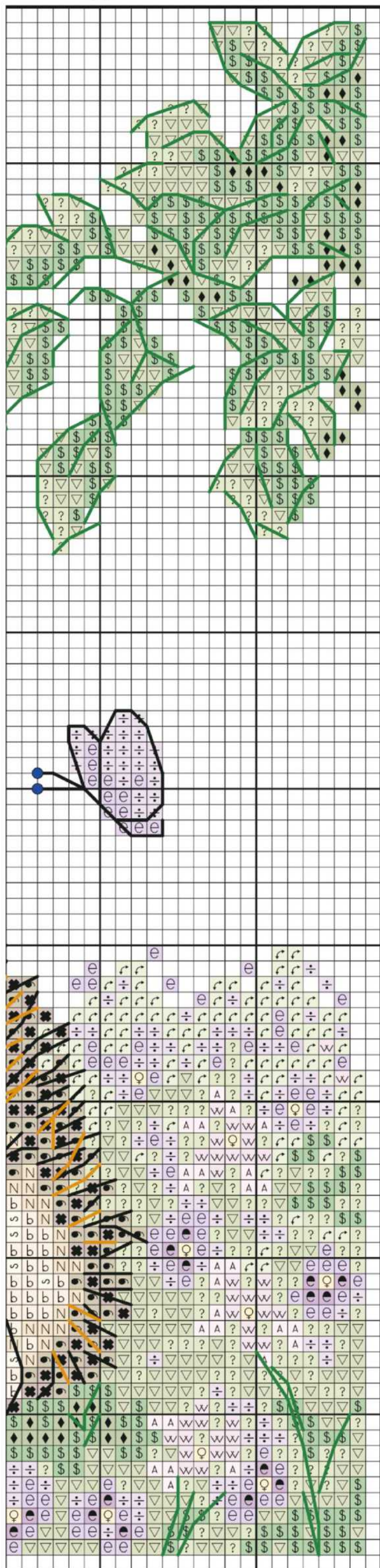


Deer & Hedgehog chart (left)



Deer & Hedgehog chart (right)

Shopping list

- ✕ Zweigart* 14-count white aida measuring 28x34cm (11x13¼in)
- ✕ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✕ Size 24 tapestry needle
- ✕ Backing fabric of your choice from local stores
- ✕ Stretched canvas measuring 23x30cm (9x11¾in)

Thread & fabric cost
Approximately £32

*For stockists see page 90



TOP TIP

Use a crewel needle to do the fractionals, as it can help to pierce the aida blocks

How to...

make a fabric bordered canvas

1 Trim your stitching, leaving a 1cm (½in) border.

2 Cut two panels of backing fabric measuring 20x10cm (7¾x4in) and pin in place at the sides of the stitching, right sides together. Machine-sew along the very edges of the design border, then press open the seams.

3 Cut two more panels to 44x10cm (17¼x4in) and place along the top and bottom of the stitching. Pin, sew and press the seams open, the same as on the side panels.

4 Find the centre of your canvas and your stitching, then use a pin to push through both. Trim your fabric, leaving a 5cm (2in) border around the edge of the frame.

5 Staple the fabric to the back of the canvas, starting at the centre of each side and then working your way towards the corners. Make sure you keep the fabric taut.

6 To finish the corners, grip your stitched piece and pull it towards the opposite corner. This will create two flaps of fabric on either side. Fold each of these in towards the point and staple into place.



“Lilac is my niece’s favourite colour and I just know she’ll love these charming creatures. I’m also really excited to try the making up technique – displaying my work on canvas will be very exciting!”

EMILY, DESIGNER

