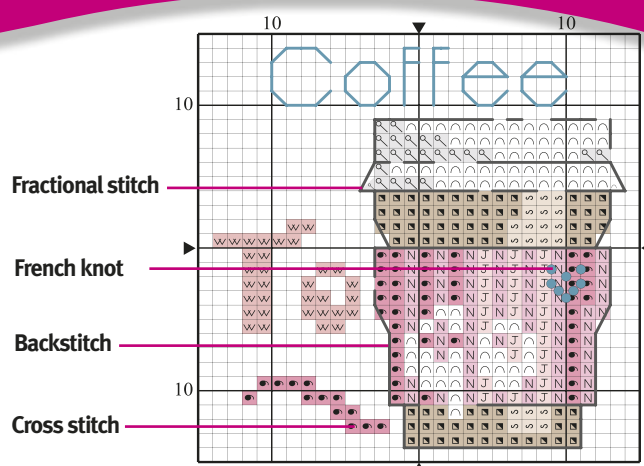
► The centre of most cross stitch charts is specially marked. This is the best place to start stitching, so you end up with the design stitched in the middle of the fabric. The centre of our charts is where the heavy vertical and horizontal lines intersect. To find the centre of your fabric, fold it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



Coffee to go

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

⌒	B5200	1	2401
⌒	415	398	1802
J	3716	25	503
●	3831	76	506
W	3832	38	604
N	3833	1023	609
■	3862	374	1913
S	3864	376	1910

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	413	236	1713
—	826	146	906

✕ French knots in one strand

●	826	146	906
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✕ Contains fractionals

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Stitch count 28 (h) x 28 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
5x5cm (2x2in)

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

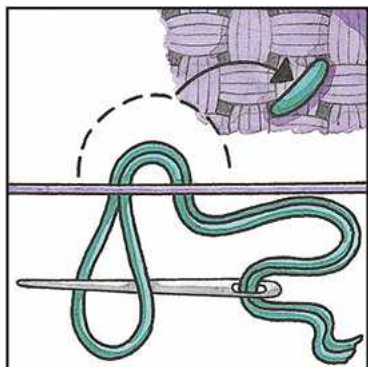
The three main brands of thread we use. The first column is always the one that we've used to stitch the design

Thread number represented by the symbol

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

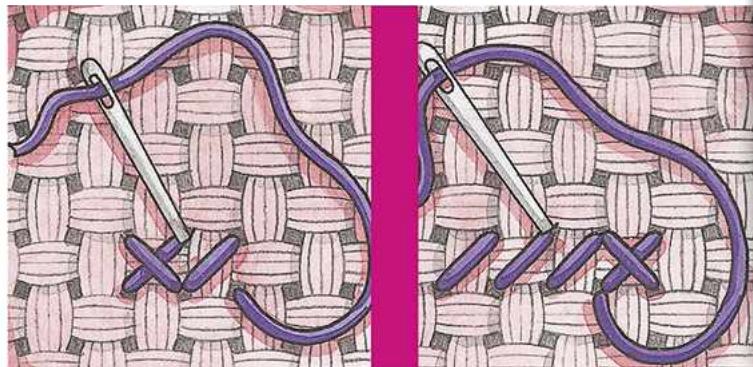
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Starting your thread

► 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.

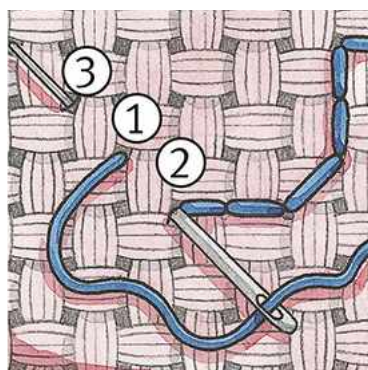


Cross stitch

► 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.

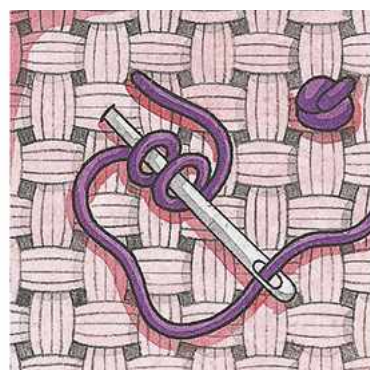
TIP Work each stitch in the same order so the top arms of your cross stitches lie in the same direction.

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.



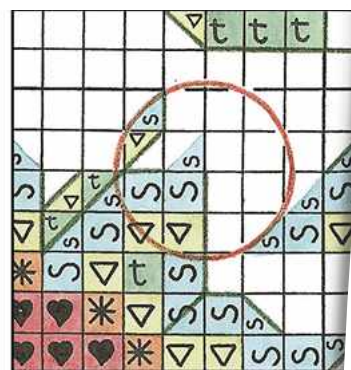
Backstitch

► 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.



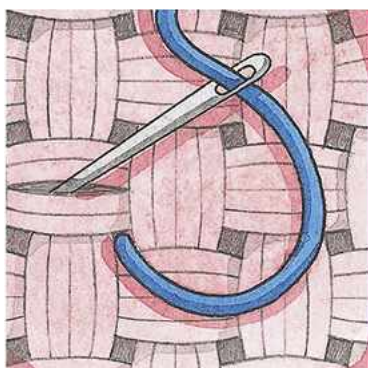
French knots

► 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.



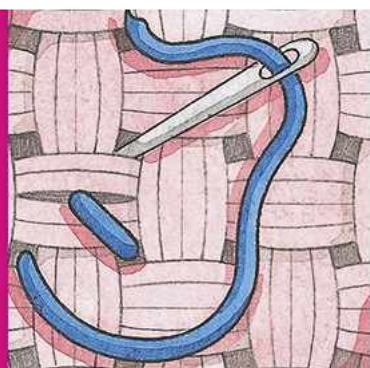
Spotting fractionals

► 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.

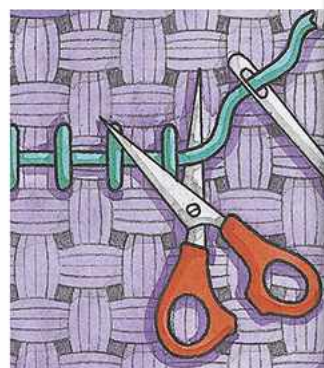


Fractional stitches

► 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

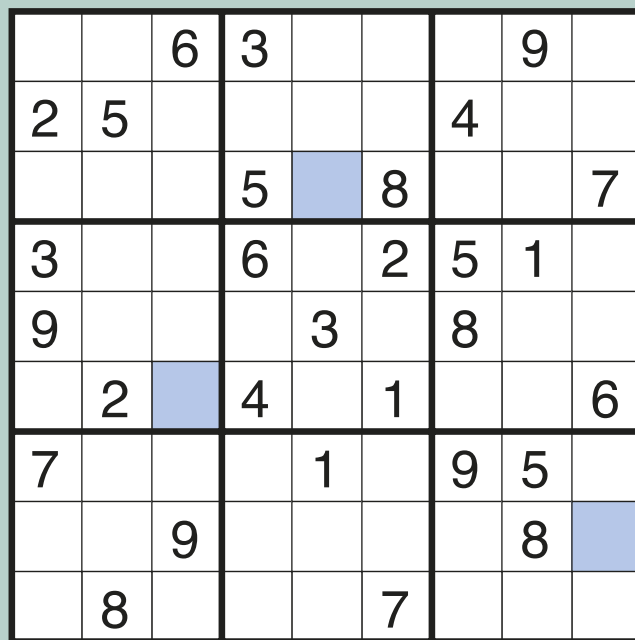
STITCH COUNT – the number of stitches (vertical and horizontal) that make up a design

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

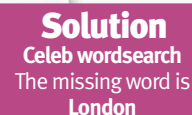
WADDING – padding used to add depth to stitching when it's mounted inside cards

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



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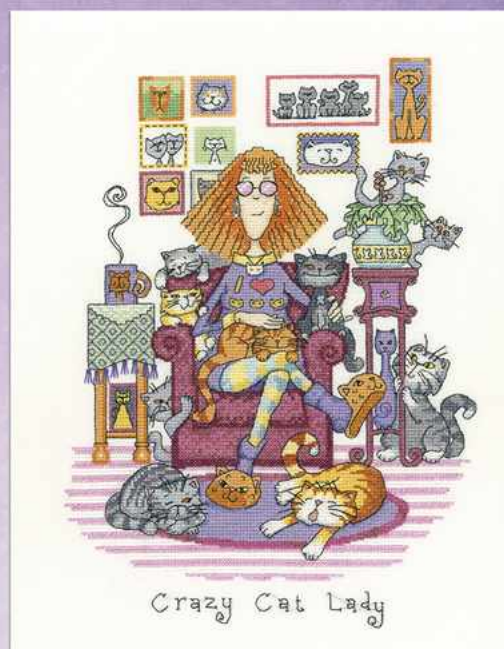
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