





Stitch tip

Start stitching in the centre of your design. Stitch the kingfisher first, and then move on to the rest of the picture. You'll then be able to count out from the kingfisher to help you place your remaining stitches.

Where to buy

Zweigart fabrics are available from good needlecraft shops. For your nearest stockist contact DMC Creative World Ltd, Pullman Rd, Wigston, Leicester LE18 2DY, ☎ 0116 281 1040.



Kingfisher picture

Stitched on Zweigart cashel linen in pastel blue, our stunning kingfisher has an especially luxurious finish.

Our stitcher says

There are quite a few fractionals to deal with here, but they're easy to stitch because you are working on an evenweave so you won't have to split the fabric.

Kingfisher key

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	Colour
Cross stitch in two strands				
• •	White	002	2402	White
■ ■	310	403	2400	Black
▒ ▒	317	400	1714	Dark grey
▒ ▒	318	399	1802	Light grey
♥ ♥	352	008	0303	Salmon
● ●	469	267	1503	Moss green
○ ○	704	256	1308	Grass green
♡ ♡	721	324	0308	Orange
◎ ◎	911	205	1214	Emerald
★ ★	995	410	1102	Dark blue
□ □	3782	388	1906	Stone
△ △	3821	305	2510	Sand
▲ ▲	3826	1049	2302	Brown
☆ ☆	3846	1090	1103	Light blue
◆ ◆	3850	188	1203	Turquoise

Backstitch in one strand

—	310	403	2400	Black
—	<i>kingfisher</i>			
—	317	400	1714	Dark grey
—	<i>branch, leaves, underside of kingfisher</i>			
—	995	410	1102	Dark blue
—	<i>pattern on wing, outline of back</i>			

French knots in one strand

●	White	002	2402	White
●	<i>beak, lower leaf</i>			

For perfect results, we suggest you stitch the kingfisher in DMC threads on 28HPI evenweave over two threads

Stitch count	Design area
98 high x 70 wide	18x13cm (7x5in)

Stitch Xtra

Evenweave fabric gives a lovely fine finish, but don't worry if you'd rather stick to aida. Simply stitch the design onto a 14HPI aida and your kingfisher will stitch up to the same size as on 28HPI evenweave!

Shopping list

- ✓ **Thread**
Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✓ **Needle**
Tapestry needle size 26
- ✓ **Fabric** 28HPI
Zweigart Cashel linen, pastel blue/3281/562, 28x23cm (11x9in)
- ✓ **Frame**
Standard sized frame from high street store with an aperture of 17x12cm (6¾x4¾in), painted silver
- ✓ **Paint** Matt silver enamel spray paint for frame, from craft shops
- ✓ **Wadding** 2oz wadding cut to fit the frame aperture

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