

Shopping list

- ★ **FABRIC** a piece of white jobelan measuring 37x36cm (15x14¹/₂in)
- ★ **THREADS** stranded cotton, listed in the key
- ★ **NEEDLES** size 24 tapestry needle
- ★ **FRAME** of your choice with a minimum aperture of 21x20cm (8¹/₄x7³/₄in)
- ★ **TOTAL COST** £18 (excluding frame)

MANDARIN DUCK KEY

Anchor	DMC	Madeira		
★ Cross stitch in two strands				
1	B5200	2402	• •	white
129	157	0907	∩ ∩	light blue (2 skeins)
146	797	0912	♣ ♣	blue
240	3348	1414	♂ ♂	light green (2 skeins)
258	905	1412	• •	green (2 skeins)
269	935	1505	● ●	dark green
332	608	0206	♠ ♠	orange
338	356	0402	♥ ♥	red brown
357	300	2007	♣ ♣	brown
387	ecru	2404	∞ ∞	cream
392	3782	1906	▽ ▽	light brown
397	3024	1902	◇ ◇	light grey
398	415	1802	N N	grey
400	413	1713	♣ ♣	dark grey
403	310	2400	■ ■	black
433	996	1103	♀ ♀	bright blue
871	3041	0806	▼ ▼	mauve
933	543	1909	I I	beige
969	223	0812	\$ \$	pink
1001	976	2302	⊖ ⊖	rust
1043	369	1409	⋈ ⋈	very light green
1047	402	2307	↗ ↗	tan
4146	754	0305	+ +	flesh pink

★ Backstitch in one strand

403	310	2400	—	black
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★ **STITCH COUNT** 120 high x 120 wide

★ **DESIGN AREA**

- 14 HPI – 21.4 x 21.4cm (8³/₄x8³/₄in)
- 18 HPI – 16.7 x 16.7cm (6³/₄x6³/₄in)
- 22 HPI – 13.6 x 13.6cm (5¹/₂x5¹/₂in)

This design was stitched using Anchor stranded cotton.

David has used lots of fractional stitches to add detail to the design and achieve a realistic look. As the duck is in the foreground, work the edge of the plumage using three-quarter stitches first and then the remaining quarter-stitch for the sky.



I really enjoyed choosing all the colours for this vibrant bird, and experimenting with the detailed areas of shading until I felt it was just right. I wanted to keep backstitch to a minimum so only added a small amount to define the duck's wings, tail and beak.

David Meny

Fabric CHOICE

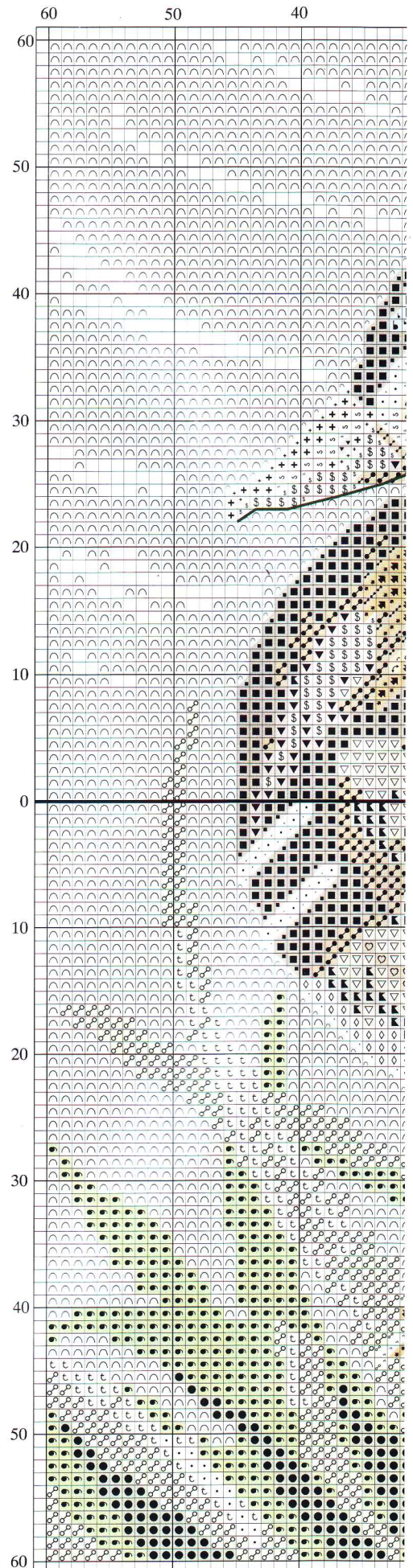
If you prefer stitching on aida, you'll need a piece of 14-count aida measuring the same size as the evenweave. Use a needle with a sharp point so you can easily pierce the aida when working the fractional stitches.

Thread FACTS

David designed his Mandarin duck using Anchor threads. We recommend you use the threads from the first column in the key to recreate his design exactly. But if you prefer to use other threads we have suggested some alternatives.

Time SAVER

If you are short of time, try stitching this design on light blue jobelan from *Fabric Flair*. This way you won't need to stitch the large area of sky.



Mandarin duck chart