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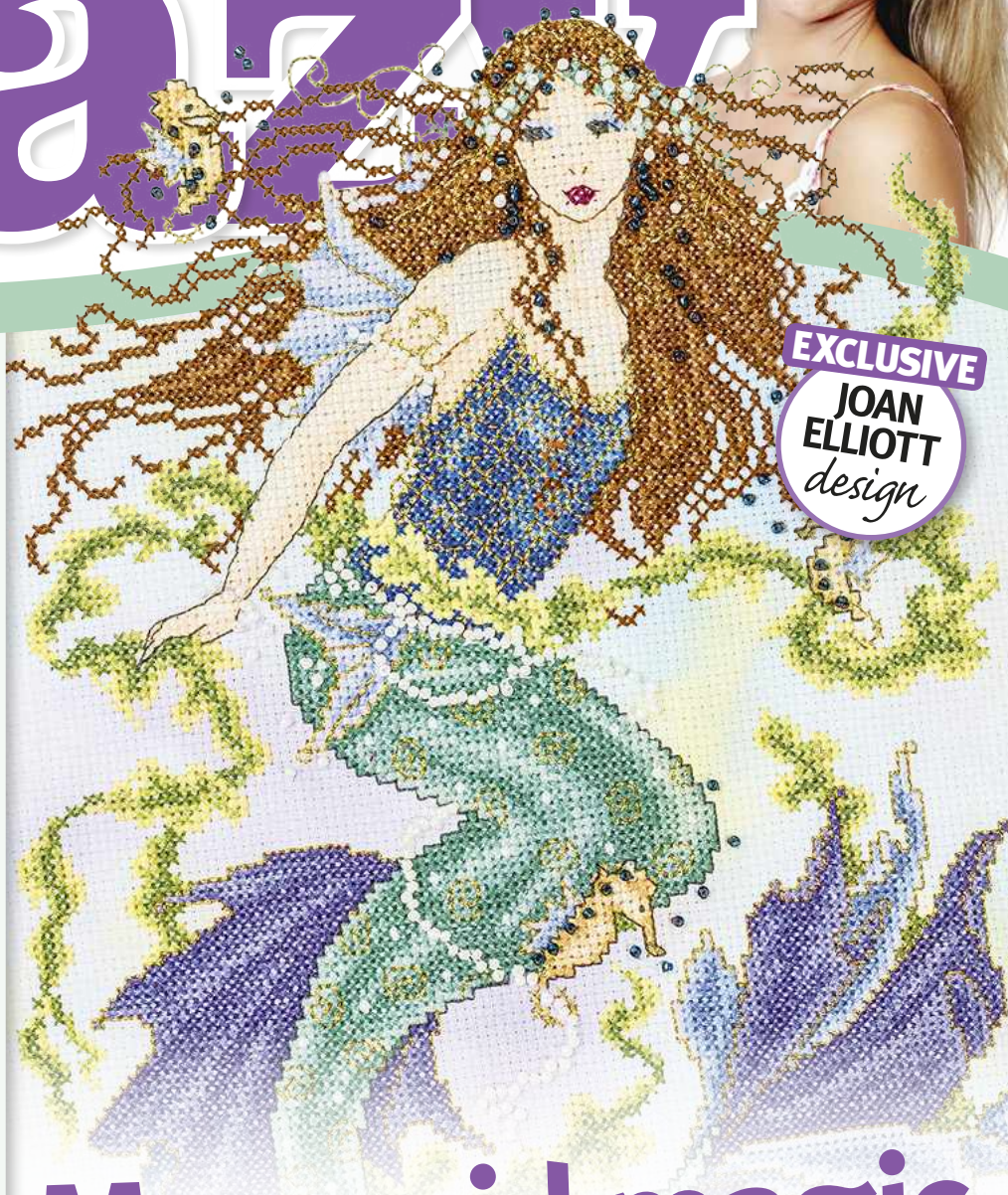
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Welcome...



... to the September issue of *Crazy*, full of fabulous treats such as our beautiful exclusive from Joan Elliott, Belle de Mer. With her rich, sumptuous colours and gorgeous detailing, bringing this beautiful design to life will be a true delight! There's also another magical figure in your

free gift designed by Lucie Heaton, a sweet fairy kit complete with pretty pink hoop for you to display it!

As well as over 100 charts for you to stitch this month, including the gift ideas for coffee lovers on page 20 and a set of vintage-style seaside postcards on page 56, I'm also pleased to welcome Jody Rice as a brand new designer to the mag – check out her gorgeous bird design on page 48!

It's also time for me to say goodbye to you, as this is my last issue as Acting Editor of *Crazy*. I've thoroughly enjoyed sharing all your projects, so thank you for making the last year so much fun. From next month, Production Editor Yvette will be taking on the role, so I'm leaving you in good hands.

Happy stitching!

Helen
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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!



Elisabeth Thomas, Sale

Which project are you most proud of?

My large cross stitch of York Minster. My
husband and I had our first holiday in York
and got engaged right by York Minster!

What occasion gets your needle twitching?

Birthdays and Christmas so I can spend
time making lovely cards – half the fun is
searching for the charts!

Who taught you to cross stitch?

My mum, and I've been stitching for 25
years. I had a break in my 20s, then bought
a small squirrel card kit from a National
Trust property and my love was rekindled.



Renata Skielka, Germany

Who's your dream stitchy dinner guest?

It would have to be Margaret Sherry as
I love her mice designs. We have gerbils
and they always remind me of them.

When you're not stitching, we'll find you...

As I work in a library, I also love to read and
so you'll most likely find me on my sofa or
balcony reading a book.

How cross stitch crazy are you?

I stitch everywhere, by the pool, on holiday
– I've even stitched on a cruise ship!
I always hurry home from work and stitch
as soon as the housework is done.

Carol Vaughan, Rochester

How would you describe your stitching style?

Obsessive! I like to finish stitching a section or
colour before taking a break, as I hate leaving
stitches half finished.

Who's your favourite cuddly character?

It would have to be Somebunny to Love, as the
little rabbits are so cute and innocent.

Who do you most like to stitch for?

I love stitching small projects and cards for
friends and family. It's so much more personal
than a shop-bought card.



We want to hear from you...

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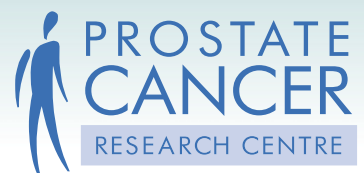
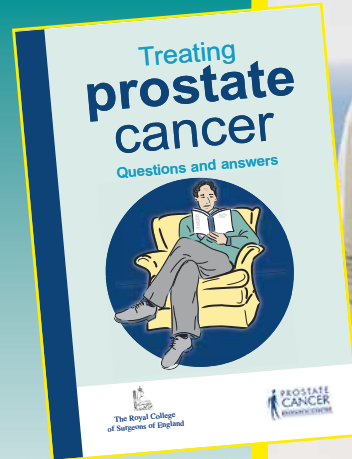
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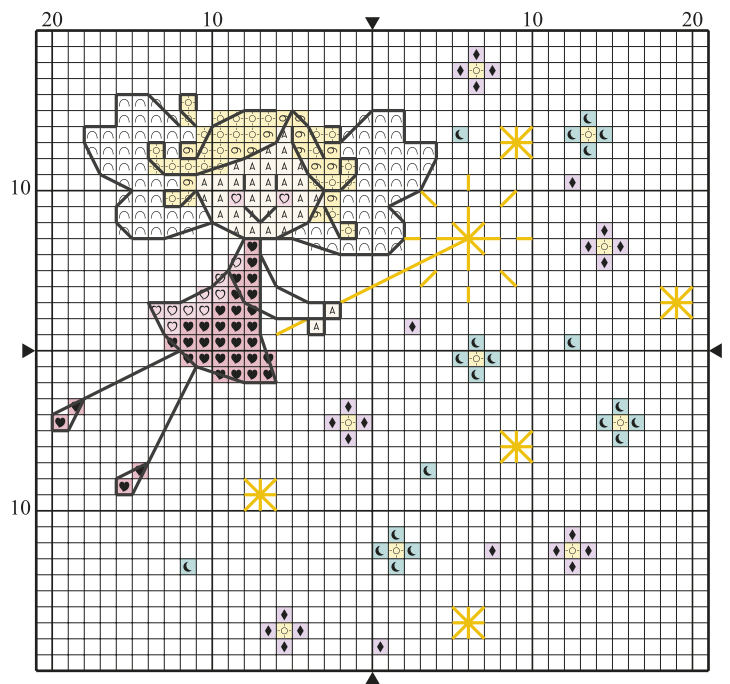
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Once you've finished stitching this dainty darling, you can frame her in the pretty pink hoop that's also included in your kit. Take the hoop apart and place your aida over the inner circle, ensuring it's positioned with the design in the centre. Then, push the outer circle over it, securing the aida between the two parts of the hoop. To make your finished project neater, you can use a running stitch to gather up the edges of your aida at the back and pull them taut, or trim the edges to fit the hoop then attach a piece of circular fabric over the back. Your fairy is then ready to take pride of place on the wall and start spreading her magic! ●



There's More



▲ July fairy – download a full colour chart for 95p at www.lucieheaton.com

If you love this little fairy and are itching to stitch more super-cute designs, you're in luck! Here are some of our favourite characters from Lucie herself – why not add to your collection today?

▼ Cross Stitch Crazy 190 – turn to page 55 to order a back issue!



◀ Cross Stitch Crazy 187 – see page 55 for how to order your copy

Fairy

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira ▼ Colour

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402	white
◆	209	98	803	lilac
♥	603	57	505	pink
♡	604	55	614	light pink
○	726	295	109	yellow
⦿	727	293	112	light yellow
A	948	892	306	peach
☾	3845	1089	1102	blue

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	725	305	113	dark yellow
—	3799	236	1713	grey

✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 38 (h) x 40 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x7.5cm (2³/₄x3in)
Stitched by Sarah Heys



Under the sea



Indulge yourself and stitch Belle de Mer, a magical mermaid brought to life in exquisite, dazzling detail! Designed by Joan Elliott

Swimming gracefully through the sea, Joan Elliott's spellbinding fantasy figure, Belle de Mer, really is a vision of beauty. Adorned with beautiful pearls in the form of seed beads,



StitchTime
60 hrs
(Approx)

Belle shimmers and shines as she weaves her way through an underwater world, accompanied by her seahorse friends.

Worked in a variety of stitches to achieve a lifelike finish full of movement, every aspect of this scene is a joy to recreate. Visit www.joanelliott.wordpress.com to see more of Joan's delightful designs, and to read her blog! ●

StitchList...

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

ShoppingList...

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

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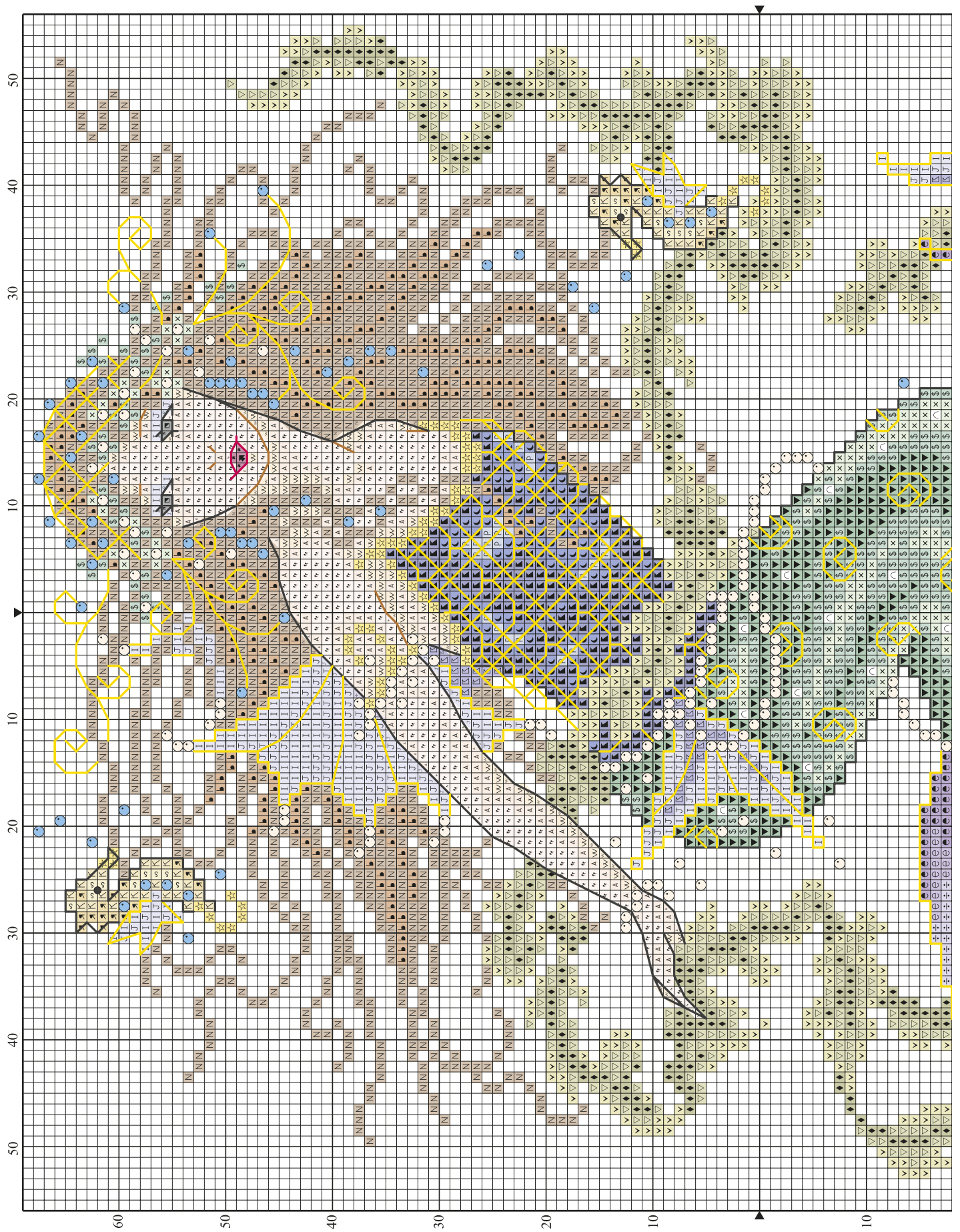
Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle; beading needle

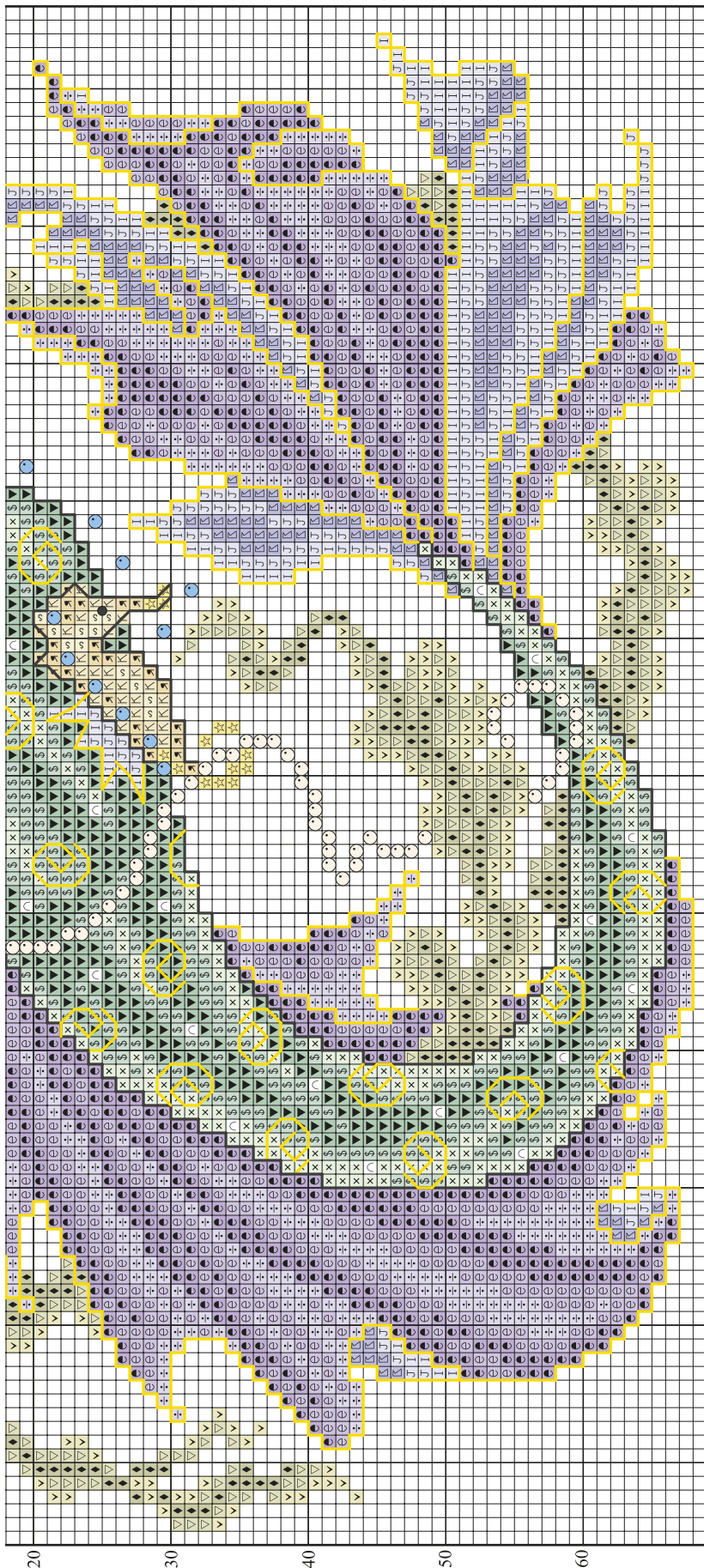
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Belle de Mer

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
÷	155	109	902
⦿	333	119	903
J	341	117	909
⌞	434	310	2009
▽	471	266	1501
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A	951	1010	2308
◆	3346	267	1407
⦿	3746	1030	2702
I	3747	120	901
⌞	3770	1009	2314
⌞	3799	236	1713
⌞	3803	69	2609
▽	3815	877	1205
\$	3816	876	1703
x	3817	875	1702

✳ Cross stitch in one strand

☆	028	(Kreinik #4 braid)	
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✳ Backstitch in one strand

—	434	310	2009
—	3799	236	1713
—	3803	69	2609
—	028	(Kreinik #4 braid)	

✳ French knots in one strand

●	3799	236	1713
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✳ Mill Hill seed beads

●	02074		
○	03021		

✳ Contains fractionals

Stitch count 136 (h) x 110 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
24.5x20cm (9³/₄x7³/₄in)
Stitched by Judy Davies

Dear Helen

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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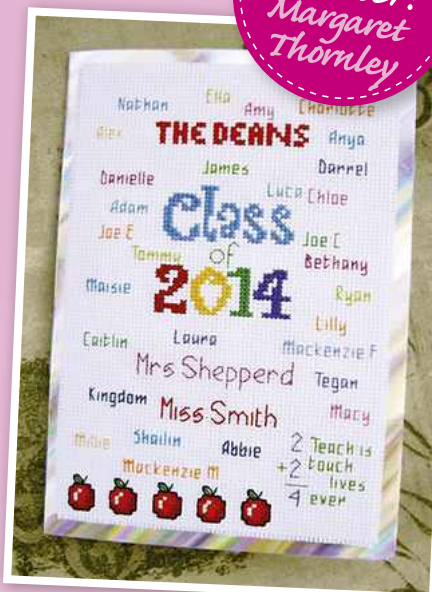
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Star letter

Class act

I was inspired by the 50 teacher gift ideas in issue 191 to make this card for my grandson. It's his last year at primary school and his head teacher is also retiring, so 'Class of 2014' seemed appropriate. It also includes the names of his teachers and all his classmates who have gone through school with him. I hope you like it.
Margaret Thornley, Manchester



*You are a winner!
Margaret Thornley*

✿ What a lovely way for your grandson to remember his years at primary school, Margaret. The end of an era!
Helen



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.

Sail away

I haven't been stitching for long – this is only my third ever project. I don't feel I'm very good yet, but I thought I might send you my finished Pepper and Friends design from Crazy 190.

Telma Caixeiro, Australia

✿ I think that's really accomplished, Telma. You should feel very proud!
Helen



▲ This nautical Pepper and Friends design from Crazy has been a big hit!

Style icon

I've produced a beautiful portrait of Audrey Hepburn in cross stitch. It took me about seven to eight weeks working on the project for roughly two to three hours at a time. This is a present for a friend of mine who is an Audrey fan.

Tom Brealey, Swadlincote

✿ You've captured Audrey's poise beautifully.
Helen



▲ Tom captured the elegant *Breakfast at Tiffany's* star in stitches

Heaven scent

I loved every minute of stitching this gift with issue 189, and it's my very first attempt at stitching a scented sachet. I changed it a little bit to add a touch of sparkly glitter. I love the magazine and have been collecting *Crazy* since the first issue.

Christine Ettles, Bury

✿ We're glad you love the mag, Christine!
Helen



▲ Christine loved stitching this gift



▲ Olga stitched a flower from Fiona Baker's cushion in issue 174 to make a cute card

In the detail

I'd like to show you the new card I stitched using some parts of Fiona Baker's cushion design from issue 174. It was fun to combine stitching and a fabric patch, and I think it makes a good card.

Olga Efimova, Moscow

✿ Picking out little motifs is a great idea for quick-stitch cards, Olga.
Helen



▲ This bookmark works well for an anniversary celebration

A stitch in time

I hope you like how I turned your bookmark from issue 174 into a ruby anniversary picture for my brother, Roger and his wife, Denise. Thank you for giving me a kit I could alter for them.

Sheila Helmore, Shrewsbury

✿ Happy to oblige, Sheila. I love the way you've customised the design so beautifully!
Helen

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!



Wedding belle

I've offered to stitch and make up all the stationery for my sister, Natasha, as a wedding present for her and her hubbie-to-be. She's chosen a pink and gold theme, so when I saw the Guest of Honour place cards in issue 192, I couldn't wait to show my sister, who loved them! I started the bride and groom cards first. Two down, 62 to go... I'm aiming to get them finished by September!

Eliza Brodie, Liverpool

✿ Great work, Eliza, and a very kind and thoughtful gift. I hope the other preparations are as organised!
Helen



▲ This little giraffe made a cute card for a new baby girl

Tall order

My friend wanted me to stitch her a card for her daughter who'd just had a baby girl. I couldn't find anything until I came across the cute jungle pals in issue 162. I chose the giraffe and stitched it on pre-printed aida with a lovely heart design on it. My cousin has just had a baby girl and so I'm in the middle of stitching her the elephant and giraffe for her nursery. Thanks for saving the day!

Sharon Pocknell, North Somerset

✿ I really like the button detailing, Sharon.
Helen

Bats about it

I thought I'd share the birthday cards I made for my daughter, Keira. Her favourite books involve vampires, so I knew I had the perfect charts to suit her taste. The vampire teeth are from an old issue of *Crazy* and the bats are from *The World of Cross Stitching*, your sister magazine.

Janet Barnes, Merseyside

✿ Spooky! I'm sure she'll be over the moon, Janet.
Helen



▲ Janet got her teeth into these vampire cards for daughter Keira!



▲ How Oscar the Owl might look at night...

Night and day

I loved Oscar the Owl so much that I had to do a picture for myself, which turned into two!

Marion Scott-Williams, County Durham

✿ Your twin owls are just too cute, Marion!
Helen

YourLetters

Family affair

Here's a photo of an afghan quilt that I finished recently. I made it for my daughter and son-in-law to use when they babysit their new granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose. I put both their titles in the centre and added in all the nursery rhymes my three grandchildren loved best, as they remembered singing them with me.

Eleanor Wild, Nottingham

✿ What a wonderful way to involve the whole family.
Helen



▲ This afghan will be a cherished family heirloom

It's snow time

I've just finished number four in a set of seasonal designs by Debra Jordan Bryan, so I thought I'd send you a picture! I really enjoyed stitching them but this one seemed to take an especially long time, as I kept stopping to do other things in between. Still, here it is finally – I have them proudly displayed in my living room.

Gillian Crisp, Wednesbury

✿ That's quite an achievement – I love the shadow detailing!
Helen



▲ Now Gillian can enjoy all four seasons every day!

New arrival

Here's a photo of a framed birth sampler I stitched for our ninth great-grandchild, Esmee-Joyce, who was born on 22nd April this year weighing 6lbs 6oz. I thought you might like to see the finished stitch!

✿ A beautiful welcome for Esmee-Joyce.
Helen



▲ Welcome to the world, Esmee-Joyce!



▲ We're sure this sweet hen will bring much cheer

Under her wing

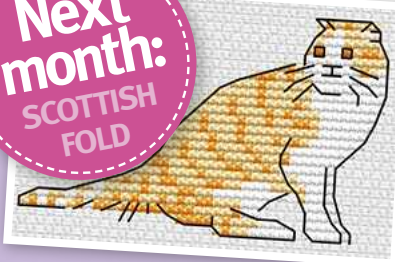
A few weeks ago I heard one of my work colleagues – a lovely lady who'd do anything for anyone – had been burgled. Despite the loss of her possessions, she was most worried about her cats and chickens, who were thankfully fine. I stitched this chicken to brighten up her kitchen and hopefully protect the house in future!

Lorna Leach, High Wycombe

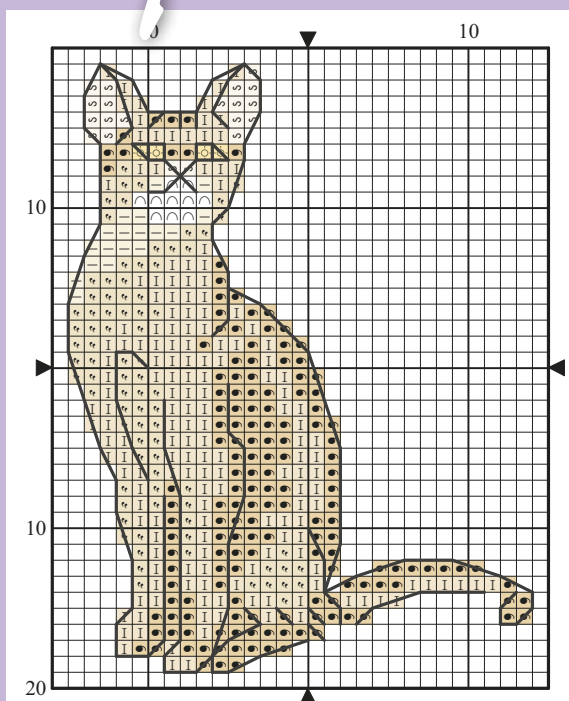
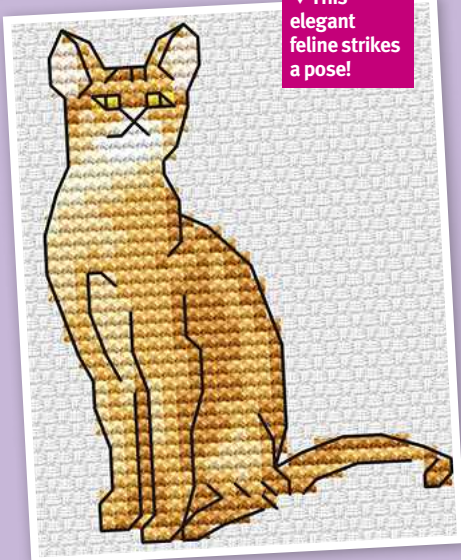
✿ What a kind thought, Lorna.
Helen

Cross stitch quickie

Next month:
SCOTTISH FOLD



▼ This elegant feline strikes a pose!



Abyssinian cat

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✗ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
●	436	1045	2011
I	437	362	2012
⊙	725	305	113
⊖	738	367	2013
—	739	366	2014
S	948	892	306

✗ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713
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✗ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 38 (h) x 29 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x5cm (2¾x2in)



Celebrity WORDSEARCH

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

DANCE WITH /
ME TONIGHT
DEAR /
DARLIN'
ESSEX

FOOTBALL
HEART SKIPS /
A BEAT
IN CASE YOU /
DIDN'T KNOW

MODELLING
OLLY MURS
PLEASE DON'T /
LET ME GO
RIGHT PLACE /

RIGHT TIME
SINGER
SONGWRITER
TROUBLEMAKER
TV PRESENTER
XTRA FACTOR

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

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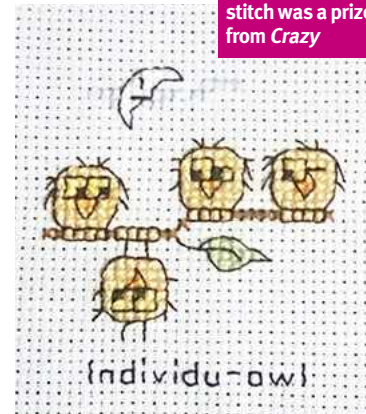
What a hoot

Thank you so much for the lovely Mouseloft prize I won for my letter in issue 190. I received it last week and have already finished and framed it! Here's a photo of the finished kit – the fact that I love birds too couldn't have been more perfect!

Renae Callaway, Australia

✿ These feathered friends are so cute. Glad you liked your prize, Renae!
Helen

▼ This sweet owl
stitch was a prize
from Crazy



► Turn tiny stitches into
adorable magnets, like
Lynda-Rose has done

Fairy cute

I thought you might like to see a picture of my recent small finish. I stitched this fairy from the Lucie Heaton chart book that came free with issue 190, and mounted it into a purple magnetic frame to match my kitchen. It really brightens up my fridge!

Lynda-Rose Simonini, Widnes

✿ She looks very at home in that sweet frame!
Helen

Mother love

Here's a picture of the only piece of cross stitch I've ever done on this scale. I normally just stitch cards for family and friends, but as I love giraffes I thought I'd give this a go!

Naomi Offer, Kent

✿ They almost look real, Naomi. Well done for tackling your first large piece of cross stitching!
Helen

Home sweet home

This is a picture I've stitched for my niece who's about to become a home owner for the first time. I thought you might like to see the finished result framed and ready to hang. It only took me a couple of weeks to do, and because it was just three colours it was fun and quite easy. This design can be replicated in just about any colourway and mounted on various items such as cushions.

Linda West, Isle of Man

✿ Congratulations to your niece! I love your house warming gift.

Helen

► Linda stitched
this stylish
picture for
her niece's
new home



▲ Famous icons brought to
life in Doreen's skilful hands

Fan mail

I'm sending in a picture of three of the many projects my mum, Doreen, has completed over the years. In the photo are the two John Waynes she stitched for my husband, plus Freddie Mercury for me. We thought we'd share these with you to show her how much we love and appreciate her hours of work.

Jacqueline Wilce, by email

✿ I love the detail – your mum is very skilled.
Helen



▲ Naomi's first large-
scale stitching has
been a triumph

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CelebStitch

Kate Bush

Celebrate Kate Bush's much talked-about comeback by stitching this elusive artist!

Awarded a CBE in the 2013 New Year Honours for services to music, Kate Bush really is an iconic singer-songwriter. From her smash hit debut single in 1978, *Wuthering Heights*, to later tracks such as *Babooshka*, her quirky musical style has made her one of the UK's most successful female performers of the past 35 years.

Capture Kate in stitches today to coincide with her tour starting this August – the first since 1979! ●

Kate Bush

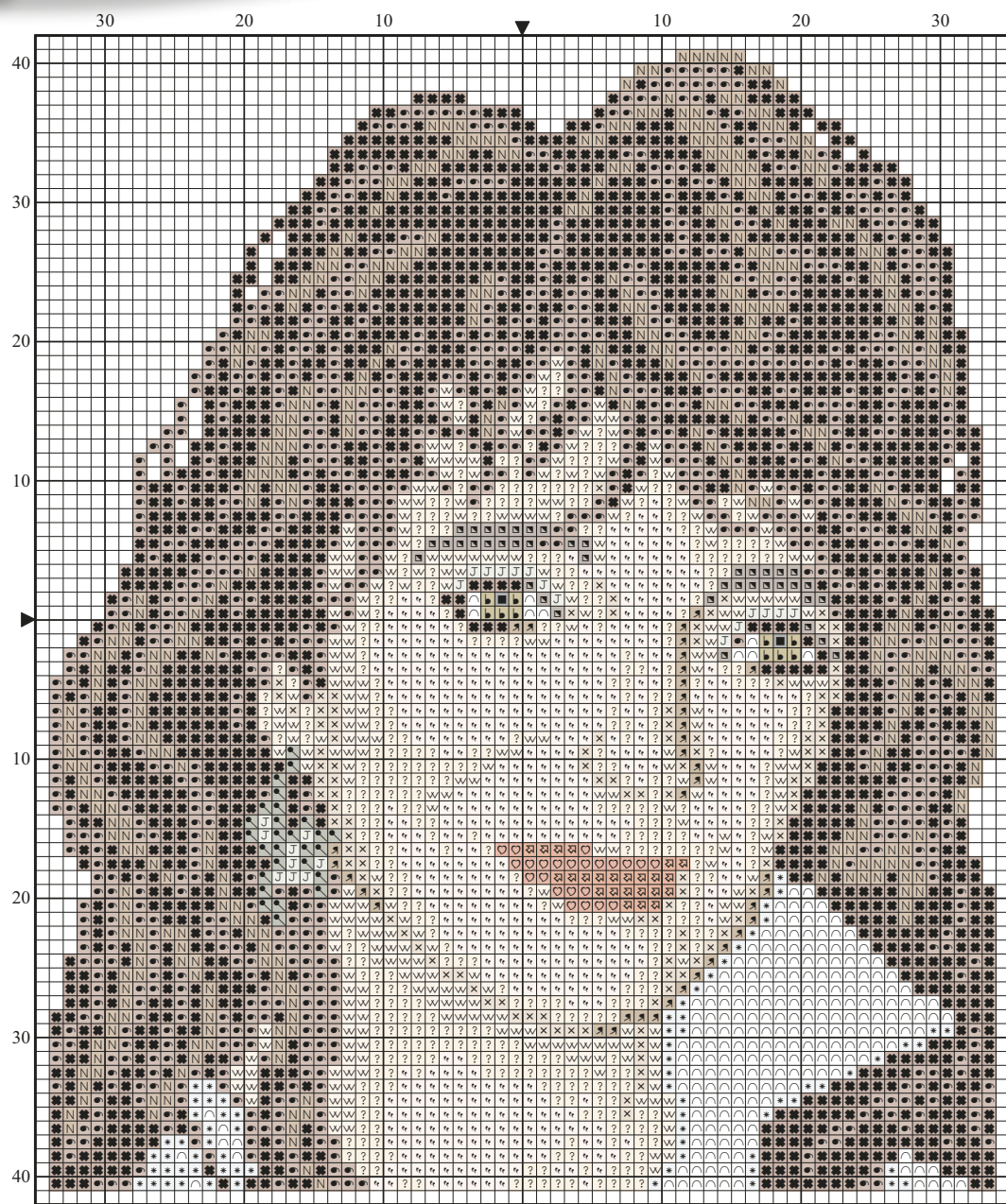
▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

⌒	B5200	1	2401
⌒	169	1040	1707
■	310	403	2400
⌒	350	11	213
♥	351	10	214
⌒	420	375	2104
J	648	900	1814
*	762	234	1804
N	801	359	2007
■	844	1041	1809
⌒	938	380	2005
w	950	4146	2309
⌒	3371	382	2004
⌒	3770	1009	2314
?	3774	778	306
⌒	3862	374	1913
x	3864	376	1910

✳ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 82 (h) x 68 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
15x12.5cm (5³/₄x4³/₄in)



Who would you like to see as a *Crazy Celeb* stitch? It might be your favourite actor, a Hollywood icon or 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 prize!

And, don't forget to email photos of all your wonderful stitched celebrities to yvette@cross-stitching.com for your chance to appear on the letters page, or go to www.facebook.com/crossstitchcrazy to post your pictures online for your fellow *Crazy* fans to see!

50 Coffee Gift Ideas



Whether your special someone cares for Columbian, Costa Rican or Kenyan, they'll be sure to love these cute cafe-inspired offerings
Designed by Diane Machin

Hailed as the ultimate affordable luxury, coffee tastes great, wakes us up and keeps us sociable, too – who doesn't love to catch up over a cuppa? From a simple milk and two sugars to a fancy mocha macchiato, everyone has their favourite.

Luckily for us, Diane Machin has created these unique designs, perfect for treating your coffee-loving friends. These perky gifts in warming shades of pink, cream and soft brown make for an eye-catching accessory they'll love to show off. With a choice of designs perfect for any occasion, there's sure to be something for everyone! ●



StitchTime
3-4 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...
Perfect for beginners
✕ Whole cross stitch
✕ Backstitch

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

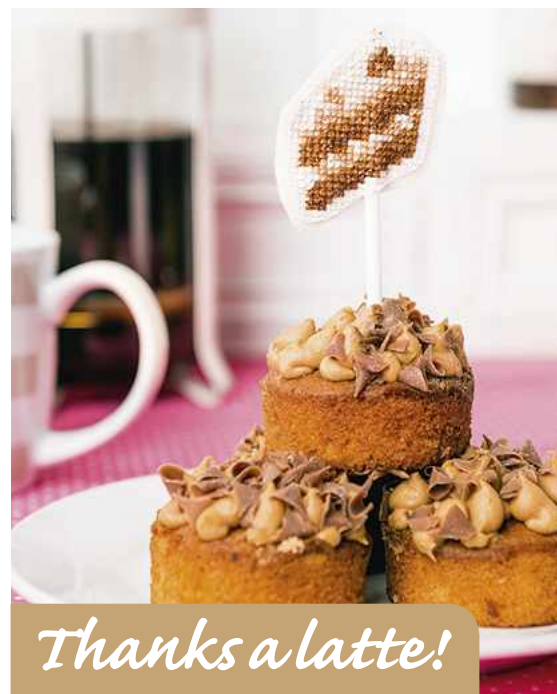
Needle - Size 24/26 tapestry needle

Fabric - 14-count clear plastic canvas measuring 8x8cm (3x3in) for keyring from www.craftdepartment.com or call ☎ 01539 823 199. 16-count white aida band with white trim cut to desired length for the cafetière and coffee jar designs. 14-count white aida measuring a maximum of 15x15cm (6x6in) for all other designs. To buy, call ☎ 0800 056 7811 or visit www.willowfabrics.com

Extras - All items from local craft store or high street stores



Wrap up warm



Thanks a latte!



Something sweet...

Have a great day!



You've bean amazing!



To the birthday girl



Espresso yourself

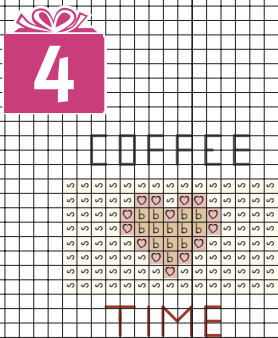
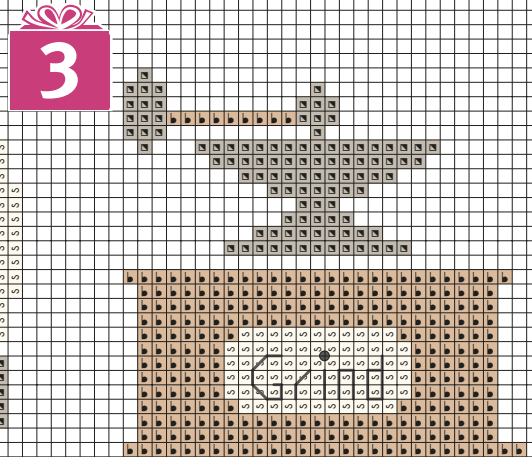
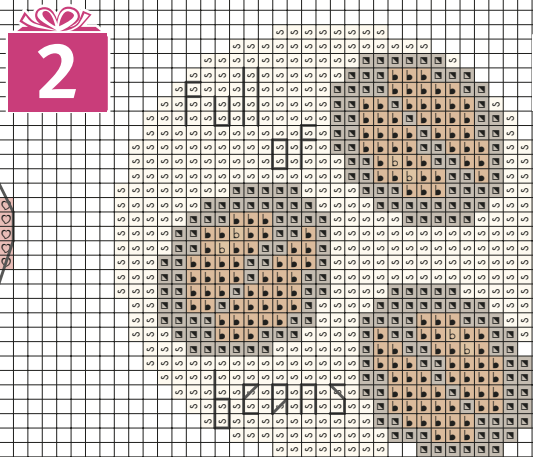
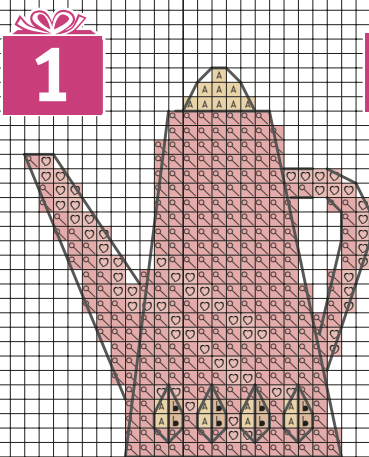


Put your feet up

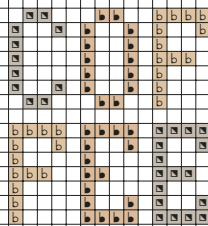
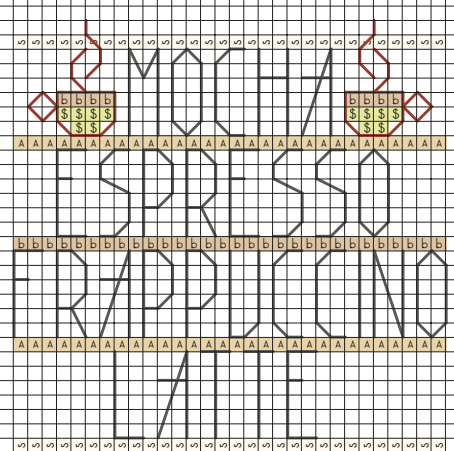


Livin' la vida mocha





► Patch a design onto a T-shirt using waste canvas for a dedicated fan of coffee!



Coffee motifs

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
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■	433	357	2602
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b	435	1046	2010
A	436	1045	2011
я	437	362	2012
W	452	232	1807
N	453	231	1806
s	712	926	2101
○	741	304	202
Q	891	29	411
♥	893	33	413
\$	907	255	1308
I	3024	900	1814

✕ Backstitch in one strand

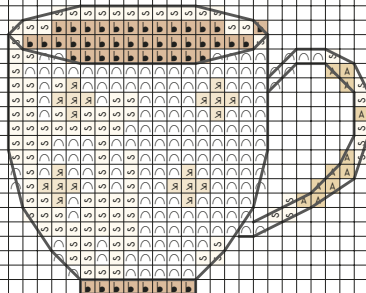
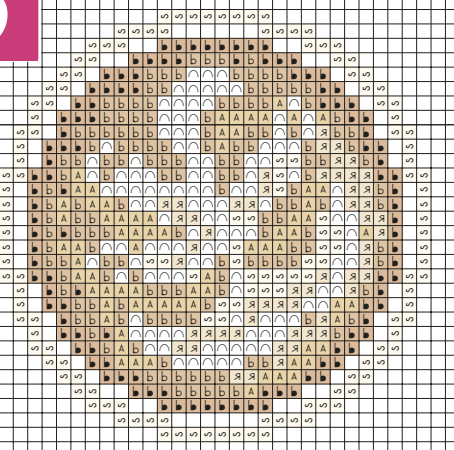
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✕ Whole stitches only

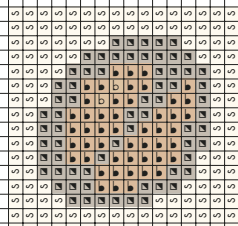
Max. stitch count 34 (h) x 96 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
6x17.5cm (2½x6¾in)
Stitched by Charlotte Hodgman



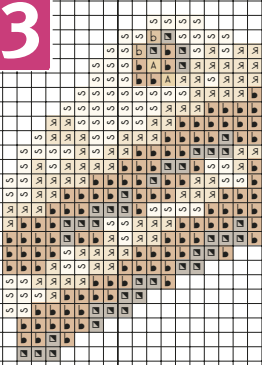
► Back a stitched motif with felt to wrap around their favourite coffee mug



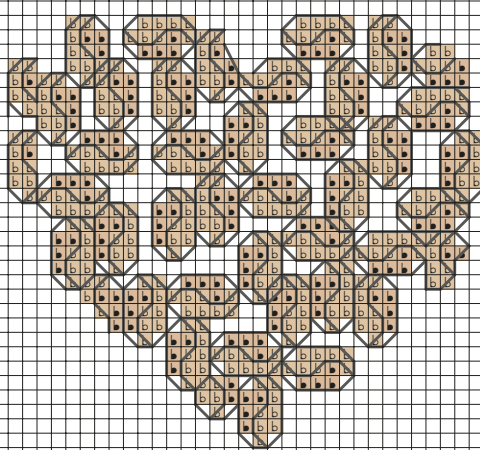
► Make a sweet sign for a kitchen door by attaching a design to a pre-made hanging



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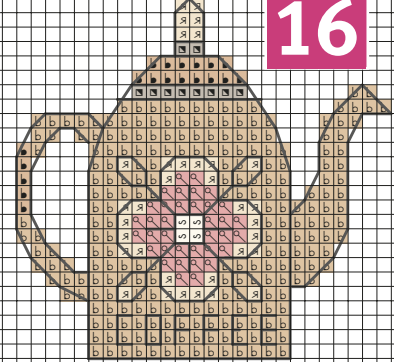
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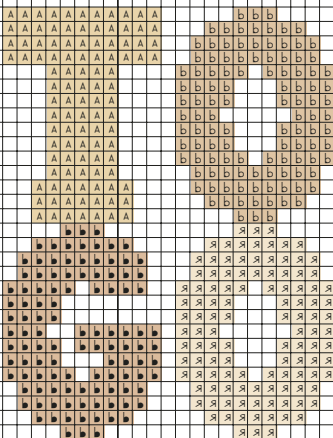
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► Repeat the fun heart motif (left) onto aida band and patch onto a tea towel

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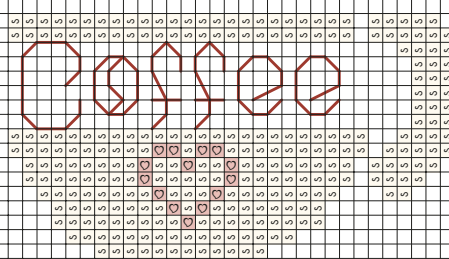
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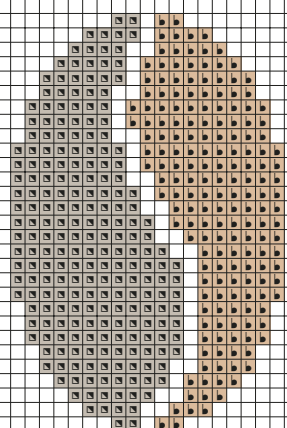
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► Use a smaller design to make a gift tag for a bag of chocolate-covered coffee beans

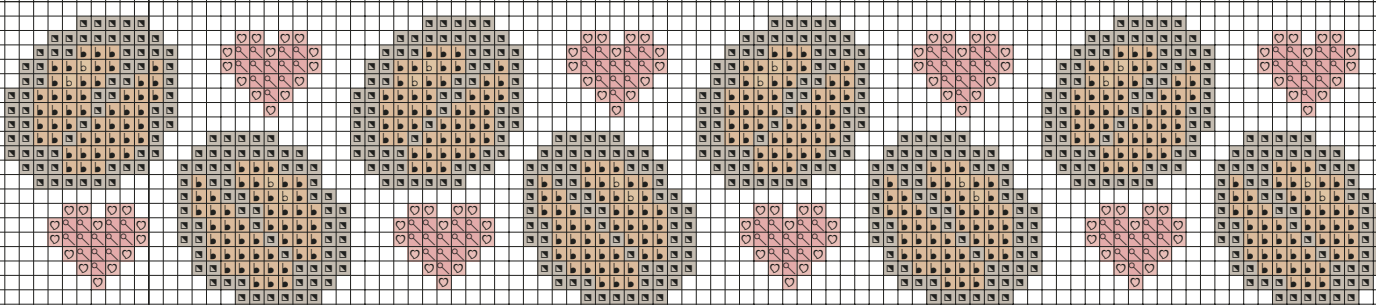
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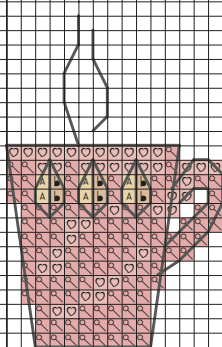
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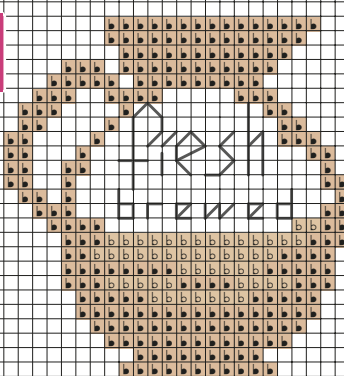
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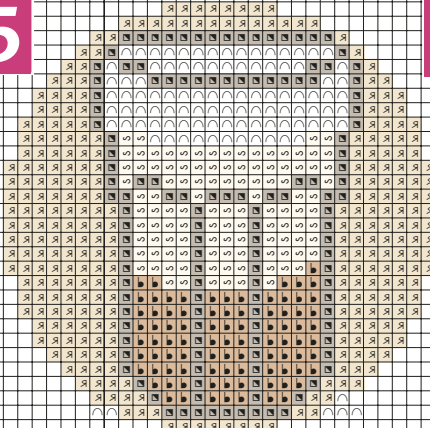
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► Stitch a small motif and wrap around a toothpick to make a cute cake flag

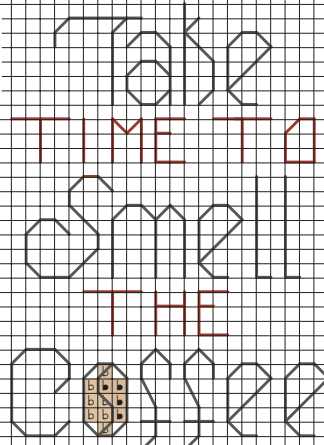
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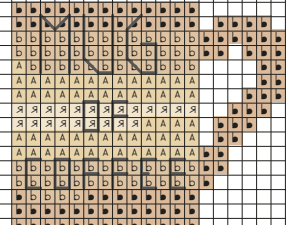


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► Replace thread colours with similar metallic shades for a touch of sparkle

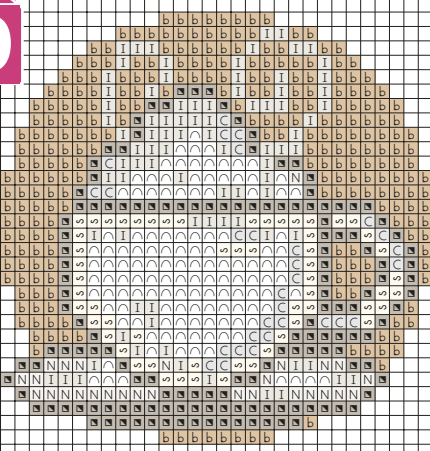


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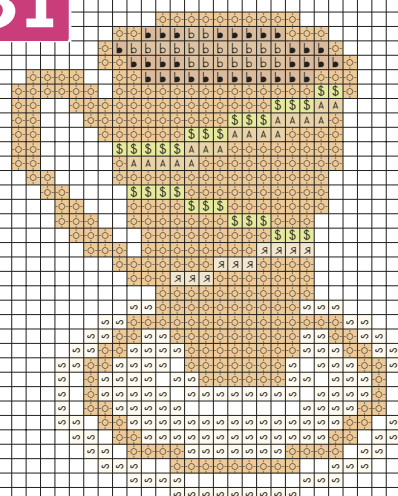
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► Jazz up a set of plain napkins by stitching a different motif in the corner of each one

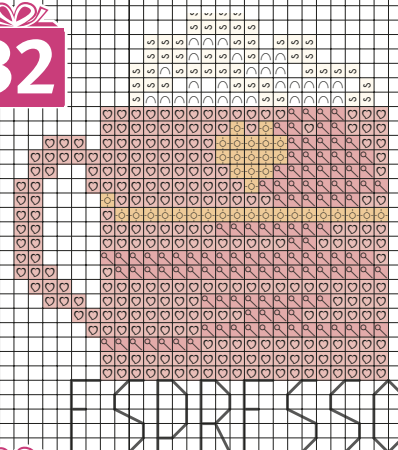
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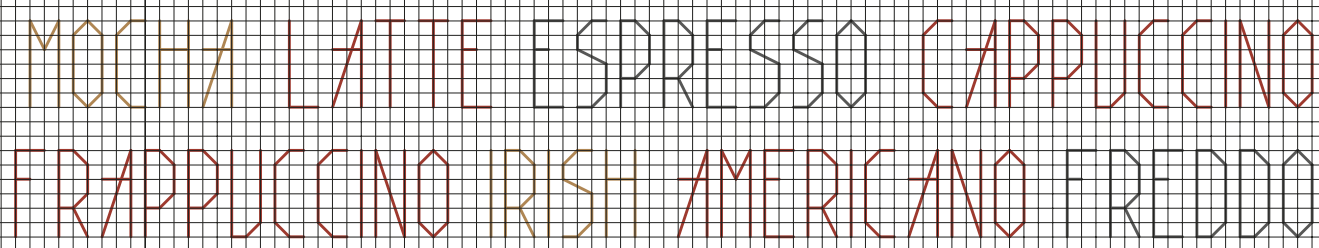
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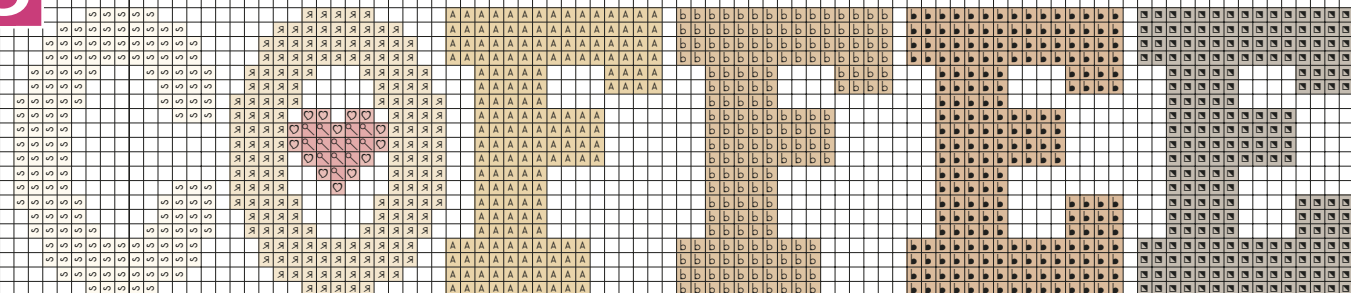
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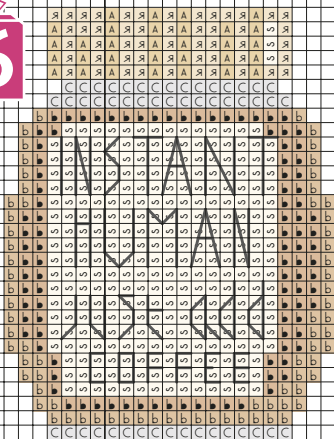
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► Backstitch the coffee names below onto an apron using soluble canvas for barista style!

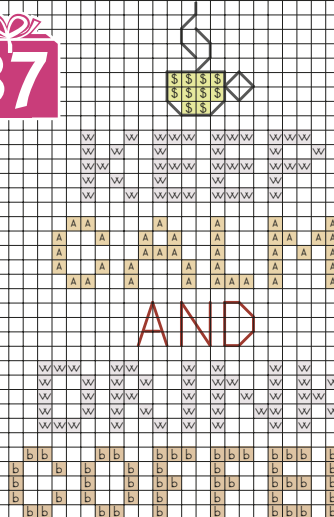
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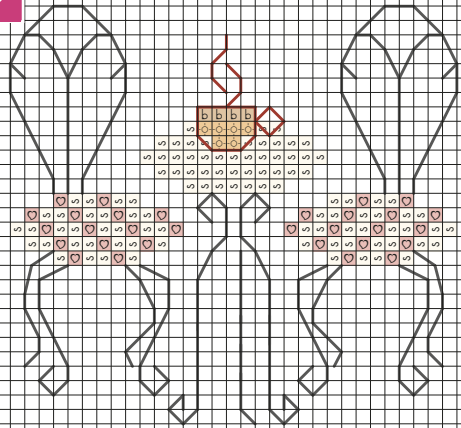


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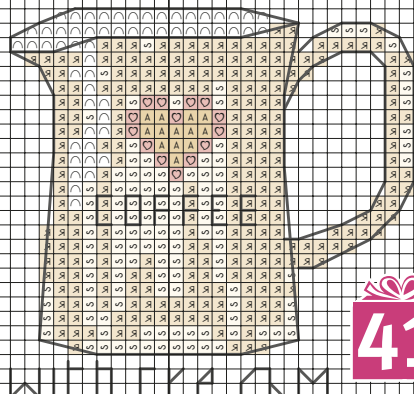
► Turn your finished stitching into a fridge magnet by backing with felt, then attaching a magnetic strip



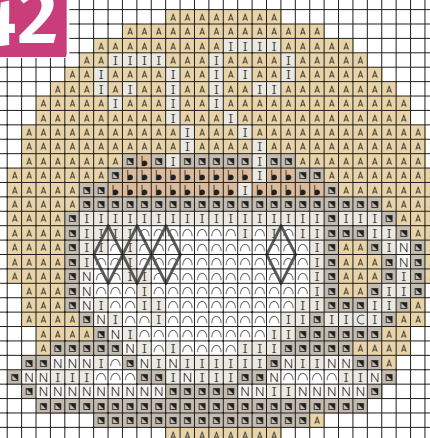
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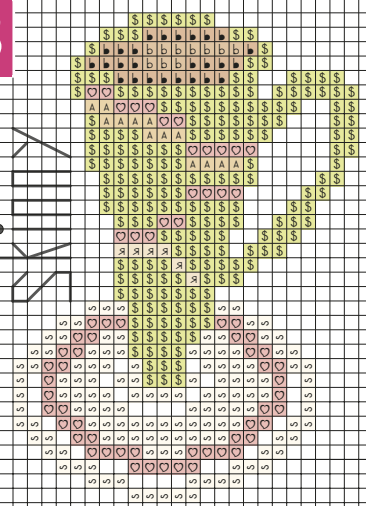
► Frame a motif so your recipient can hang above the coffee maker for a cute homely touch



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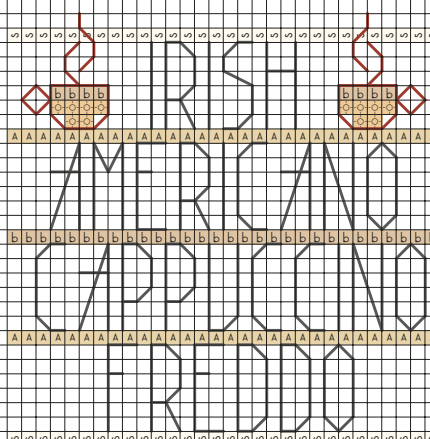
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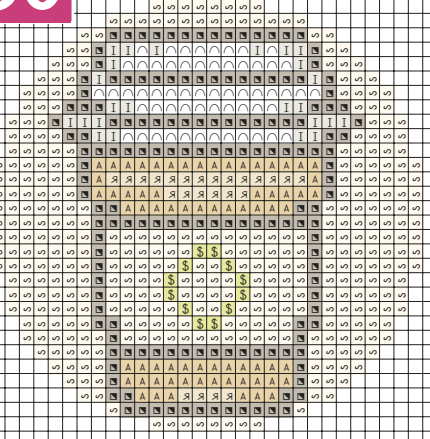
► Repeat a motif vertically on a length of aida band to make a coffee-themed bookmark



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► Finish a design in a wooden embroidery hoop to make a funky kitchen wall hanging

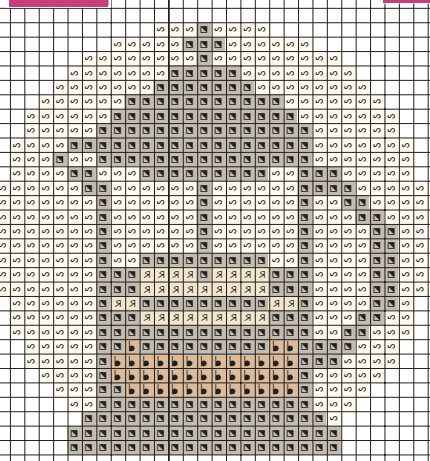
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► Make a coffee-themed sampler by stitching several motifs around a backstitched phrase

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► Patch a selection of designs onto a cushion as a present to decorate a kitchen or dining room

September... Must-haves



This month, Yvette's been hunting high and low for the best stitchy buys – here's what she's found!

◀ True love

As we're well into the wedding season now, I was so pleased to find this sweet Boofle Wedding Sampler kit, as it's the perfect gift for a blushing bride and groom! The kit costs £26.99, is worked on 14-count aida, and includes an alphabet for you to personalise your finished design. You could even use it to stitch an extra-special tag to go on their beautiful handmade gift!

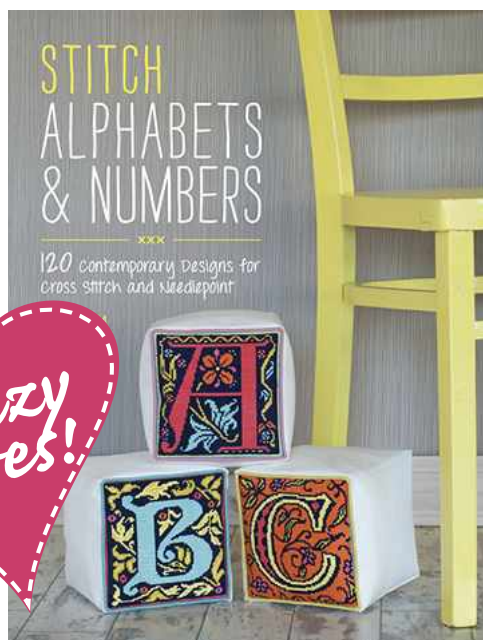
* Call ☎ 0116 275 4000 or visit www.dmccreative.co.uk for stockists



▶ Delightful designs

We love Felicity Hall's fun, funky style, so were thrilled to find out about her latest book, *Stitch Alphabets & Numbers*. Filled with 120 fantastic designs in a selection of contemporary styles, the individual numbers and letters can be put together to create names and dates to make gifts for all occasions. Packed with top tips on getting started, making up ideas, full colour charts and much, much more, it's ideal for stitchers of all abilities. At just £14.99, this is definitely one to add to the bookshelf!

* Call ☎ 0844 880 5851 to buy or visit www.stitchcraftcreate.co.uk



▲ Cute and cosy

With the evenings growing cooler, there's no better way to keep little ones warm than with this adorable cross stitched quilt, adorned with sweet woodland animals on pretty pastel backgrounds. Measuring 109x86cm (43x34in), Dimensions' Happy Woodland Quilt stamped cross stitch kit costs £44.40 and includes everything you need to stitch it. And, as the design is already printed onto the pre-finished quilt, it's a great first project for beginners! Suitable for boys or girls, this would also make a beautiful gift and lovely keepsake for a newborn baby.

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



▶ Never forget

Following on from Love Heart and Love Tree, we just can't get enough of Kim Anderson's latest design for Bothy Threads, Love Elly! Spelling out 'Love' in tiny flower, butterfly and heart motifs, this gorgeous piece is embellished using heart-shaped sequins, luxurious gold beads and satin hearts for a finish you're sure to fall head over heels for. Even the elephant has pretty patchwork ears and sequin detailing! Worked on 14-count aida, the kit costs £24.99 and includes everything you need to stitch it, with the finished design measuring 16x25cm (6¼x10in).

* Visit www.bothythreads.com or call ☎ 01900 828 844 to buy



▶ Keep it tidy

Tidy up your stash while adding a splash of style to your home with this gorgeous Prym Sewing Storage Box! Its bold patterned top in rich, vibrant shades and dark brown wicker basket make for an African-inspired feel, while its clear plastic organiser tray and pocket within the lid are perfect for keeping all your bits and bobs safe. The box costs £28.44 and measures 24x24x14cm (9½x9½x5½in).

* To buy, visit www.knitandsew.co.uk or call ☎ 01792 456 444

▶ Hoop-tastic!

If you've never tried embroidery before, this super-cute Mini Kit for Mini Hoops from Dandelyne is a great way to experiment! The pack costs \$16.95 AUD (approximately £9) and contains everything you need to stitch four designs for a 7.5cm (3in) embroidery hoop – perfect for making into a brooch or necklace! Plus, there's a basic guide to getting started with embroidery, or if you'd prefer to cross stitch your design, simply use a scrap of aida instead!

* Visit www.dandelyne.etsy.com to buy



Splurge or save?

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

Get buzzy!

This Bee Printed Cross Stitch Cushion Kit in Golden Olive (£40) is a lovely way to style your home. Easy to put together, the fabric is pre-printed and pre-hemmed – simply stitch, fold and sew two straight lines to complete! To buy, visit www.whatdelilahdid.com



splurge!

Bee my pal

Permin's My First Mini Cross Stitch Cute Animals – Bee kit is perfect for beginners. Measuring just 8x8cm (3x3in), the design is stitched onto 8-count white aida, which means larger holes for easier stitching! To buy, visit www.kidscraftbox.co.uk



Save!

◀ Wild wonder

Grazing peacefully in beautiful parkland, this herd of fallow deer, headed by a majestic buck, are a stunning scene for any home. Packed full of detail, Deer Park is the latest design by John Clayton for Heritage Crafts, and is full of those lifelike touches that make his work so lovely to bring to life. Created in a charming autumnal colour palette, the complete kit costs £37 and is available with your choice of either 14-count aida or 27-count evenweave.

* To buy, visit www.hcrafts.com or call ☎ 01889 575 256



Nature's bounty



Celebrate harvest time and decorate your kitchen with this mouthwatering set – the perfect gift for bakers! **Designed by Jane Henderson**

Apples and blackberries are a classic combination, and with Jane's scrummy charts, you can enjoy these fruits in stitches, too!



StitchTime
70 hrs
(for the set)

StitchList...

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

Use the smaller design to personalise homemade jam, patch the recipes motif onto a plain notebook for all your cooking ideas, and keep the tasty crumble method on display all year round – it might even inspire someone to get baking! ●

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 36x28cm (14x11in) for the recipe, 15x18cm (5x7in) for the book and 10x10cm (4x4in) for the jar. To buy, call ☎ 01453 889 988 or www.sewandso.co.uk

Extras - Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 29x22cm (11½x8½in). Notebook, jam jar and fabric from high street stores



Apple & Blackberry Crumble

Rub 60g butter into 120g plain flour and 60g sugar.

Peel, core and dice 300g cooking apples.

Melt 30g butter and 30g sugar in a saucepan.

Add apples and cook for 3 mins.

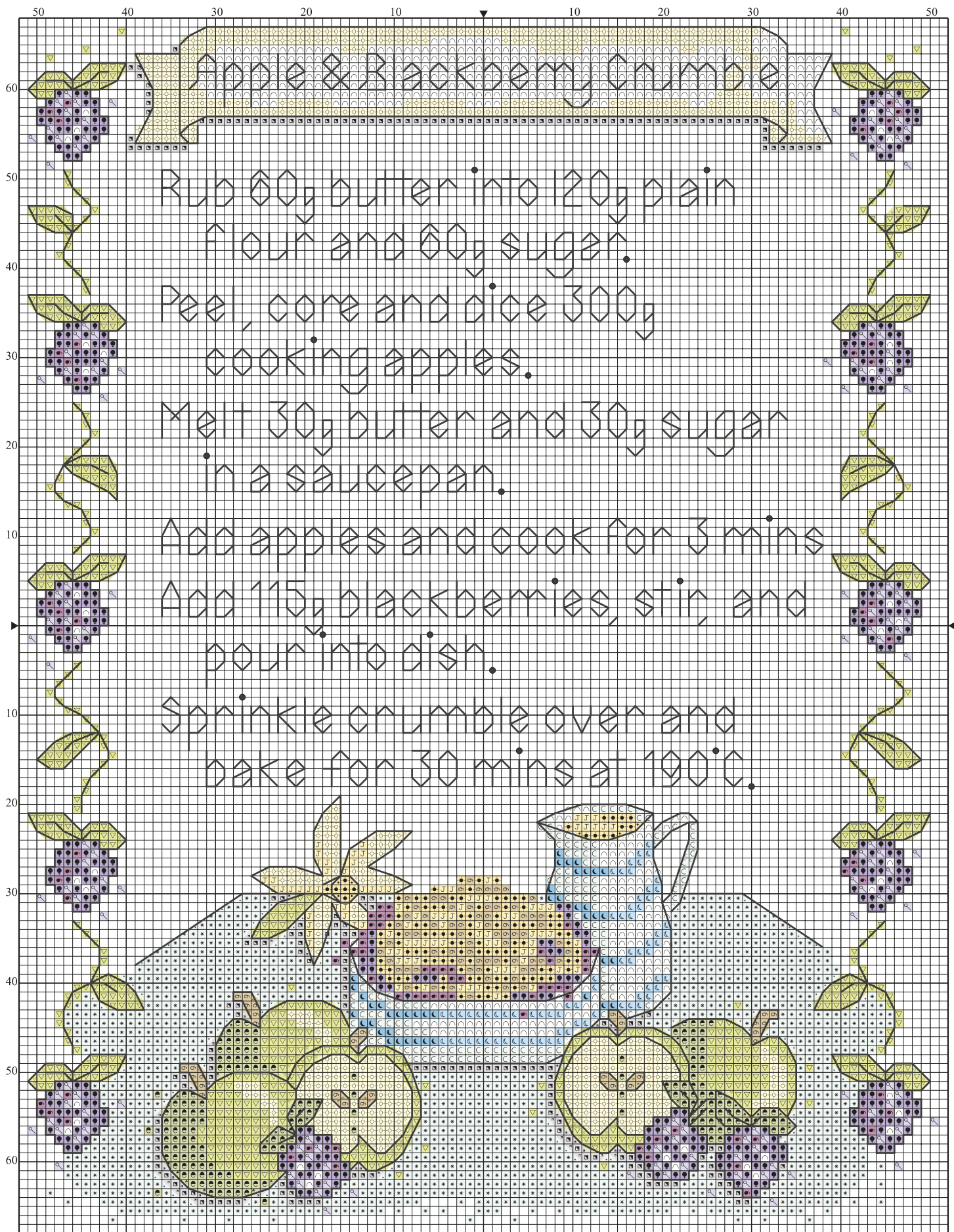
Add 115g blackberries, stir, and pour into dish.

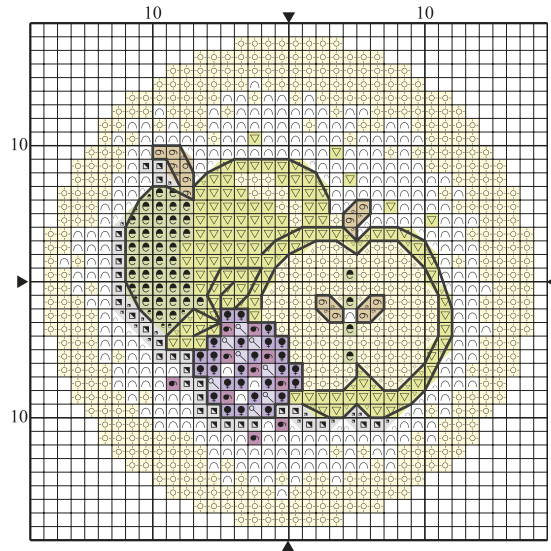
Sprinkle crumble over and bake for 30 mins at 190°C.



RECIPES







SarahSays...



When my mum's not at her sewing machine she's often in the kitchen making jam and all sorts of delicious treats, so I think I'll stitch this set for her – not that she needs a prompt!

Sarah Heys, Charting Editor
Cross Stitch Crazy

Recipe set

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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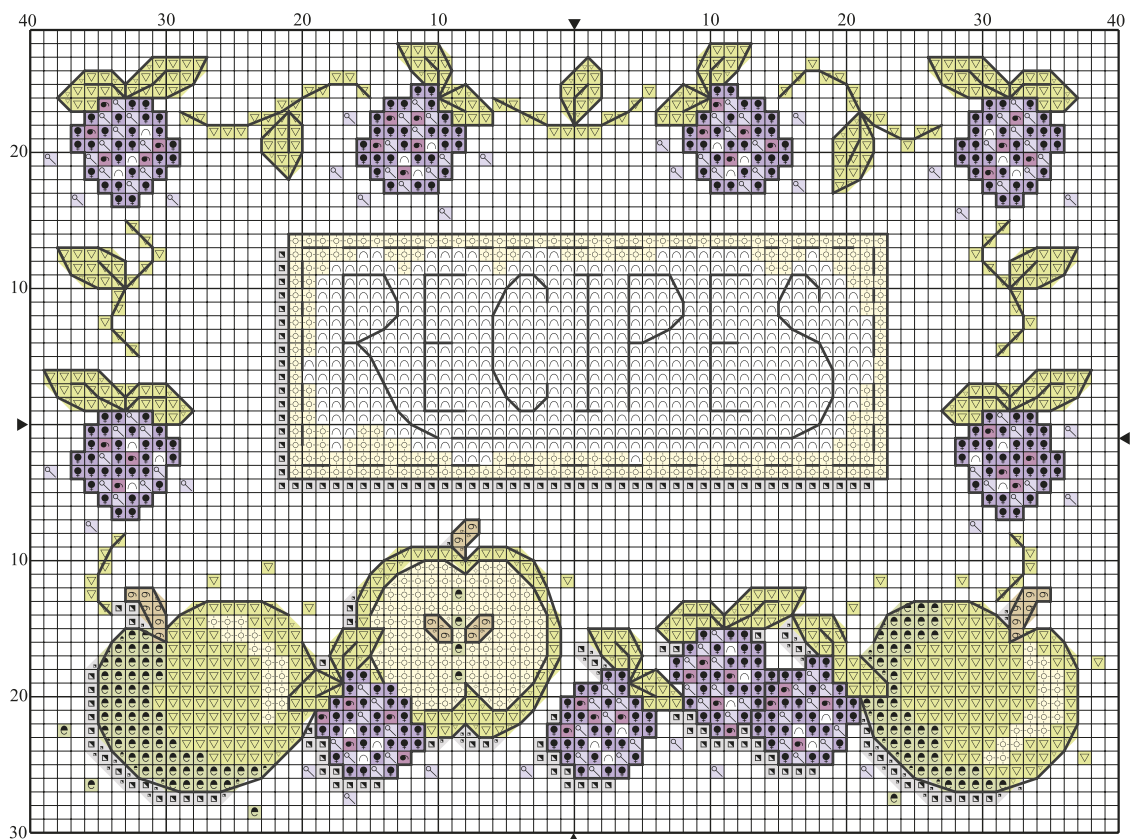
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✕ French knots in one strand

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✕ Contains fractionals

Max. stitch count 134 (h) x 102 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
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Stitched by Debbie Hart



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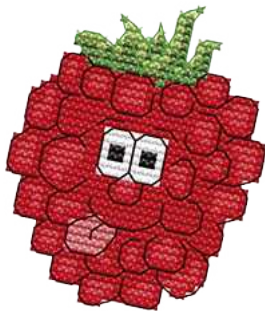


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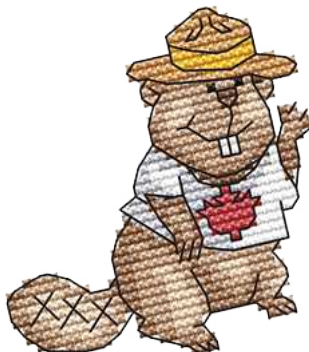


Fabulous fruit
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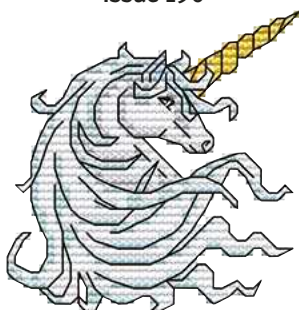


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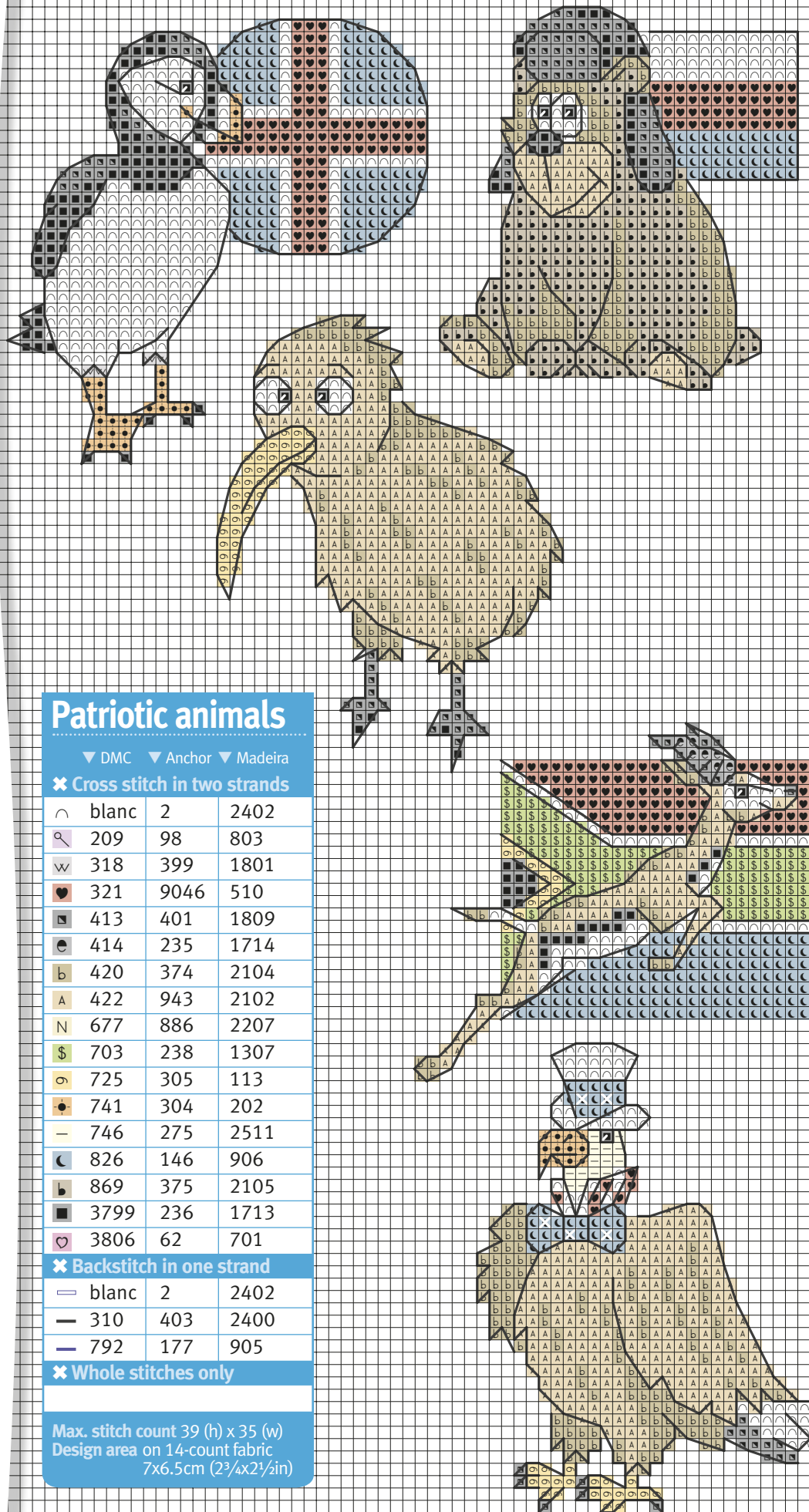


Fantasy figures

Back issues!

Crazy hotline

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Patriotic animals

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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✖ Backstitch in one strand

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✖ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 39 (h) x 35 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
 7x6.5cm (2³/₄x2¹/₂in)

Crazy for...

Patriotic animals

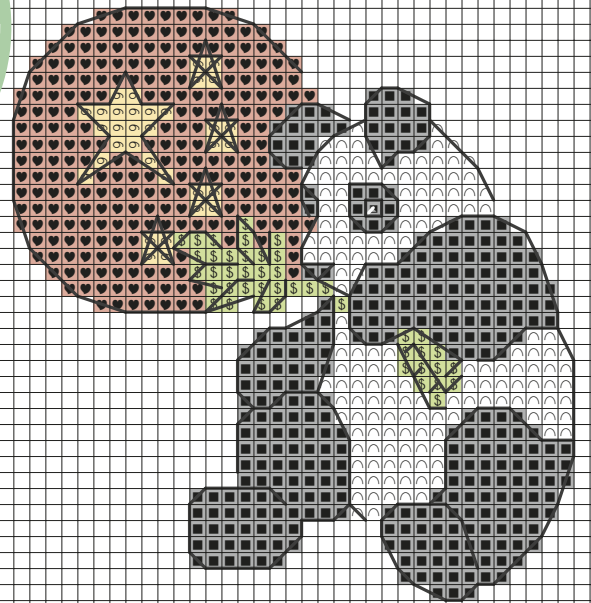
Stitch these native animals to celebrate their rich heritage!

Designed by Lisa Reakes



*Reader's
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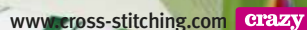
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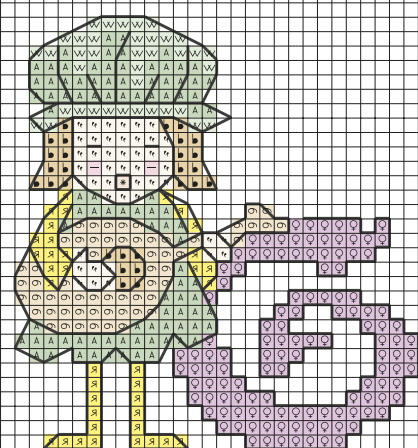
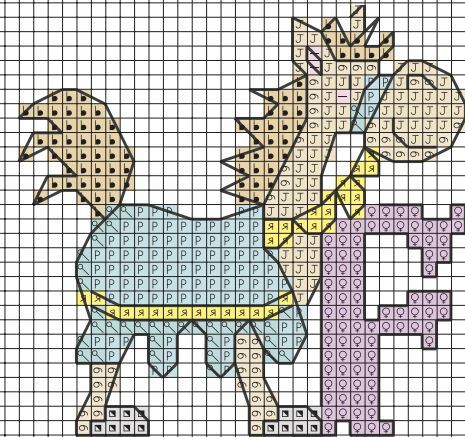
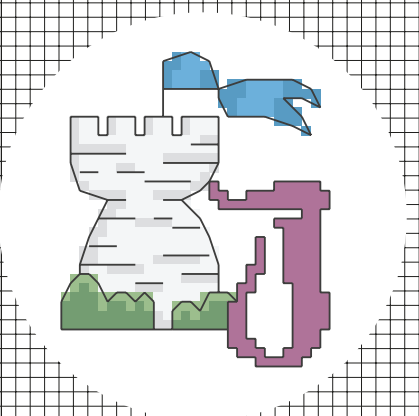
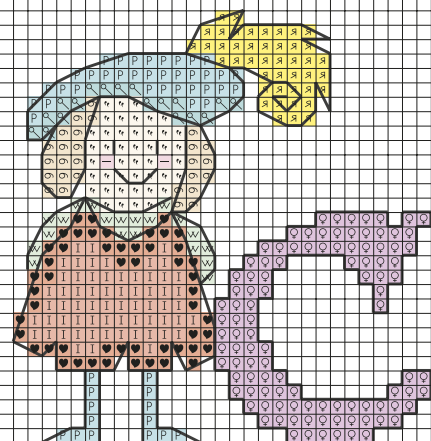
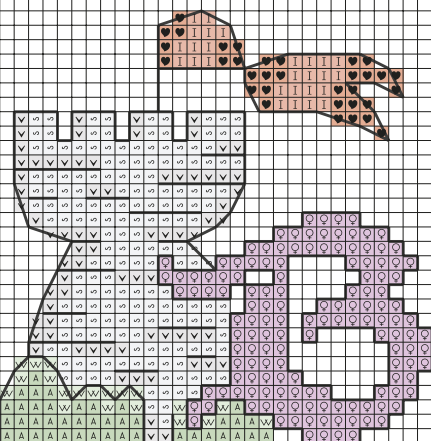
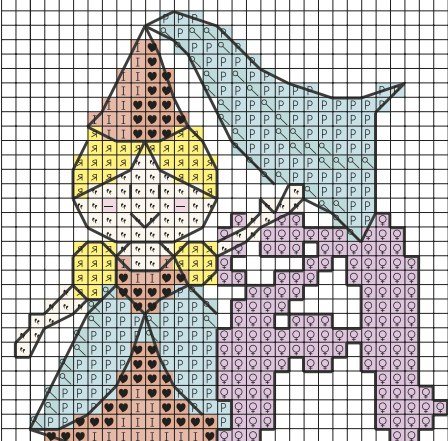


- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch



Whether you use a single letter for a card, or put together a selection to make a special sign for a bedroom, there's never been a more enjoyable way to bring the past to life! ●





Medieval abc

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✕ Cross stitch in two strands

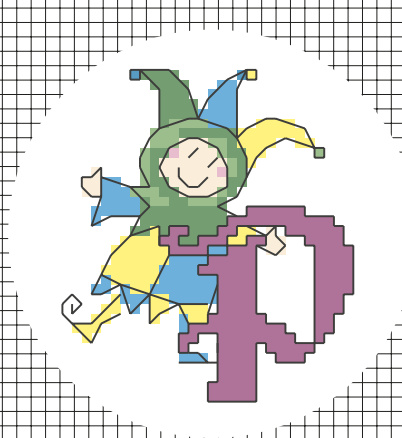
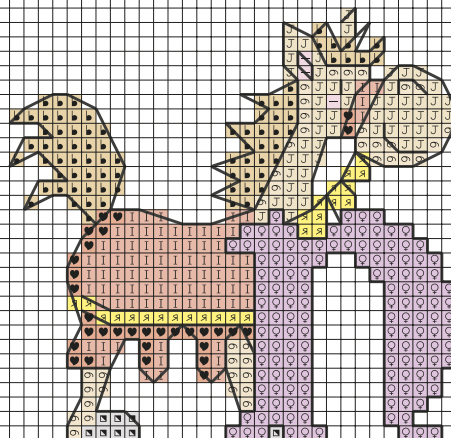
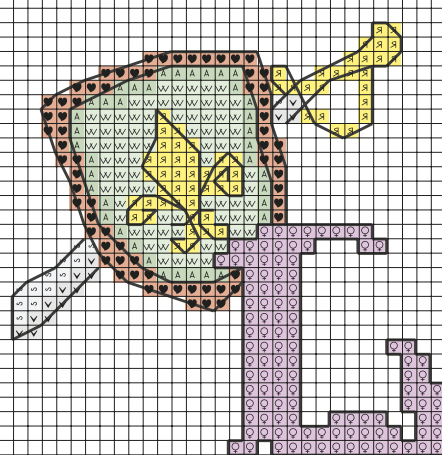
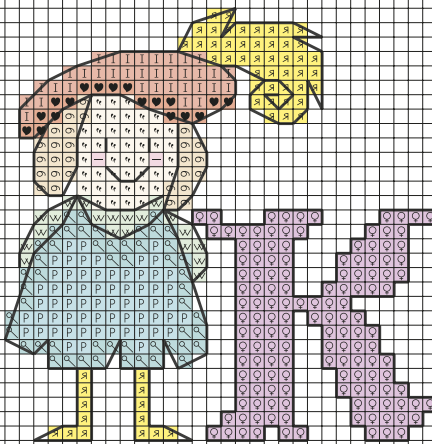
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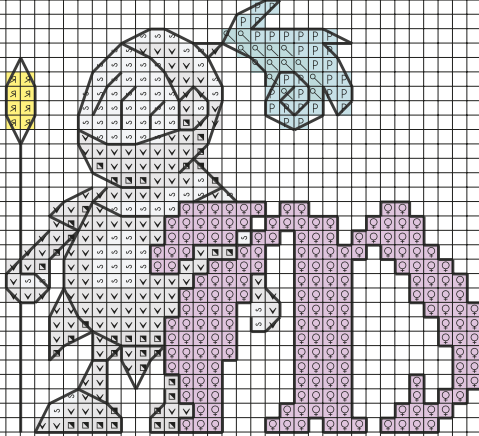
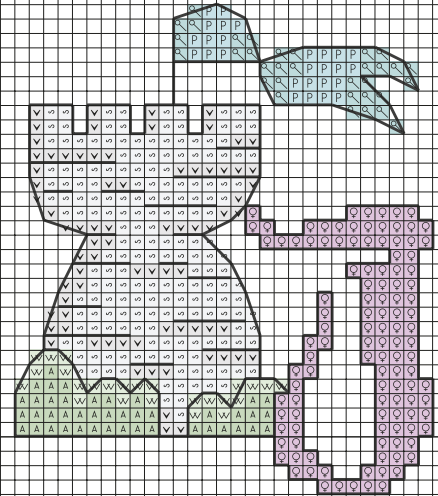
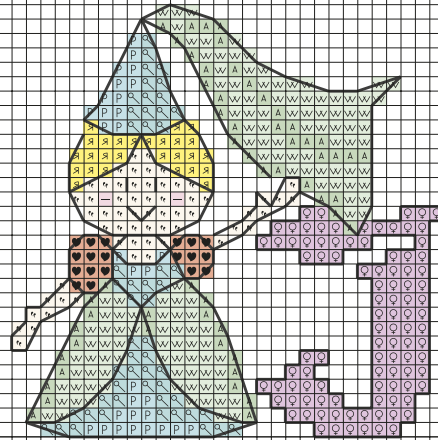
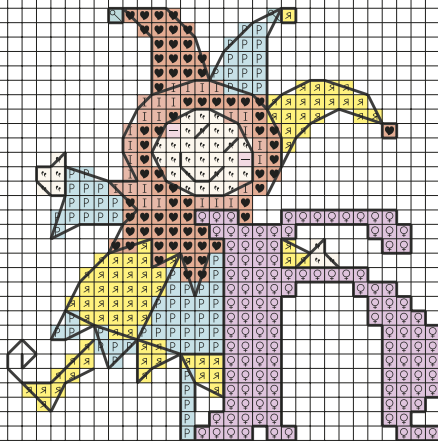
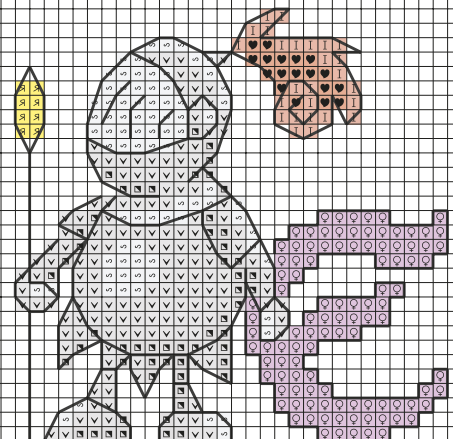
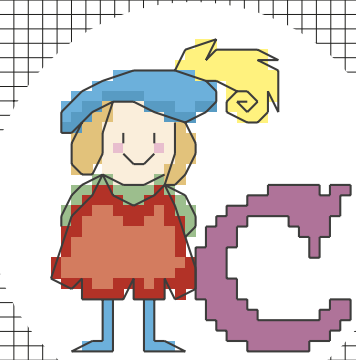
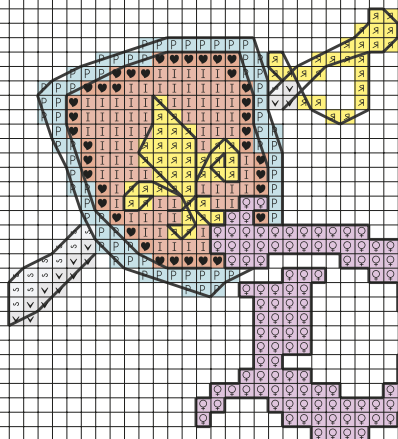
✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

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Stitched by Barbara Cox



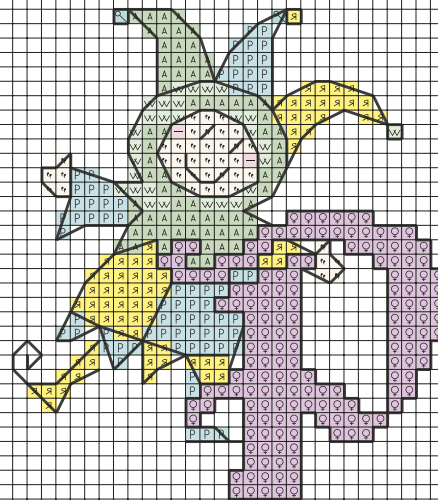
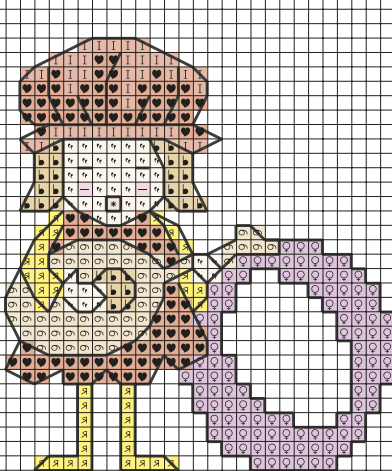


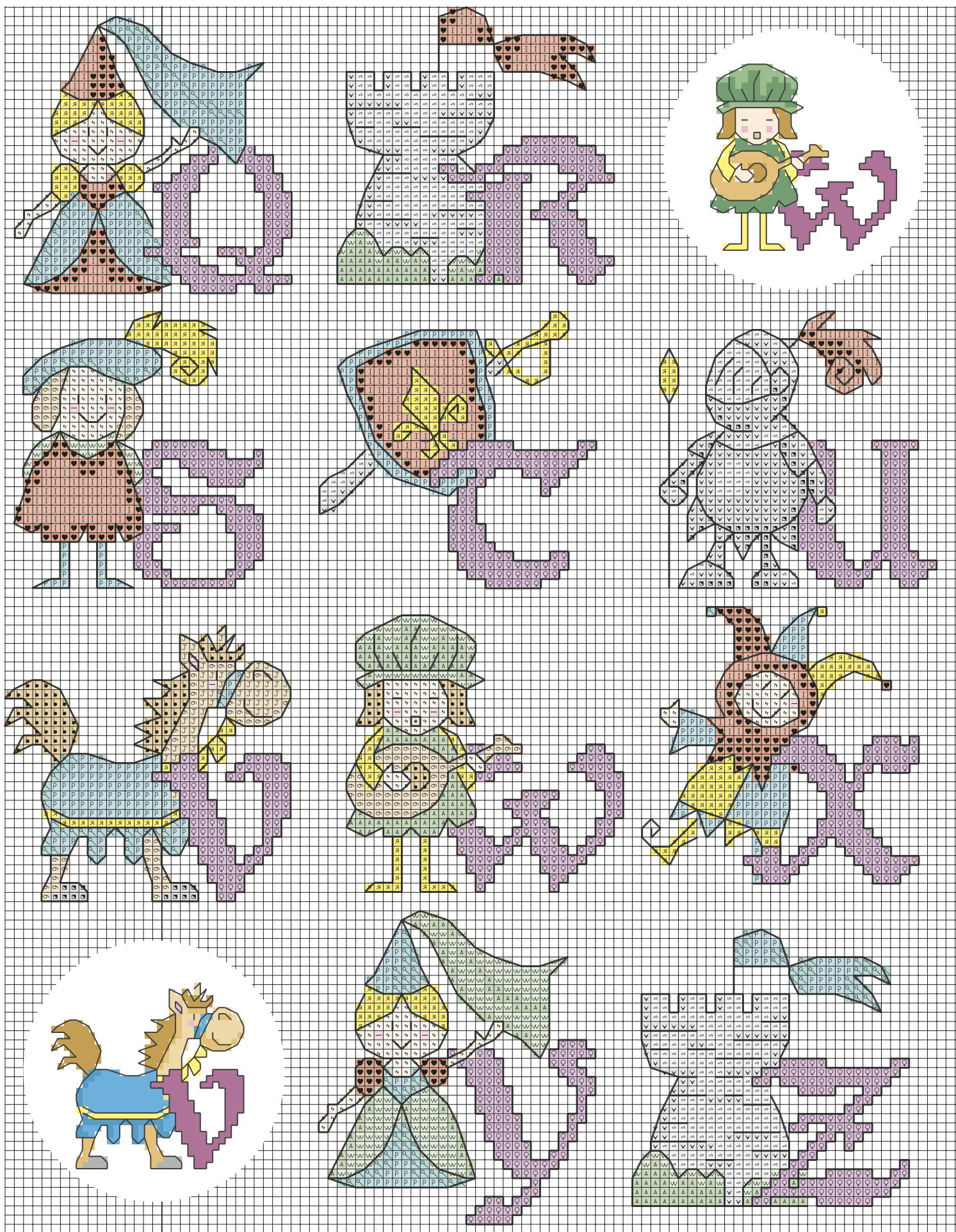
ReaderSays...



As soon as I saw this abc I immediately fell in love with it! I already know I'll stitch it for my cousin as he's a big fan of everything medieval – he even does historical re-enactments!

Renate Skielka, Germany





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Make your mark

Q I've started making a finished piece of stitching up as a cushion using a dark navy blue fabric, but I'm struggling to see my vanishing fabric marker. What's the best alternative?

Jennifer Doulin, North Humberside

A Why don't you try using tailor's chalk, Jennifer? It's usually sold in a triangle-shaped block with tapered edges, but we've found this fantastic Ergonomic Chalk Wheel Stick by Prym. Not only does this clever tool keep your hands clean, but its precise tracing wheel produces fine chalk lines that are easy to see against the dark fabric. And, using chalk gives you the added bonus of



▲ Use this handy chalk marker to draw onto darker fabrics

being able to easily remove the marks by brushing them off. Visit www.jaycotts.co.uk or call them on ☎ 01244 394 099 to buy for £3.99. You can also buy refill cartridges in either white or yellow for just £2.65 once it runs out.

Plastic fantastic

Q I bought some round plastic canvas shapes online but I can't find any cross stitch charts that would work on it. Can you help me please, Angels?

Adelajda Borowski, Poland

A We've also seen these at www.willowfabrics.com and think they're fab! Although we couldn't find any charts for them, www.craftypod.com has plenty of online tutorials that'll give you some great inspiration. Using mostly long stitch or tent stitch, there are ideas for ornaments, table runners and more, each one with a helpful How To. Check out the website today and let us know how you get on – we'd love to see!

The perfect fit

Q I've got very sensitive skin, which means my finger often hurts when I'm stitching for a long period of time. I've tried using a thimble, but I can't get it to stay on my finger. Have you any ideas to keep me stitching for longer?

Elliot Mayall, Merseyside

A You could always try Clover's Natural Fit Leather Thimbles, Elliot. These uniquely shaped thimbles are sewn three-dimensionally to snugly fit the shape of your finger, and come in three different sizes: small, medium and large, so you're sure to find just the right one for you. As with all leather products, it'll also soften and mould to your finger with wear, unlike a standard metal thimble which simply balances on your finger. To buy for £12.49, visit www.minervacrafts.com or call ☎ 01254 708 068.

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▲ This leather thimble might keep you stitching for longer!

Our TOP TIPS

For stitching with a hoop

- 1 Prevent marks on your fabric by making sure your hoop is clean before you start.
- 2 Another way to protect your stitched piece is to bind your hoop with a protective layer of fabric or tissue.
- 3 Try to select a hoop size larger than your design area to prevent stretching the fabric in different directions when you change sections.
- 4 When stitching on aida band, tack the band to a larger piece of fabric first.
- 5 Tighten the screw enough to keep your fabric taut, but not so much that it stretches it.
- 6 Take your stitching out of the hoop while you're not working to help prevent creases.
- 7 Keep the screw to the left or right-hand side (depending on whether you're right or left-handed) to avoid catching your thread as you stitch.
- 8 Hoops are also a great way to display your work. Back the reverse of your stitching with thick white fabric or felt to make your design stand out.

Heartfelt gift

Q I've just finished stitching a lovely heart design for my friend who recently went into hospital. I was going to mount it in a heart-shaped aperture card, but I'd like to make it into a special gift instead – have you got any ideas?

Anne Thursfield, Dublin

A We've found this adorable Square Frame With Heart Aperture that'll frame your stitched piece perfectly, Anne! The great thing about these hangings is you can leave them plain for a rustic look, or decorate to personalise them. Why not try painting in a colour to complement your design? The frame measures 7.5x7.5cm (3x3in) with a 4.5x4.5cm (1¾x1¾in) aperture, and you can buy at www.designsonpine.co.uk for just £1 plus postage.

Stitchy search

Q Please can you help me find a company which sells Silver Needle Lap Frames? I've had one for the past 20 years, which now needs replacing, but I just can't seem to find them anywhere.

Mavis Beckitt, Nottinghamshire

A We were unable to find any UK companies that sell them, Mavis, but you can order direct at www.thesilverneedle.com. Based in the USA, they deliver worldwide, with prices starting from \$47 (approximately £28) for the Mini-Mini Lap Frame, which

▼ These rustic little frames are a great way to finish your stitching



measures 28x15cm (11x6in), giving you a stitching area of roughly 16.5x10cm (6½x4in). Don't forget, you'll have to add the cost of postage from the US, but it'll be worth it for another 20 years!



▲ Mavis has been searching high and low for this lap frame!

Stain remover

Q I pricked my finger while stitching recently, and carried on for some time before realising I was getting blood marks all over my stitching. What's the best way to remove the stains?

Sharon Tweedy, Kinross

A Don't panic, Sharon – there are a few different ways to save your stitching! Firstly, apply a paste of baking soda and cold water to the stained areas, leave for 30 minutes, then rinse with cold water. You could also try soaking the area in milk overnight, then washing the stitching in warm water using a gentle detergent – you'll need to make sure your threads are colourfast before you do this however, to prevent any further staining to your fabric! If it happens again in future, blot with a cloth to remove as much as possible, then clean off using cold, clean water – never warm water.

Beautiful beads

Q My kind husband bought me some beading needles for my birthday. Please could you recommend a kit which includes beads, so I can try them out?

Melanie Oldman, Sussex

A How lucky you are to have such a thoughtful husband, Melanie! Riolis make some gorgeous bead-based kits, with this pretty Iris Chataleine kit being a personal favourite of ours. It contains everything you need to make your very own scissor fob, including 14-count white aida, Anchor threads, seed beads, a full colour chart and handy making up instructions. We think it's a great way to get to grips with beading, and you can buy it for £8.99 at www.minervacrafts.com or call ☎ 01254 708 086. And, if you need any extra help in getting started, visit Cross-stitching.com go to 'How To', then click on 'Cross Stitch TV' to find a video tutorial for stitching with beads. ●



▼ This pretty kit is a great introduction to working with beads

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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Get together over a Strawberry Tea

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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Meet The Designer

Jody Rice answers all!

We talk to Jody Rice, the creative force behind Satsuma Street's quirky charts, and brand new designer for Crazy!

How did you first get into cross stitch designing?

I wanted to take up cross stitch again, as it had been years since I'd done any, but I was frustrated by the lack of modern designs available. Since I have a background in both stitching and graphic design, I thought I'd try and create charts I'd actually want to stitch. I wasn't sure if anyone else would be interested in them, but it turned out they are!

What's a typical working day like for you?

I start my day at around 6.30am, responding to orders and questions from customers that came in overnight. Then I like to spend the rest of the morning gathering research and working on new designs – I find I'm most creative in the morning. After lunch, I try to stitch for a few hours on whatever sample I'm currently working on. A late afternoon walk clears out the cobwebs, then I usually keep on working until my lovely husband tells me it's time for dinner!



Jody's graphic cityscapes are her best sellers

Jody designs charts she'd love to stitch herself



How long does it take to create one of your designs?

For my cityscape designs – which are my most popular – the process can take about three weeks. I draw all my designs by hand first, then I draw them to scale on graph paper. Next, I transfer the sketch onto cross stitch software to make the chart, then stitch the sample myself. I usually make a lot of changes in the stitching phase, so I then edit the chart and make sure everything is just right before I sell it.

Who or what inspires you?

Colour is the driving force in all my work, so I'm constantly on the lookout for interesting combinations and palettes, whether I'm wandering through a gallery or picking through junk at a flea market. I'm also deeply influenced by my love for mid-century artists and designers such as Mary Blair, Vera Neumann and Saul Bass.

When you're not designing, what do you enjoy doing?

I'm so lucky to live in Los Angeles, where there's always something interesting going on! I love searching for treasures in charity shops and flea markets, hiking in Griffith Park and discovering new restaurants.

What's the best thing about being a cross stitch designer?

I had no idea when I started my business that I'd find such a wonderful community



We love the bright splashes of colour in Jody's funky Pirate Ship!

of crafters and cross stitchers who've been so incredibly supportive and generous. I love that my work isn't really done until someone takes my chart and makes their own project with it. When they're happy with what they've made and it's turned out exactly as they hoped, that's the greatest feeling in the whole world.

What's in store in the coming months for Satsuma Street?

I have a long list of cityscapes to design, so there'll be at least three new cities added to the shop this year. I'm also planning to do several new Christmas charts, which means I need to start those very soon! I'm looking into adding some other product lines to the shop, to expand beyond cross stitch charts. So many ideas – now I just need to find the time to do them all! ●

Visit www.SatsumaStreet.etsy.com to check out Jody's other fab designs!

Turn to page 48 to stitch Jody's exclusive design for *Crazy*, a funky autumnal scene!



Fall for autumn



With rich, jewel-like colours and a unique, funky feel, this stylish woodland design is a seasonal must-stitch!

Designed by Jody Rice

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year, and as the leaves change colour, there's nothing nicer than taking a stroll through the woods. So, inspired by these wonders of nature, new *Crazy* designer, Jody, put



StitchTime
10-15 hrs
(Approx)

her own quirky twist on a forest scene, bringing you the perfect project to start the new season!

Stitched on oatmeal aida for a rustic feel, the soft hue also allows the vibrant shades to really pop. And, as it's worked in whole stitches only, you're sure to be finished in no time at all! ●

StitchList...

Perfect for beginners

✕ Whole cross stitch

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - A piece of 14-count Charles Craft Fiddler's Cloth Light Oatmeal aida measuring 25x30cm (10x12in). To buy, call ☎ 01453 889 988 or visit www.sewandso.co.uk

Extras - Backing fabric and trim of your choice.
Cushion pad to fit





ReaderSays...



I love this funky bird design. The colours are fantastic and ones I wouldn't

normally use – I can see the cushion sitting well on our sofa!

Elisabeth Thomas, Sale
Cross Stitch Crazy

Crazy tip!

Turn to page 47 now to find out about Jody Rice, Crazy's fab new designer!

Autumn bird

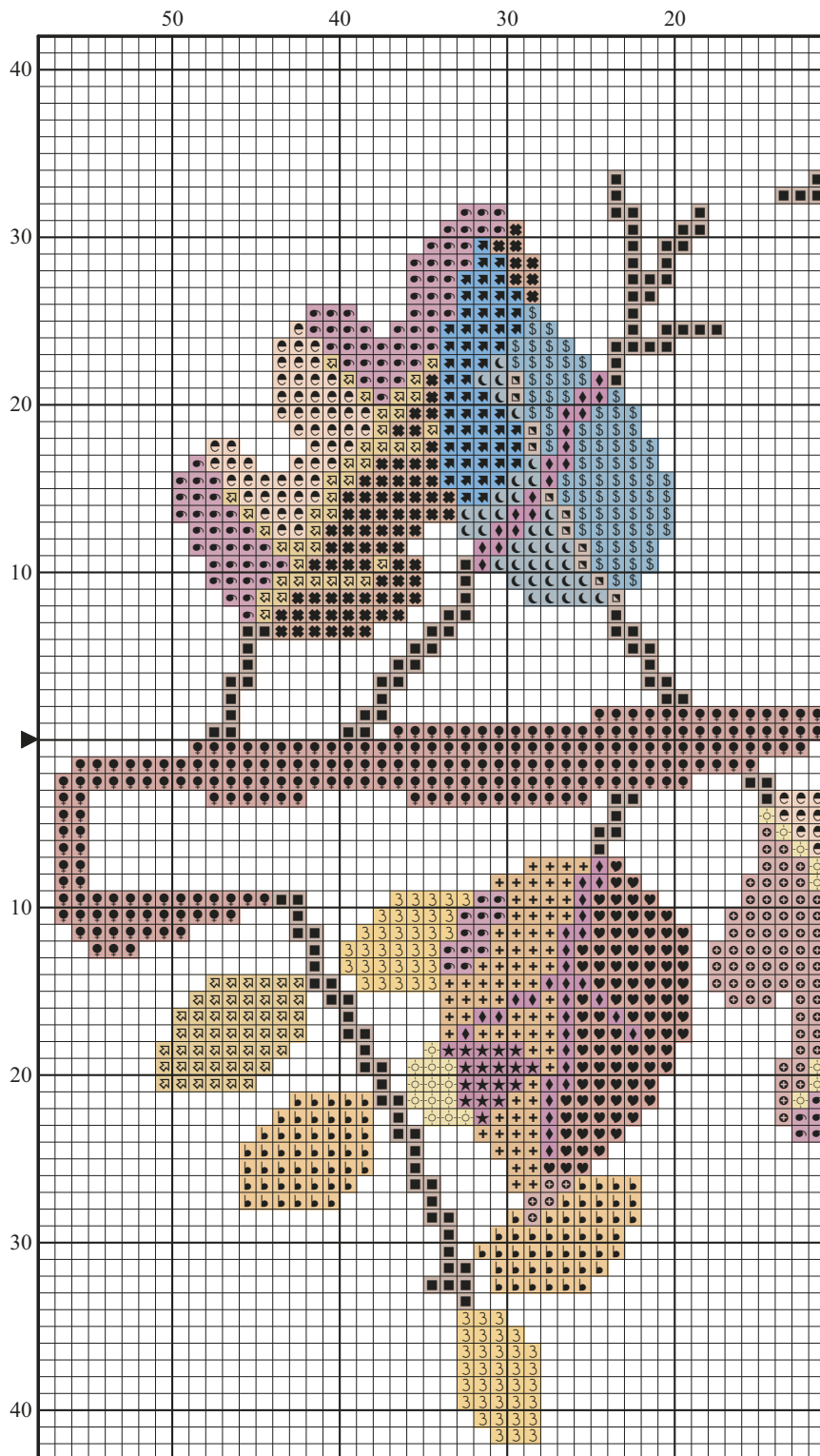
▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

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972	298	107
3371	382	2004
3721	896	810
3803	69	2609
3810	168	1108
3821	305	2510
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✕ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 83 (h) x 115 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
15x21cm (6x8¼in)
Stitched by Val Watkins

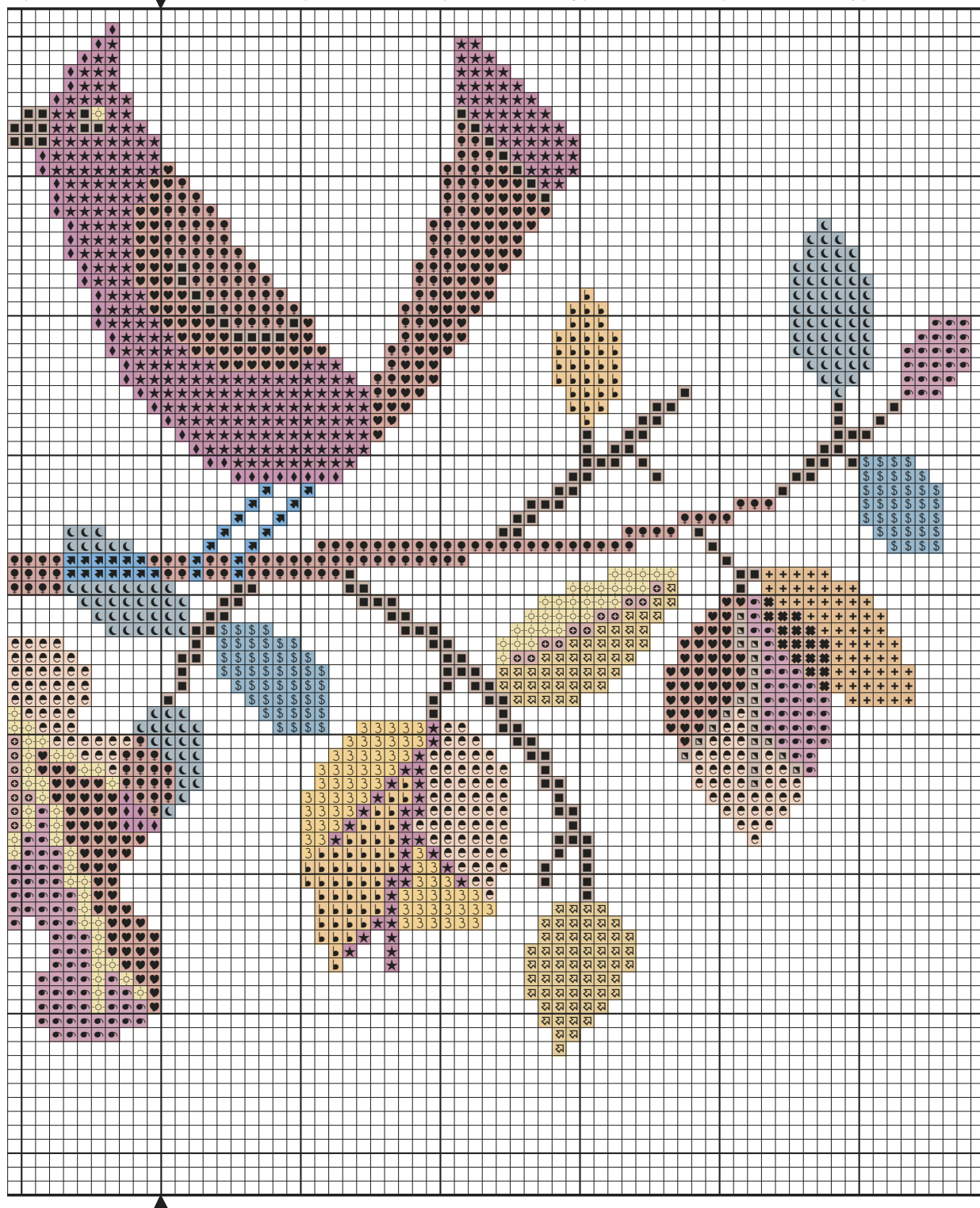


HowTo

Follow these simple steps to turn your stitching into a gorgeous cushion for your home

- 1 Begin by carefully trimming your finished stitched piece so that it measures 32x27cm (12½x10½in).
- 2 Cut two panels of backing fabric in a complementary shade measuring 32x15cm (12½x6in).

- 3 With right sides facing, place one of the fabric panels on top of the stitched piece and machine-stitch down the side using a 2cm (¾in) seam. Press the seam open then repeat for the other fabric panel on the opposite side.



4 If you like, you can add a piece of lace – as we have chosen to do – on top of each backing panel, making sure that the edge of the lace is positioned close to the seam. Neatly sew in place.

5 Cut two fabric panels measuring 32x25cm (12½x10in) to make an envelope opening at the back of the cushion. Machine-stitch a 1cm (¼in)

hem along one shorter edge of each of the panel pieces.

6 With the right sides together, pin one panel at each side of your stitched piece, so that the two pieces are overlapping in the middle.

7 Stitch all the way around the edge using a 2cm (¾in) seam allowance. Turn the cover through to the right side

and press with a warm iron, then insert a rectangular cushion pad inside the cover, pushing the pad into the corners so it fills out the cover perfectly.

8 If you wish, you could carry on the folksy feel of this cushion by attaching a loop or creating a buttonhole on one side of the back panel and stitching a wooden button on the other.

Stitch & Chat



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



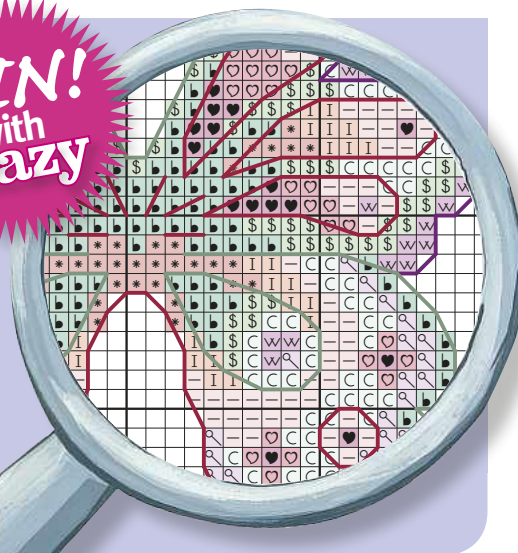
Poetry CORNER

This month's poem was written by Megan Parker from Tipton. Send us your stitching rhyme and you could be our next poet! Email stitchandchat@cross-stitching.com

Spot the stitches

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crazy

This is a close-up of one of the charts in this issue of *Cross Stitch Crazy* – but which one do you think it is? There's a fabulous prize for the first correct answer pulled out of the hat. Send a postcard with the page number where you found the chart, plus your name and address to: **Spot the Stitches 193** at the Stitch & Chat address (below, right) by 7th August 2014. Issue 191's winner was Bobby Price from Macclesfield. Well done – your prize is on its way!



Travels with

On our recent trip to Aqaba in Jordan I took a copy of issue 188 with me as I was finishing off gifts for my daughter's teachers using the book lovers' gift ideas and bags and shoes abc. On the way back to Amman we briefly stopped at Wadi Rum, a spectacular scenic desert valley of Lawrence of Arabia. I didn't want to miss the opportunity to take a selfie using the Seven Pillars of Wisdom as a backdrop!

Yuana Ates, Turkey



We love to see you and your loved ones enjoying *Cross Stitch Crazy*! Send in photos of you on your travels with your favourite magazine, or of your beloved pet or a little one who is a big fan of *Crazy* to our email or postal address (right) and you could win a brilliant prize!

Stitches of love

A stitch to mend a broken heart,
A stitch to show you where to start,
A stitch to show you that we care,
A stitch that shows the love we share

A message to say 'let's have fun',
A message to get you into the sun,
A message to send all our love,
A message to give you a friendly shove

My favourite pattern, with love,
A beautiful cross stitched dove,
It's a lovely gift to cheer your day,
To share love the cross stitch way



Breaking news

Snap up this fantastic new cross stitching title from Search Press!

Having a stash of cards and tags ready to use at a moment's notice is one of the joys of being a crazy cross stitcher! Here at *Crazy Towers*, we're always on the lookout for quick-stitch motifs, so we couldn't wait to get our hands on *Easy Cross-Stitch Cards & Tags*, a brand new book published by Annie's, available from Search Press.

Featuring 27 simple but eye-catching projects for all manner of useful occasions, from the essentials such as birthdays and thank yous, to charts for sending get well and sympathy messages, you'll never be at a loss for a greeting again. And what's more, by following the step-by-step guides, you'll become a card-making pro in minutes, too! So, fancy making a cute rocker card to welcome a new baby? Or perhaps an elegant gatefold card for a soon-to-be bride and groom? Learn the tricks and tips for making all manner of amazing cards and you're guaranteed to be the talk of your friends!

To buy *Easy Cross-Stitch Cards & Tags* for £8.99 with free UK p&p, call ☎ 01982 510 850, quoting 'Cross Stitch Crazy'. For their full range visit www.searchpress.com ●



▲ Wow friends with your card making skills!



Your say

If you had a chart designed for you, what would it be?



I'd choose a nostalgic scene with mother stitching or knitting, perched on the arm of father's chair as they listened to the wireless.

Lesley Bambridge, Bristol



I have the hardest time finding a really good peacock pattern. Most of them have dull colours

and I want one that is vibrant with true-to-life colours.

Casey Smith, Florida, USA



I'd love to have a chart of a really happy family portrait. It would be amazing to show my loved ones in England

how much they mean to me.

Jenny Wright, Sweden

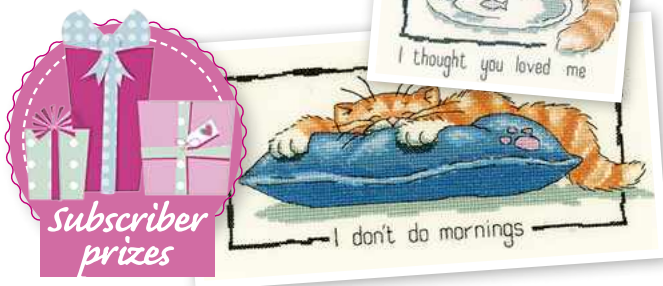
Coming up:

Where's the strangest place you've ever stitched?

Email your comments along with a good quality photo of yourself, your name and your address to stitchandchat@cross-stitching.com

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Write to Stitch&Chat...



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Picture perfect



Capture the charm of a summer by the beach with these delightful vintage-style postcards!

Designed by Maria Diaz

Like to be beside the seaside? Then keep the spirit of the holiday season alive with these beautiful beach scenes inspired by the 1920s! Stitch one and send as a personalised postcard



StitchTime
20 hrs (Each)

to make the most of their quirky postal stamp feature, or finish all four and dedicate a wall at home to those sunny summer days.

Worked in a soft pastel colour palette using a variety of techniques, you'll breathe life into each scene as you stitch – so much so, you'll almost be able to smell that sea breeze! ●

StitchList...

For all stitchers

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

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - Zweigart 14-count white aida measuring 20x25cm (8x10in) for each design. To buy, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 01453 889 988

Extras - Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 13.5x17.5cm (5¼x6¾in)





ReaderSays...



This set would be perfect for my bathroom which is themed around the beach! Every time I look at these designs they remind me of different memories of going on holiday and visiting the seaside.

Carol Vaughan, Rochester

Seaside postcards

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✱ Cross stitch in two strands

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✱ Backstitch in one strand

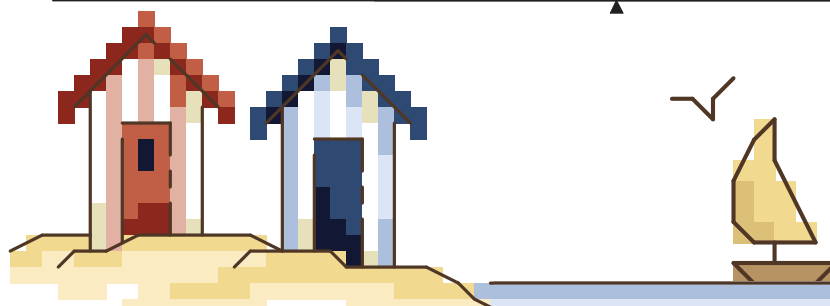
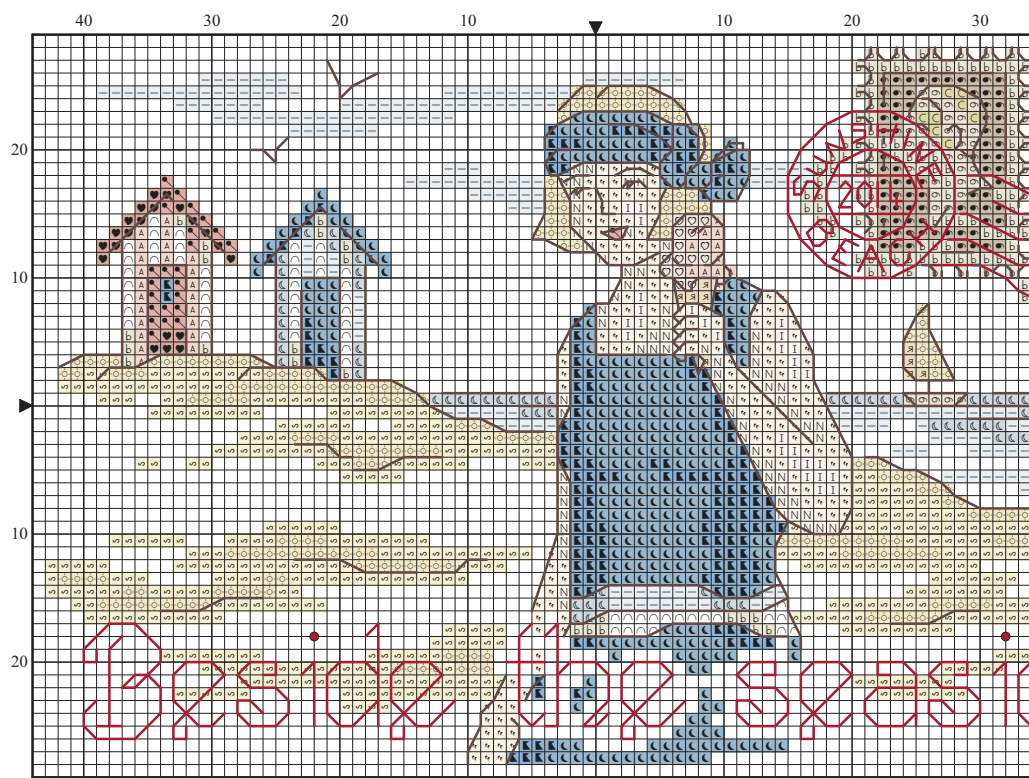
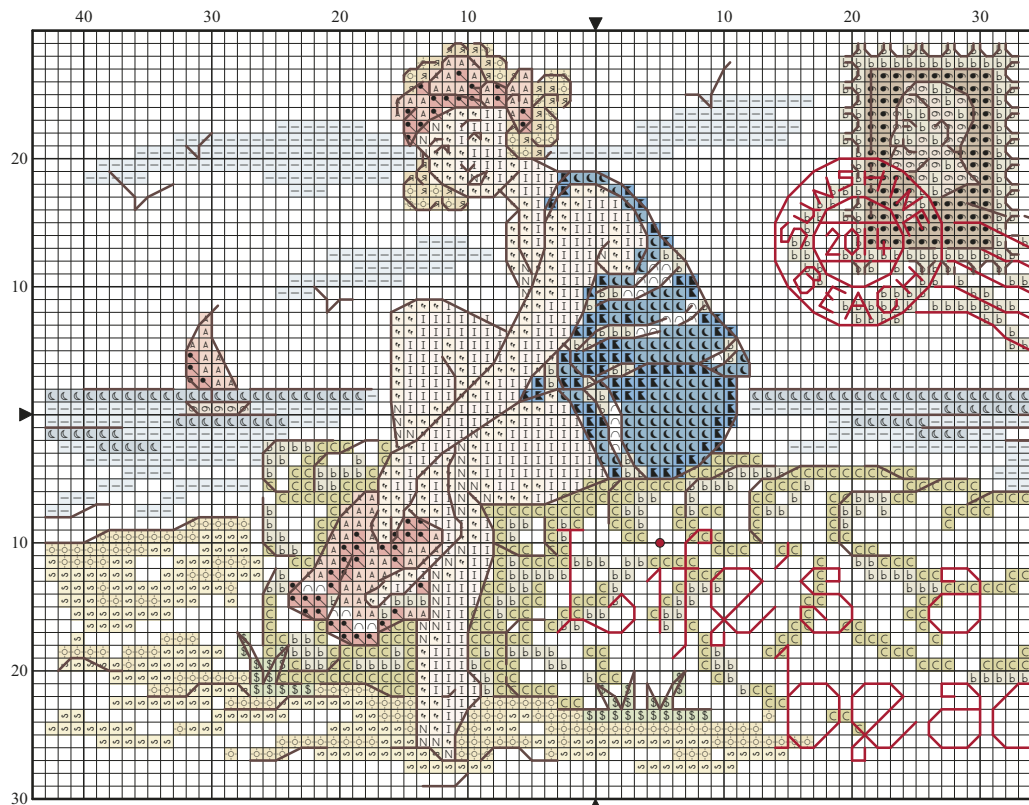
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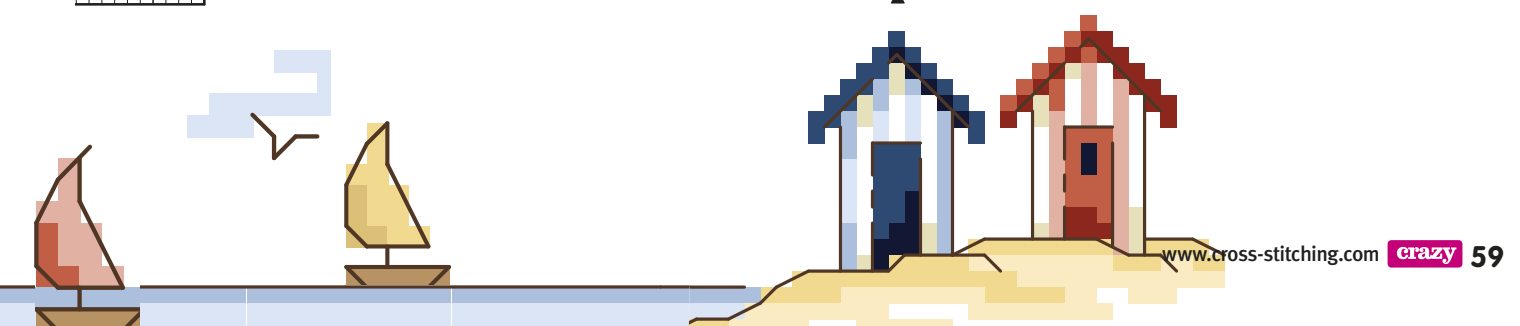
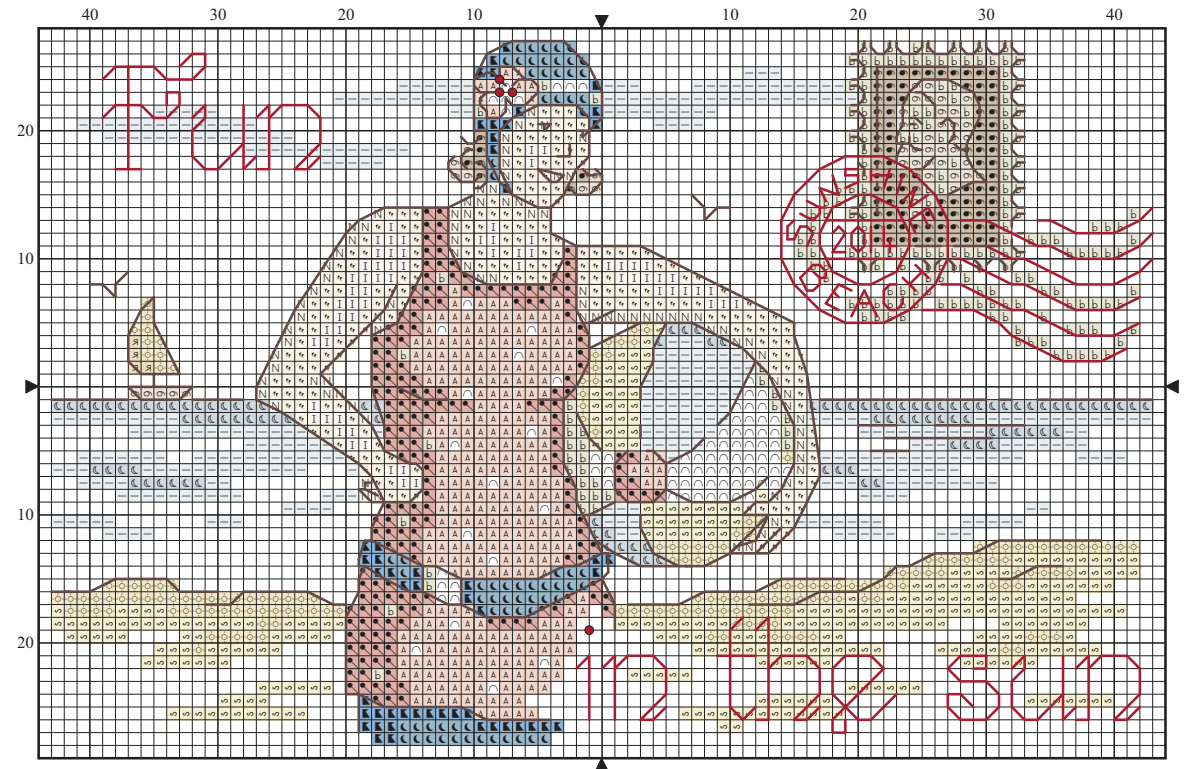
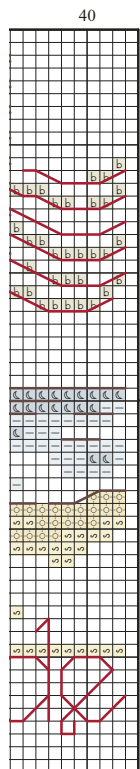
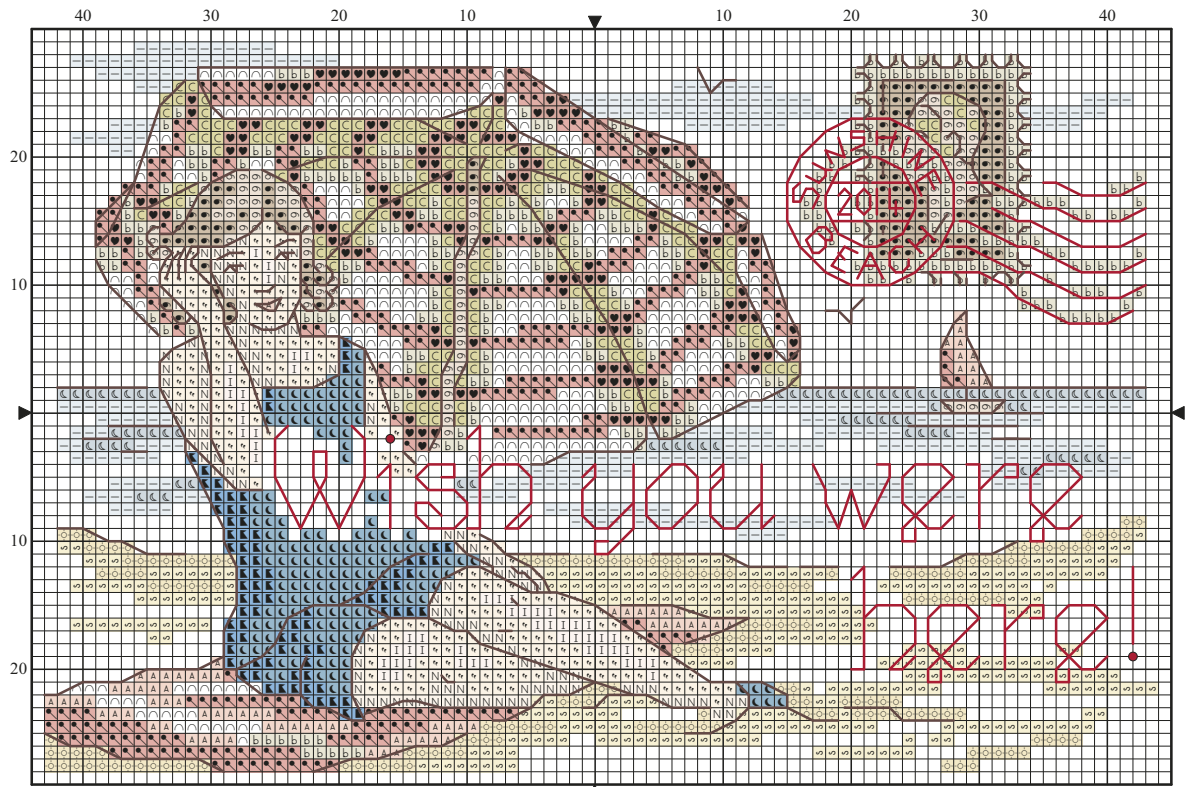
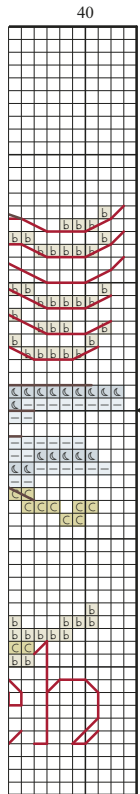
✱ French knots in two strands

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✱ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 48 (h) x 87 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
9x16cm (3½x6¼in)
Stitched by Angela Ottewell





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The twittersphere

Check out what you've been tweeting about this month!



- ▶ Starting my thank you cards for teachers – love these Rhona Norrie designs from 191! @CUFCalways
- ▶ Even more excited than normal to get @Crazy_magazine as my letter with my card got printed. Thanks very much! @xtine_random
- ▶ Flicking through @Crazy_magazine this month to see @mcflymusic's @tommmfly as the celeb stitch! #fan! @DreameesCraft

Facebook chat



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

- ▶ I'll be stitching under a parasol if it's sunny, with my two cats Sweepy and Ollie beside me and my rabbit Flopsy hopping around the garden.

Rosemary Anne Finlinson

- ▶ I love sunbathing but I've found that stitching in your bikini often makes for interesting tan lines!

Nicola Baker

- ▶ Just bought my copy of *Crazy*, saving it for tomorrow when I'm on the ferry to France. Going over for the Le Mans 24 hour race. Also, the ferry gives me stitching time!

Angela Kirtley

Most liked...



This month's most liked photo was *Somebunny to Love* from issue 189, stitched by Dorothy Ann Fenwick. Looks fab!



Download of the month

www.cross-stitching.com

Give an old jacket a new lease of life with this lovely flower brooch – it's free to download from the 'Charts and Patterns' section.



Website of the month

www.sheenarogersdesigns.co.uk

These tiny works of cross stitched art in cushion form never fail to astound us. Check out the Superheroes and Downton Abbey!



Blog of the month

www.sewsweetviolet.blogspot.co.uk

We love this blog by crafter Jooles – filled with inspiring makes and handy tutorials, it'll help you take your stitching to another level!

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Flutter and fly



Oh-so-sweet and simple to stitch, these pretty accessories are a lovely way to decorate little girls' hair
Designed by Susan Bates

Worked on plastic canvas in just a few pastel shades, these designs are a great starter project for kids. They'll love the idea of making something then wearing it, and you can easily adapt the threads to suit your



StitchTime
2-3 hrs
(Each)

StitchList...

Perfect for children

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch

child's favourite colours. Plus, if they're already a confident stitcher, why not use metallic or iridescent threads so they sparkle and shine?

As well as being a quick stitch, these gorgeous creatures are also easy to turn into hair slides. Cut out the finished design leaving a one square border, then simply place your hair grip down the centre. ●

ShoppingList...

Threads - Stranded cotton 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 ☎ 01373 454 448

Extras - Hair grips of choice from high street shops



YvetteSays...



How cute are these hair clips? I don't think I'm young enough to get away

with wearing these, but I know plenty of little girls who would look so sweet with these winged beauties in their hair!

Yvette Streeter,
Production Editor,
Cross Stitch Crazy

Crazy tip!

Use an emery board to smooth off any rough edges after cutting out the canvas

Hair grips

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

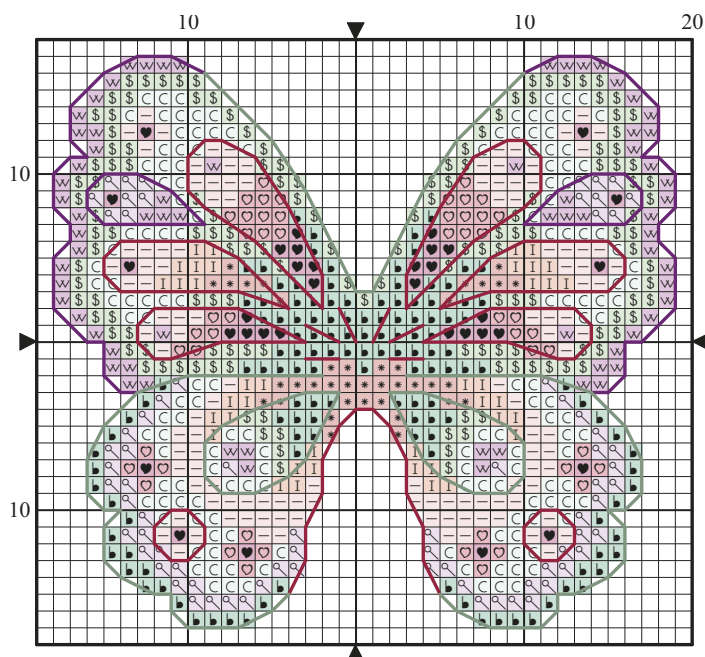
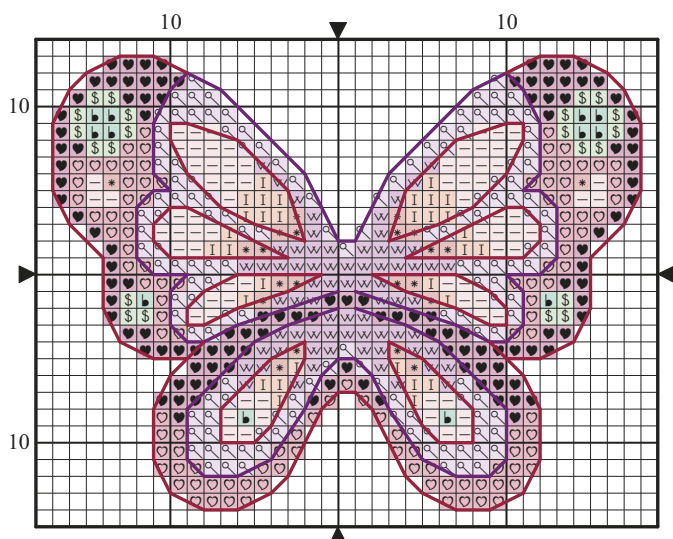
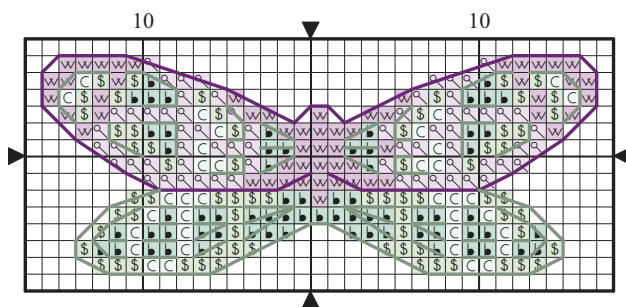
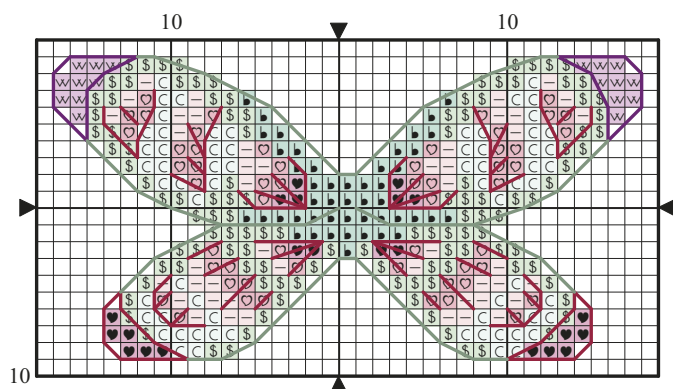
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603	55	505
747	158	1104
760	1022	405
958	187	1114
963	73	502
964	185	1112
3804	62	702
3832	38	604

✕ Backstitch in one strand

550	102	714
815	44	513
3847	189	1204

✕ Whole stitches only

Max. stitch count 34 (h) x 37 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
6x6.5cm (2½x2½in)
Stitched by Lisa Draycott



Crazy Kids Stitching

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



You are a winner!
Elara
from
Lincolnshire

"This is my parrot picture from Lucie Heaton's Crazy for Tropical Birds in issue 76. I did the whole stitches myself and mummy did the backstitch for me."

I'm a
**Crazy
kid
stitcher**

If you're a young stitcher, we want to know why you started stitching, what you're stitching now and who you stitch for. Simply fill in the coupon below and send us a photo of yourself and your stitching. If you're our Crazy kid stitcher, you'll receive a handy pair of Fiskars Hobby Scissors!

Name and address:

Postcode:

I am years old

I'm a kid that's crazy about stitching and here's why...

Please ask your parent or guardian to sign here:

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I hope you know...

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CUT OUT
AND KEEP



Quirky quotes



They say a picture's worth a thousand words, so send a message to your loved ones using these fun greetings!

Designed by Durene Jones

...how much I love you!

You make me...

2

I'll never be...

3



...feel so special



...too buzzy to see you!

Cut-out&Keep



StitchTime
4-5 hrs
(Each)

Quick and
easy to stitch
one a night!



StitchList...

Perfect for beginners

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Backstitch

ShoppingList...

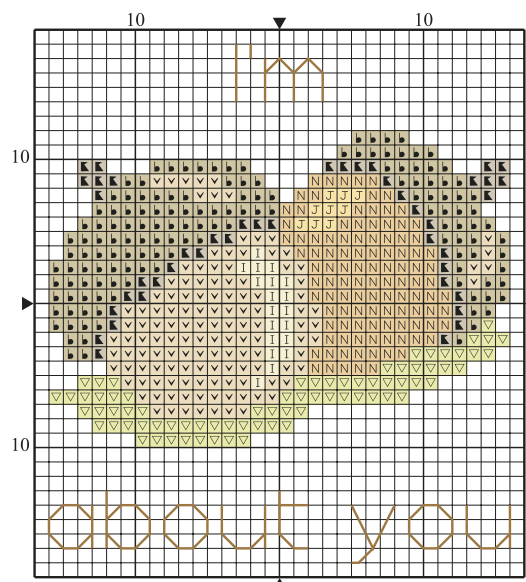
Threads - Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle - Size 24 tapestry needle

Fabric - A piece of 14-count white aida measuring 10x10cm (4x4in) for each design. To buy, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call ☎ 01453 889 988

Extras - 13cm (5in) white cards with scalloped edges from local craft stores

1



I'm nuts about you

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

✕ Cross stitch in two strands ✕ Cross stitch in two strands

■	420	374	2104	N	977	1002	2302
▼	422	943	2102	▼	3819	279	1610
I	677	886	2207	✕ Backstitch in one strand			
J	728	305	107	—	869	375	2105
■	869	375	2105	✕ Whole stitches only			

Stitch count 36 (h) x 32 (w)
Design area 14-count fabric 6.5x6cm (2½x2½in)

3



You're the bee's knees

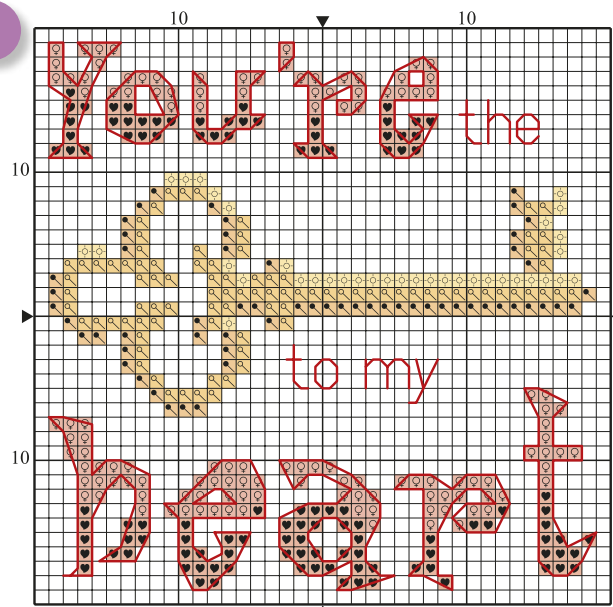
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✕ Cross stitch in two strands ✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	B5200	1	2401	■	741	304	202
■	310	403	2400	◐	828	975	1101
■	420	374	2104	✕ Backstitch in one strand			
A	605	1094	613	—	310	403	2400
◐	725	305	113	✕ Whole stitches only			

Stitch count 38 (h) x 38 (w)
Design area 14-count fabric 7x7cm (2¾x2¾in)

2



You're the key to my heart

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

✕ Cross stitch in two strands ✕ Cross stitch in two strands

♥	350	11	213	■	972	298	107
♀	351	10	214	✕ Backstitch in one strand			
◐	725	305	113	—	321	9046	510
■	741	304	202	✕ Whole stitches only			

Stitch count 38 (h) x 38 (w)
Design area 14-count fabric 7x7cm (2¾x2¾in)

Me and you are...

4



...birds of a feather

A huge thanks...

5



...for always being there

I'm so lucky...

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...to have found you!

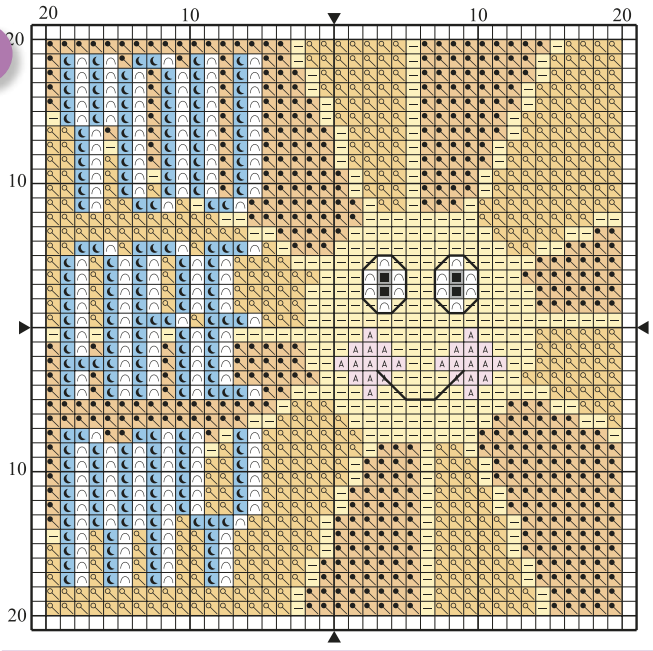
Happy birthday...

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...to my best friend!

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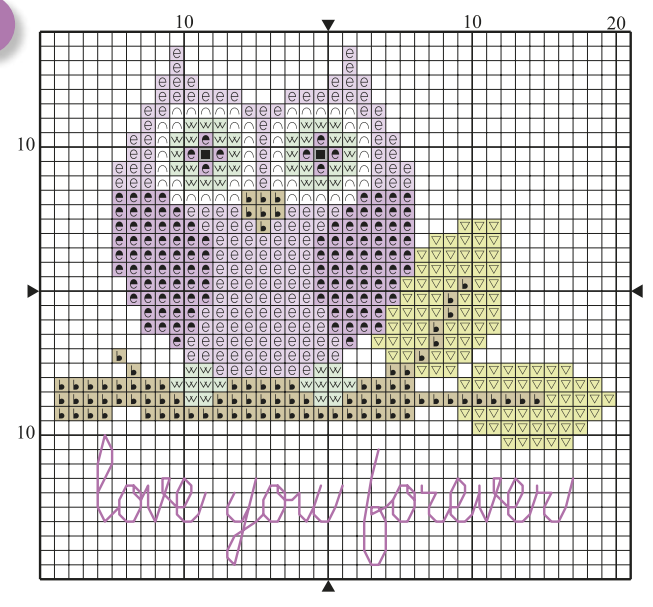


You are my sunshine

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	DMC	Anchor	Madeira
✕ Cross stitch in two strands	✕ Cross stitch in two strands					
∩ B5200	1	2401	972	298	107	
■ 310	403	2400	995	410	1102	
A 605	1094	613	✕ Backstitch in one strand			
— 726	295	109	— 310	403	2400	
741	304	202	✕ Whole stitches only			

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

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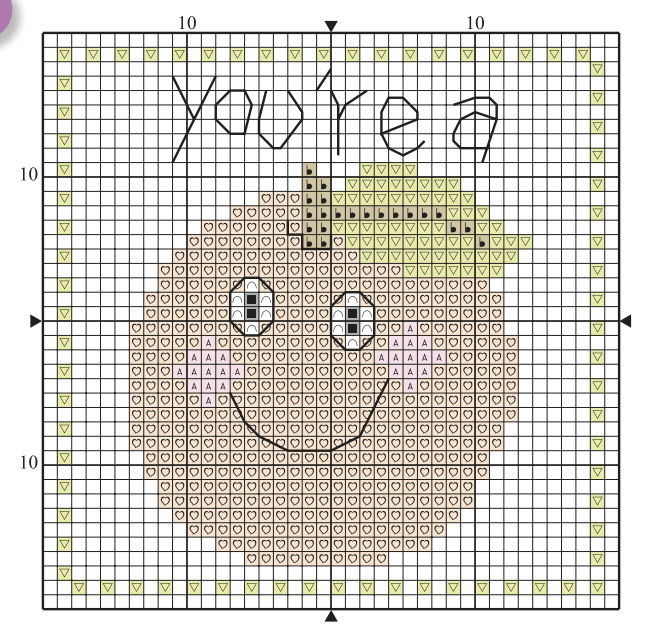


Owl love you forever

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	DMC	Anchor	Madeira
✕ Cross stitch in two strands	✕ Cross stitch in two strands					
∩ B5200	1	2401	964	185	1112	
● 208	99	804	3819	279	1610	
e 209	98	803	✕ Backstitch in one strand			
■ 310	403	2400	— 208	99	804	
420	374	2104	✕ Whole stitches only			

Stitch count 36 (h) x 39 (w)
Design area 14-count fabric 6.5x7cm (2¹/₂x2³/₄in)

7

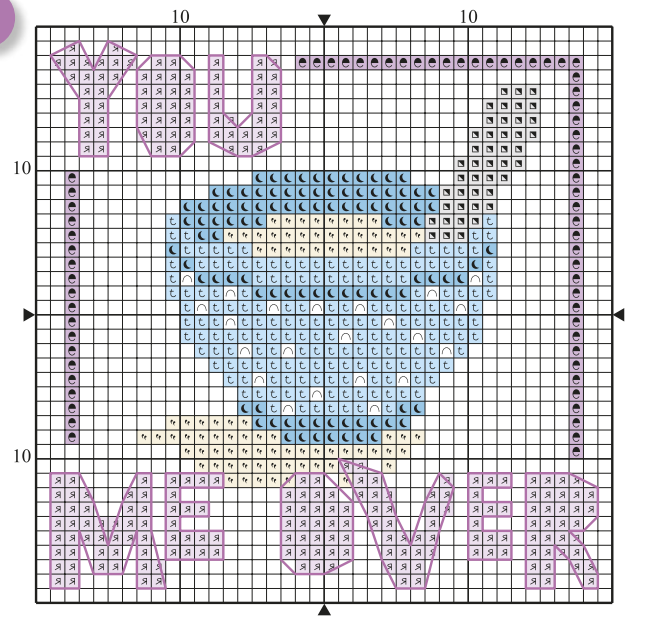


You're a peach

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	DMC	Anchor	Madeira
✕ Cross stitch in two strands	✕ Cross stitch in two strands					
∩ B5200	1	2401	3825	336	302	
■ 310	403	2400	✕ Backstitch in one strand			
420	374	2104	— 310	403	2400	
A 605	1094	613	✕ Whole stitches only			
3819	279	1610				

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

6



You bowl me over

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	DMC	Anchor	Madeira
✕ Cross stitch in two strands	✕ Cross stitch in two strands					
∩ B5200	1	2401	995	410	1102	
● 208	99	804	t 996	433	1103	
Я 210	108	802	✕ Backstitch in one strand			
415	398	1802	— 208	99	804	
739	366	2014	✕ Whole stitches only			

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

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Track it Down



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

Regal stitch

I know I've seen a design somewhere of Henry VIII and his wives, with Henry in the centre and three wives on either side of him, but I can't seem to find it anywhere! Can you help me out please, Sherlock Anne?

Sally Musgrove, Hampshire



Don't worry, Sally – I know just the kit you're after! It's called Henry VIII and is designed by Karen Taylerson for DMC. Just as you remembered, King Henry is the focal point in the middle and his wives stand either side, each one with their name backstitched above them so you know which one is which. Worked on 16-count aida to really capture all those fabulous details, the design measures 35.5x43cm (14x17in) when stitched. The complete kit costs £32.99 – for stockists, call ☎ 0116 275 4000 or visit www.dmc-creative.co.uk.

Sew pretty

I'm a big fan of Cath Kidston prints. Do you know of any cross stitch kits featuring her lovely designs?

Jenny Royle, Islington

Cath Kidston hasn't released any cross stitch kits but she does have a fantastic book called *Stitch!* It features 30 beautiful charts based on her popular vintage-style prints, as well as all the materials you need to make a cute needlecase. Visit www.amazon.co.uk to buy it for £6.21. Also, our sister title *Your Handmade Home* featured a sweet scented heart designed by Cath (the main cover image) in issue 5, along with more projects to stitch, crochet, knit and craft for your home! It's still available to buy as a back issue for £7.99, so log on to www.subscribeonline.co.uk/magazinespecials or contact ☎ 0844 844 0388 to order today.



Track it down for me...

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

The design I want and why

.....

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My name and address.....

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Email

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

Pick up a penguin

My friend absolutely loves penguins so I'd like to stitch her a birthday card with one on, but as it's in September, every chart I've found is too festive. Have you ever seen anything that might be suitable, Anne?

Zoe Lyon, Bedfordshire

That's quite a tricky request, Zoe, but one I can definitely help out with! My favourite design is by Tiny Needle, featuring the phrase 'Give me your ice-cream!' and, aside from the snowflakes on the jumper, I wouldn't say it's too festive. Plus, it's easy to give



the little penguin a plain or striped jumper to make it even less wintry. The chart costs £2.43 and is available to download as a PDF from www.tinyneedle.etsy.com.

Precious memories

My dad's kept racing pigeons since he was a kid, but he's recently had to rehome them as he's not well enough to look after them anymore. Can you find me a design of a pigeon to stitch to help him remember the happy days he spent with his birds please, Sherlock Anne?

Sheila Mulaney, County Durham

What a lovely idea, Sheila. Crafts Unlimited sell a range of animal portraits, including this Pigeon kit which costs £12. The design measures 20.5x20cm (8¼x8in) when stitched on the 16-count



aida included, and as it's worked in whole stitches and backstitch only, it shouldn't take too long to come together. You can also purchase the chart on its own for £4 if you already have threads and fabric – call ☎ 01375 677 941 or visit www.crafts-unlimited.co.uk to buy.

Slapstick pic

Can you tell me where I can get the design of Charlie Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy and other comic legends that was stitched by Claire Young and featured on your Letters page in issue 177, please? Also, I'd love to know if you have ever featured Charlie Chaplin as a Celeb stitch.

Ms Fletcher, West Midlands

This kit was from Anchor and is called Hollywood Comedy. It's been discontinued as there were problems with the rights, but there's still stock available to buy from The Sewing Cafe – be quick though, as it may not be around for long! It costs £31.62 and you can order from www.sewingcafe.co.uk or call ☎ 01892 671 103.

We featured Charlie Chaplin as the Celeb stitch in issue 167, but unfortunately this is no longer available to buy as a back issue. I'd



recommend posting a request on our Facebook page or in the forum at Cross-stitching.com though, as I'm sure someone will lend you a copy you can stitch him from.

Chart choice

This month: *Autumn*

Celebrate the wonders of autumn with our pick of the best designs to fall for!

Fruity pick

£4, September by Nia Rhind
www.nia-crossstitch.com ☎ 01792 897 695

As well as designs featuring the four seasons, Nia Cross Stitch has created a range of charts for every month of the year. September is bursting with delicious red apples just begging to be stitched and, once you're finished, make sure you check out the other 11 designs, too!

Ed's Choice



Autumn day

£6, Autumn Gold by Cinnamon Cat
www.lucywinter.co.uk ☎ 0800 612 2996

With a friendly scarecrow, bundles of corn, two big pumpkins and leaves blowing about in the wind, there's certainly no mistaking which season it is in this design from Cinnamon Cat! You'll use 16 different shades of bold, vibrant threads to bring this colourful piece to life in a variety of stitches.



Seasonal snapshot

£6.53, Cottage in Autumn by Ellen Maurer-Stroh
www.sewandso.co.uk ☎ 01453 889 988

Sneak a peek through this colourful wreath of autumn's finest flowers and fruit, and you'll spot the kind of idyllic country cottage we all dream of living in. It's recommended that you stitch this gorgeous chart on linen to show off your design to its full potential.



Fallen treasure

£3.03, Autumn Maple Leaf by By The Linden Tree
www.bythelindentree.etsy.com

Worked in whole stitches, backstitch and quarter stitches, this striking project will be done in no time at all. Stitch it as a card for an autumn birthday, or hang a row of leaves on ribbon to make a garland for your home.



Tasty treat

As a keen cook and stitcher, I've been looking for a kitchen conversion chart to stitch so I can combine my two favourite hobbies! Can you help me, Anne?

Andrea Waring, Romsey

I'm afraid I haven't been able to find an example of a stitched kitchen conversion chart, but if you're feeling brave you could create your own sampler! Go to www.stitchpoint.com and you can use the cross stitch writing tool to

create a free chart with the wording you would like. To make it more interesting, why not buy Maria Diaz's *Kitchen* book (far left) and stitch your favourite designs as a border around the wording? It'd look lovely in a frame! To buy this book for £8.99, visit her website at www.mariadiazdesigns.com.

Or, if you'd prefer to stitch a ready-made kitchen sampler, I'm sure you'll love Kitchen Shelf (left) from Anchor. The colourful kit costs £32.75 and you can find a local stockist at www.makeitcoats.com or call ☎ 01484 681 881.

ChartChallenge

Busy bee

Can you chart me a beekeeper please, Lucie? My brother used to keep bees and I'd love to be able to make him a card.

Mrs Sloane, West Wittering

How interesting! Here you go.

Lucie

Beekeeper

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	blanc	2	2402
■	414	235	1714
■	415	398	1802
*	762	234	1804
\$	912	209	1213
•	948	892	306

✳ Backstitch in one strand

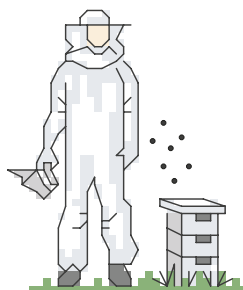
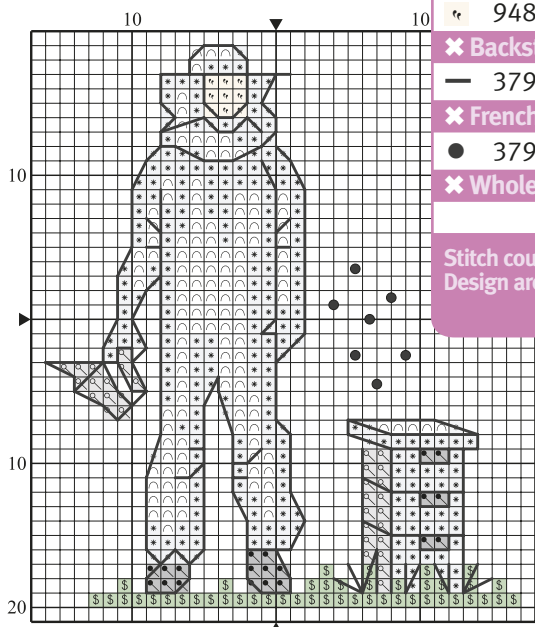
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✳ French knots in one strand

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✳ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 39 (h) x 33 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7x6cm (2³/₄x2¹/₄in)



Challenge Lucie



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

Man on mower

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

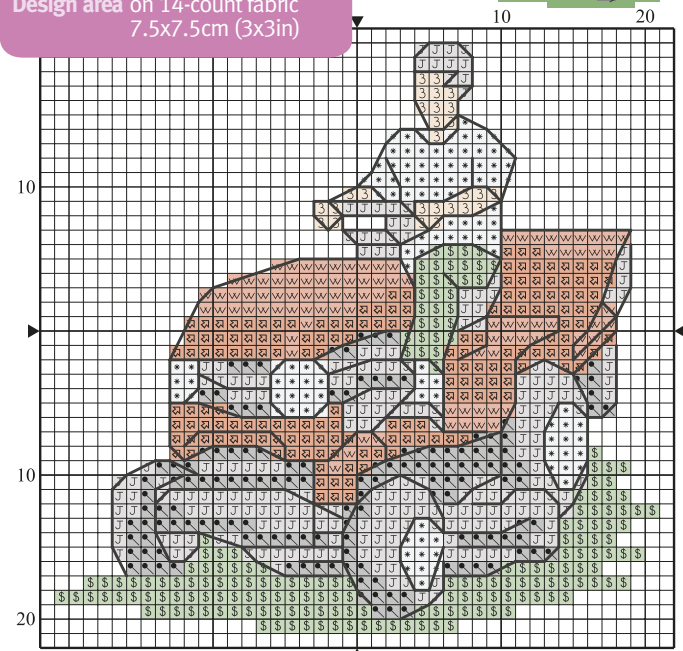
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✳ Backstitch in one strand

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✳ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 41 (h) x 42 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7.5x7.5cm (3x3in)



A cut above

Please could you chart me a man sitting on a ride-on mower, Lucie? My son-in-law spends most Fridays during the cricket season cutting the field at our local cricket club, so I'd love to stitch him a card to show how much his hard work is appreciated.

Margaret Thornley, Manchester

What a lovely gesture, Margaret!
Lucie



Diesel train

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✳ Cross stitch in two strands

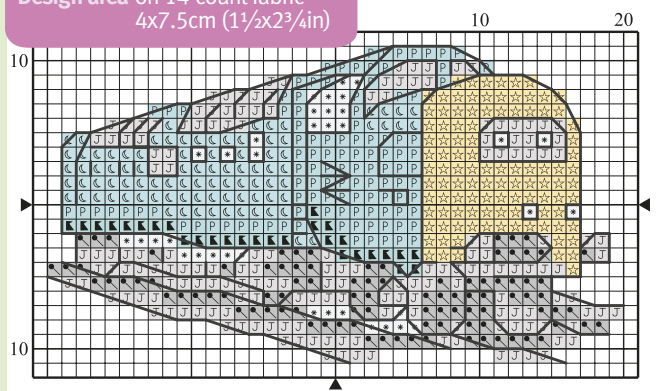
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■	414	235	1714
☆	725	305	113
*	762	234	1804
■	3844	1089	1102
P	3845	433	1103
■	3846	1090	1105

✳ Backstitch in one strand

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✳ Whole stitches only

Stitch count 22 (h) x 40 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
4x7.5cm (1¹/₂x2³/₄in)

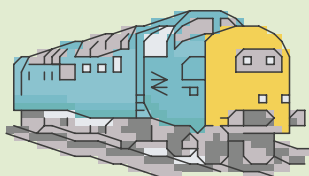


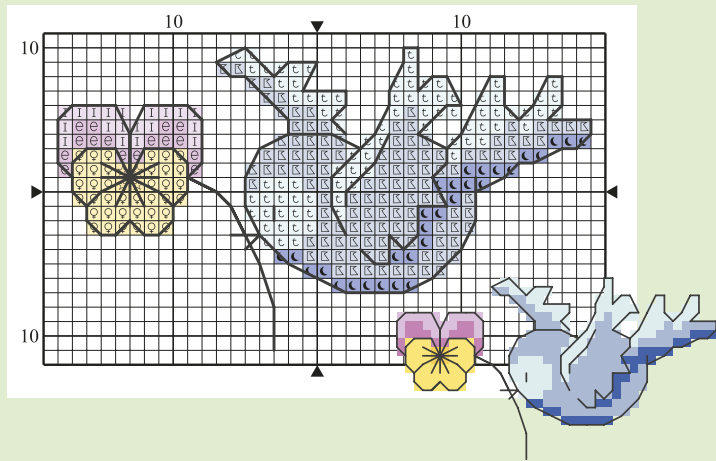
On track

My partner is a model rail fan so I'd like to stitch him a train as a surprise, but as he prefers diesels it's been hard finding a design. Could you chart a diesel train for me, Lucie?

Loren Fisher, Derbyshire

Of course, Loren!
Lucie





In memory

My family and I lost my papa, and all remember him for his love of pansies and bluebirds. Could you chart a little bluebird holding a purple and yellow pansy so I can stitch it in his memory?

Ashley Leonard, Pennsylvania, USA

I hope this mini design is what you were looking for, Ashley.
Lucie

Bluebird & pansies

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

I	210	108	802
e	553	98	712
☆	725	305	113
♀	726	295	109
☾	798	131	912
☼	799	145	910
t	800	144	908

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

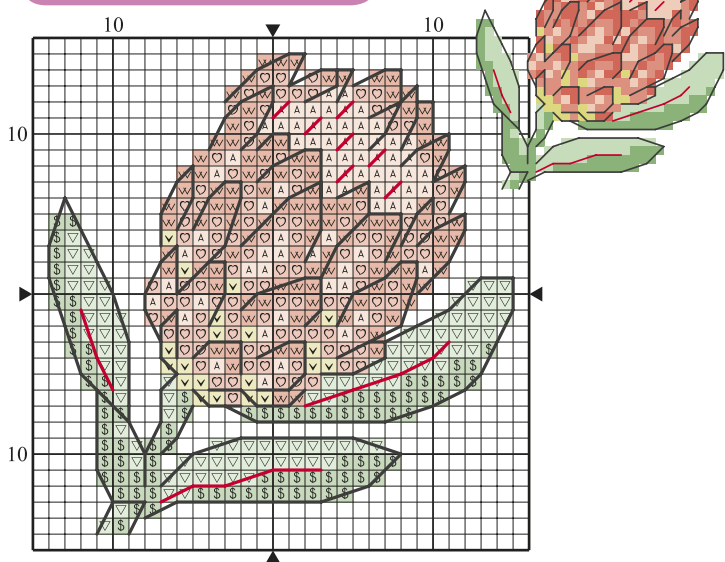
Stitch count 21 (h) x 37 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
4x7cm (1½x2½in)

Fab flower

I'd love a chart of a protea, the flower from South Africa. My son is getting married soon and the theme for the wedding is South Africa, so it'd make an ideal card.

Mrs MJ Porter, Surrey

This is such an unusual flower, it's a pleasure to chart it!
Lucie



ChartChallenge

Morris dancer

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

○	blanc	2	2402
■	349	1098	212
■	414	235	1714
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■	739	366	2014
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■	948	892	306

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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✕ Whole stitches only

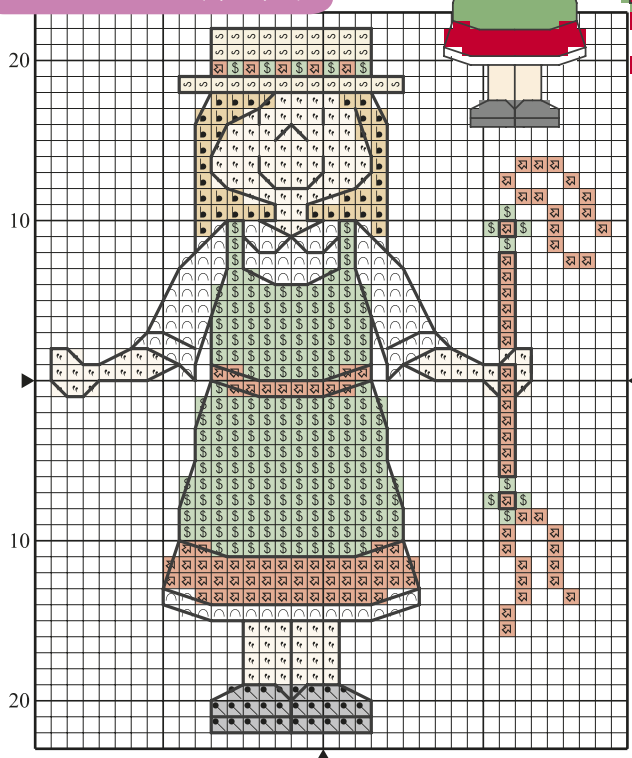
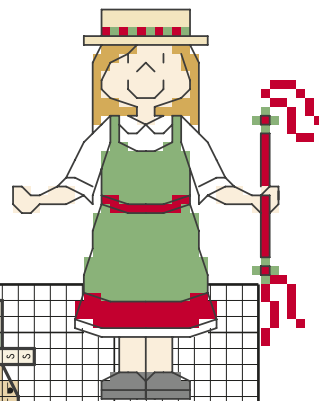
Stitch count 44 (h) x 35 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
8x6.5cm (3¼x2½in)

Just for you

My daughter does Morris dancing and I'd like to make her a special birthday card. Could you please chart me a female Morris dancer, Lucie?

Mrs K Thomas, Cheshire

One dancer, ready for stitching!
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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"Welcome to cross stitch! You'll soon learn how it's done – my guide here tells you everything you need to know to get started"

With Anne MacGregor

How to use our charts and keys

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



Perfect for beginners

Small, quick-to-stitch designs, such as the lemon tea 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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Abyssinian 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

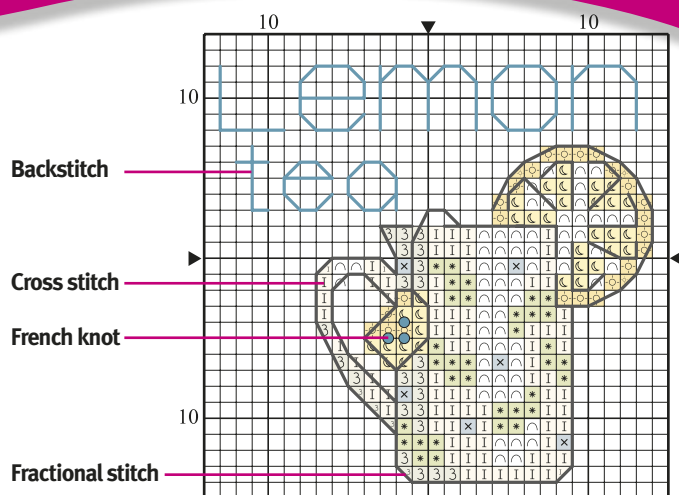
► The centre of most cross stitch charts is specially marked. This is the best place to start stitching, so you end up with the design stitched in the middle of the fabric. The centre of our charts is where the heavy vertical and horizontal lines intersect. To find the centre of your fabric, fold it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



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

Lemon tea

▼ DMC ▼ Anchor ▼ Madeira

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

∩	B5200	1	2401
3	644	830	1814
I	712	926	2101
☉	725	305	113
☾	727	293	112
×	813	140	910
*	3348	264	1409

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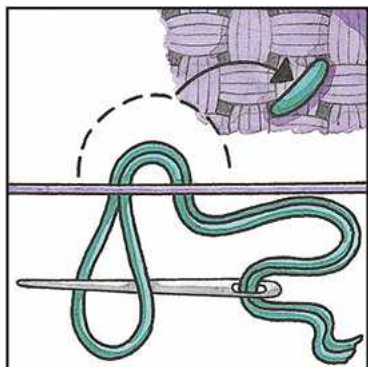
The three main brands of thread we use. The first column is always the one that we've used to stitch the design

Thread number represented by the symbol

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

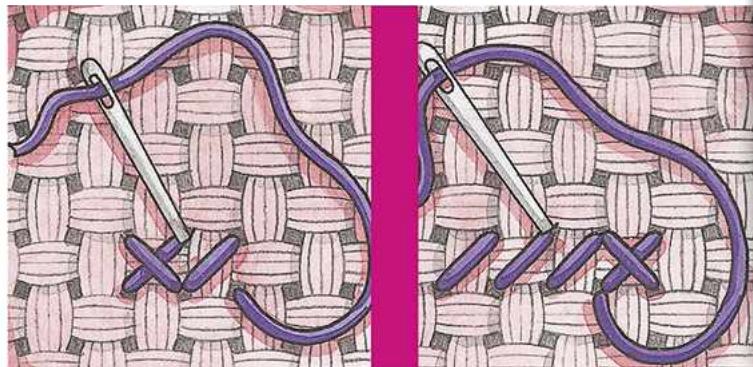
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Starting your thread

► 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.

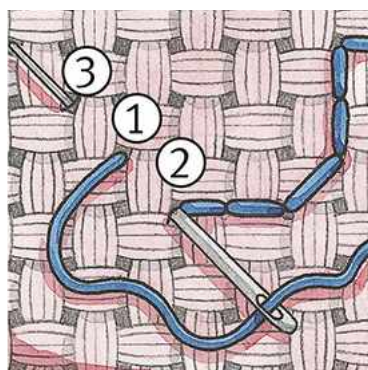


Cross stitch

► 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.

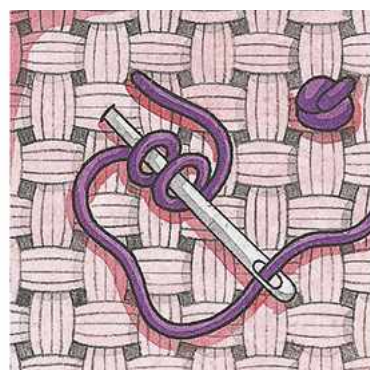
TIP Work each stitch in the same order so the top arms of your cross stitches lie in the same direction.

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.



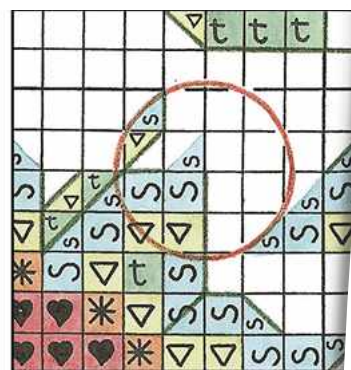
Backstitch

► 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.



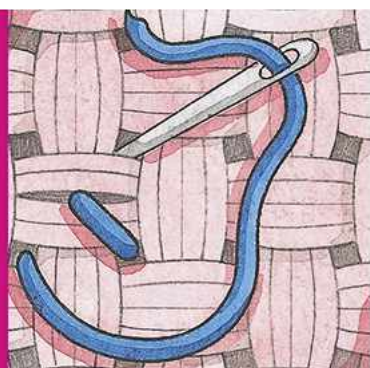
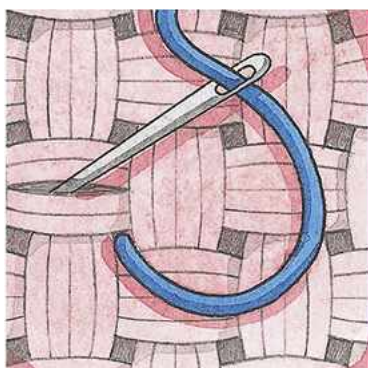
French knots

► 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

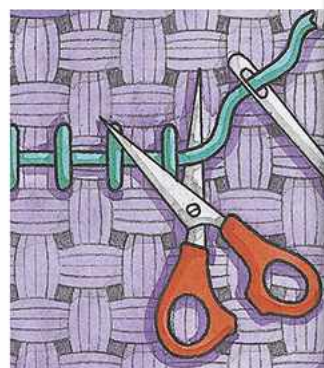
► A fractional stitch is represented on a chart by a smaller version of the main symbol, in a corner of the square. It will show you which corner the fractional stitch should occupy. Quarter and three-quarter stitches are shown in the same way on your chart.



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



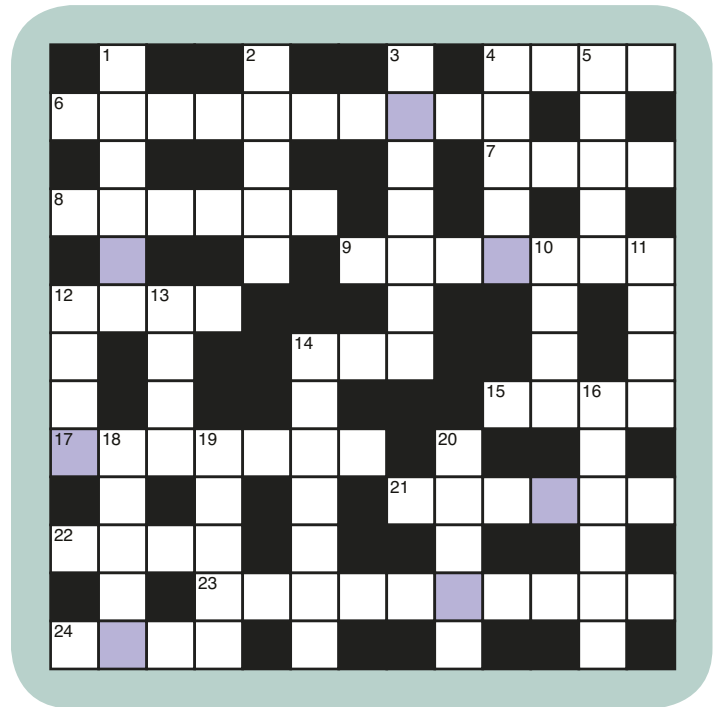
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TEXT
your
entry!*



Across

- 4) Finely minced meat spread (4)
- 6) Large tubular pasta cylinders (10)
- 7) Citrus rind (4)
- 8) Nut used to make amaretti biscuits (6)
- 9) Kitchen appliance used to cook vegetables (7)
- 12) Repeated sound (4)
- 14) Counter at which drinks are served (3)
- 15) Flower with prickly stems (4)
- 17) Dish made with flat wide strips of pasta (7)
- 21) Mild onion-flavoured herb (6)
- 22) Italian word for hello or goodbye (4)
- 23) White rubbery-textured cheese (10)
- 24) Famous Italian leaning tower (4)

Down

- 1) Ingredient of pesto sauce (6)
- 2) Small pasta tubes with diagonally cut ends (5)
- 3) Kitchen device that heats and browns bread (7)
- 4) Open crust covered with cheese and various toppings (5)
- 5) Appreciation of food flavours (5)
- 10) Reminder note (4)
- 11) Italian capital (4)
- 12) Noble rank (4)
- 13) --- d'oeuvre, appetizer course (4)
- 14) Spectacular windfall (7)
- 16) Shape formed by conchiglie pasta (6)
- 18) Excuse, pleas of innocence (5)
- 19) Pleasant smell (5)
- 20) Milk container (5)

Celeb wordsearch solution

The missing word is
Football

The Buttons... Bev, Nev and co will have you in stitches!

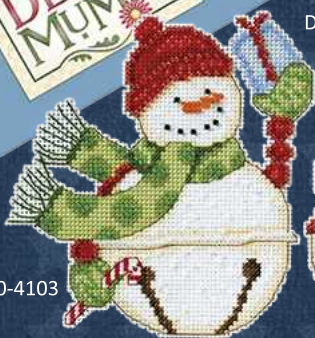


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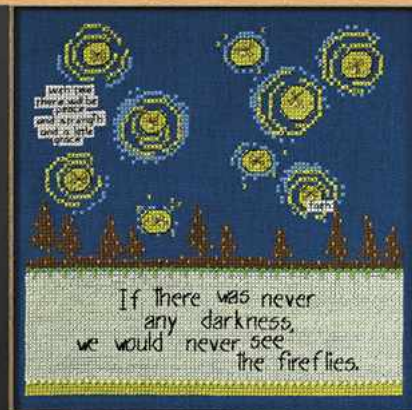
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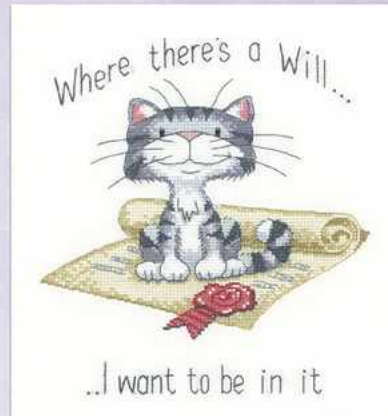
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