

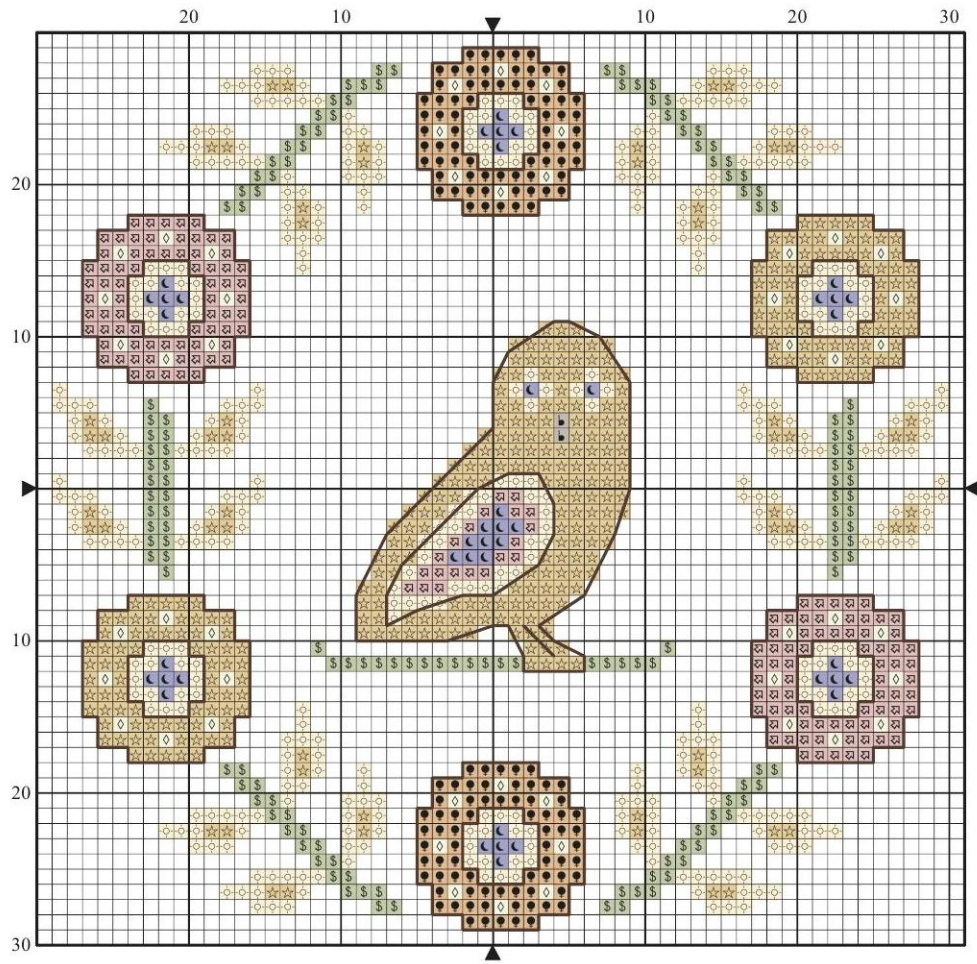
Shopping list

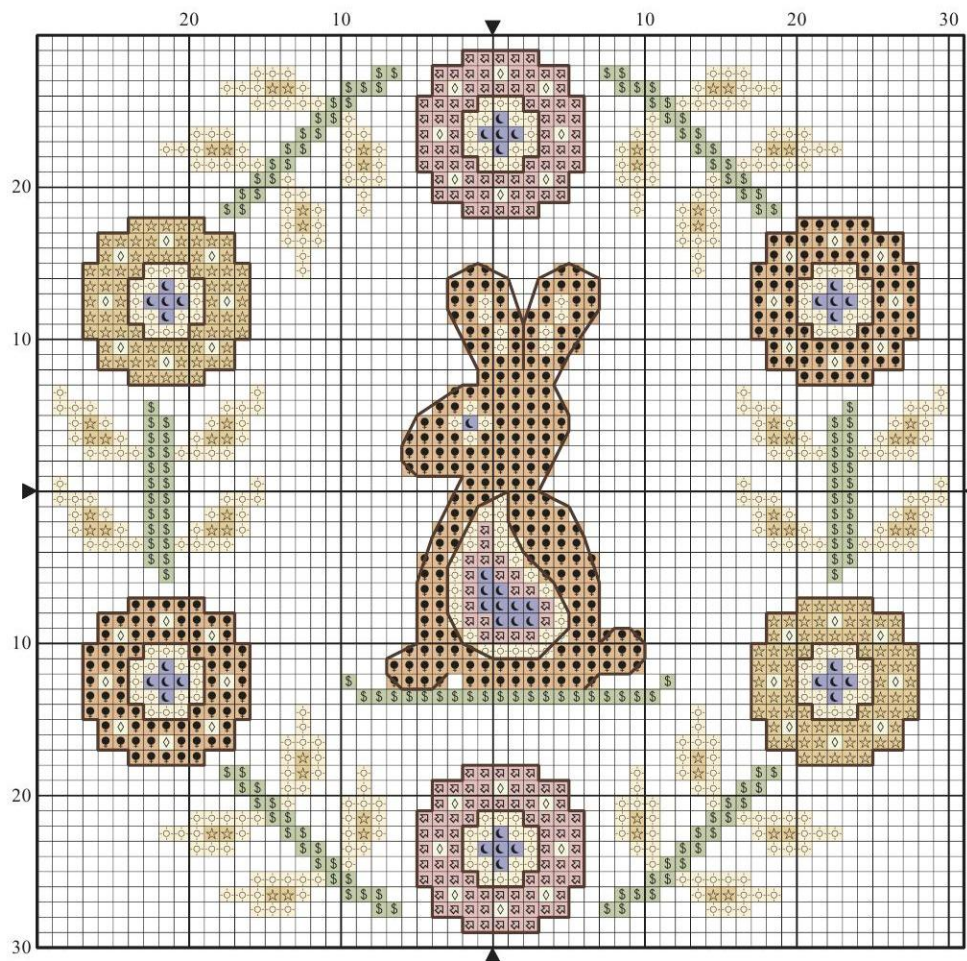
- ✕ Zweigart* 14-count navy (589) aida measuring 25x25cm (9¾x9¾in) for each design
 - ✕ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
 - ✕ Size 24 tapestry needle
 - ✕ Wooden embroidery hoop with a diameter measuring 12.5cm (5in) for each design.
- Plus navy felt for backing, ribbon to hang and lace trim of your choice for decorating, all from local stores

Thread & fabric cost
Approximately £14

*For stockists see page 90

TOP TIP
 For a more delicate finish, try stitching these designs on coloured evenweave – the small sizes will make it a good introduction if you're a beginner!

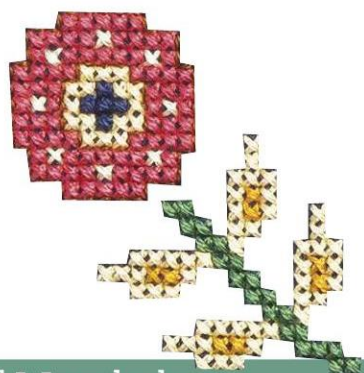




Louise READER PANEL



“Stitching these designs on coloured aida is a fantastic idea – they’re so striking! I love the solid, block shapes. They’d make a great present for a friend and I think they’d also look great hanging in a teenager’s bedroom. I love the wooden hoops, too.”



Woodland Wreaths key

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

| | DMC | Anchor | Madeira | |
|---|------|--------|---------|----------------|
| ☾ | 336 | 149 | 1007 | navy blue |
| ■ | 433 | 357 | 2602 | brown |
| § | 505 | 210 | 1312 | green |
| ● | 720 | 326 | 309 | orange |
| ○ | 745 | 300 | 111 | yellow |
| ◇ | 772 | 259 | 1604 | light green |
| ☆ | 783 | 306 | 2509 | gold |
| ☞ | 3832 | 38 | 604 | raspberry pink |

✕ Backstitch in one strand

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|---|-----|-----|------|-------|
| — | 433 | 357 | 2602 | brown |
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STITCH COUNT 58 high x 59 wide

DESIGN AREA 14HPI (28-count evenweave) – 10.5x10.5cm (4¼x4¼in)

These designs were stitched using DMC stranded cotton

How to...

use a hoop as a simple frame

1 For simple designs like these, we think there’s no better option for framing than to pop them back inside your embroidery hoop! When stitched on 14-count aida (or 28-count evenweave), they fit nicely inside a 12.5cm (5in) hoop.

2 First of all, using sharp scissors, trim your stitched piece so that it has a diameter measuring 16cm (6½in) – a couple of centimetres larger than the size of the hoop. Use a pair of compasses and tailor’s chalk to draw out the circle first, if you’re worried about cutting neatly.

3 Pop your stitching tightly in the hoop with the screw at the top. Use running stitch and matching thread to sew around the fabric edge at the back.

4 Make a cover for the back of your design by cutting a circle of navy felt to the same size as the inner hoop. Hand-stitch this felt disc onto the gathered edges of your aida. Thread a ribbon through to hang, and decorate with a lace bow!

