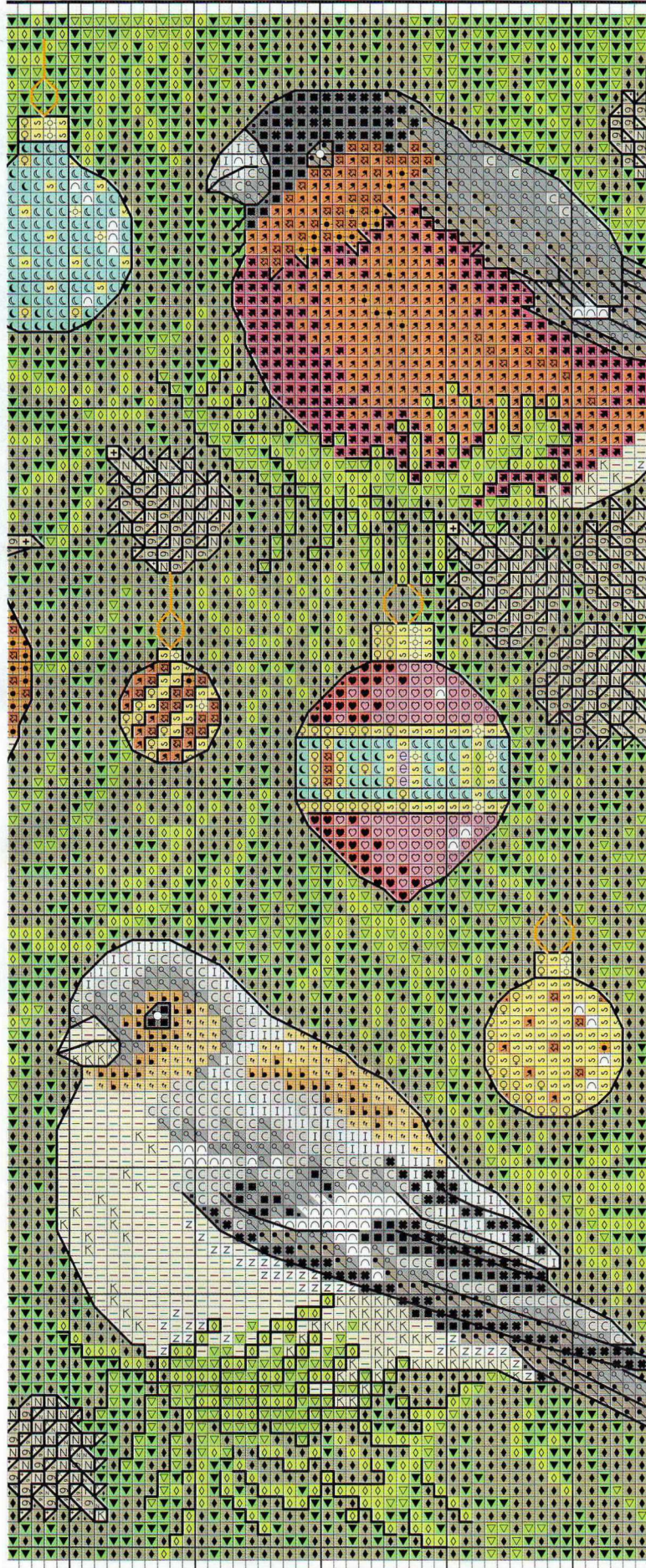




Christmas birds chart (left)

10 20 30 40 50



## Christmas songbirds key

### ✕ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
∩	B5200	1	2401	white
●	208	99	804	dark lilac
●	209	98	803	lilac
■	310	403	2400	black
■	317	400	1714	dark grey
■	318	399	1801	light grey
■	414	235	1714	grey
■	498	1006	513	dark red
■	601	63	703	dark pink
■	603	55	701	pink
■	606	334	209	orange
■	608	332	206	light orange
●	611	898	2107	brown
N	612	832	2108	dark tan
+	613	831	2109	tan
K	644	830	1814	light tan
■	666	46	210	red
▼	700	229	1302	dark green (x2)
▼	702	226	1306	green
◇	704	255	1308	light green
I	762	234	1804	very light grey
—	822	390	1908	pearl
■	895	1044	1405	forest green (x2)
■	976	1001	2010	ginger
○	3078	292	102	light yellow
■	3799	236	1713	very dark grey
●	3821	305	2514	dark yellow
●	3822	295	2510	yellow
■	3827	311	2012	light ginger
●	3845	1089	1102	blue
●	3846	1090	1103	light blue
Z	3865	2	2403	natural white

### ✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713	very dark grey
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### ✕ Backstitch in one strand DMC Light Effects

—	E3821			light gold
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### ✕ French knots in one strand

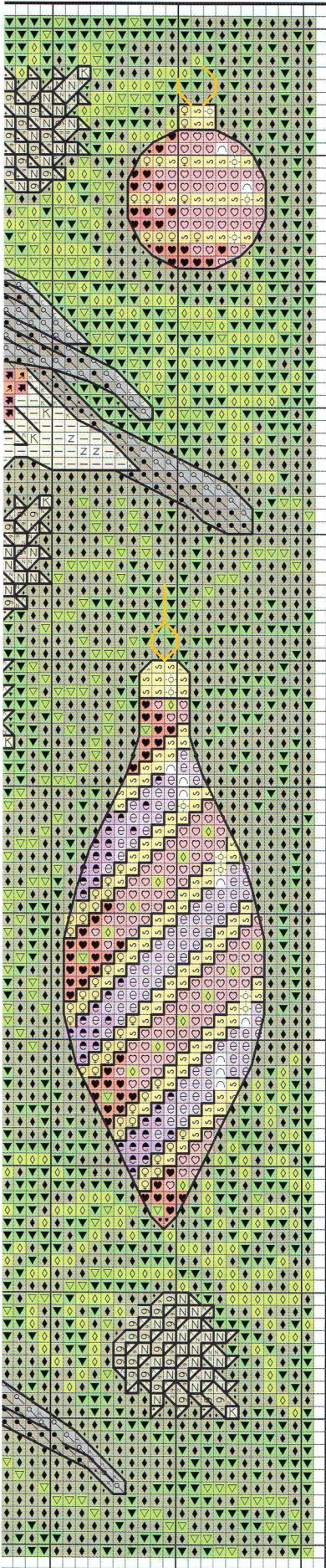
○	B5200	1	2401	white
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**STITCH COUNT** 122 high x 162 wide

**DESIGN AREA** 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 22x29.5cm (8¾x11½in)

This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton and DMC Light Effects

**Now turn over** for more charts →



Christmas birds chart (right)



**tip**  
 Try your best to keep the back of your stitching as neat as possible. This will make it easier to unpick stitches, if necessary, and your work will sit better in its frame

## How to work fractional stitches on aida



**As this is** a densely stitched piece, we have worked the design on aida to reduce the stitching time. However, this does mean that you will need to pierce the aida block when making your fractional stitches. Use

a crewel embroidery needle to help you place these neatly – it's much sharper than the tapestry needle you normally use for cross stitch. If you don't have one of these to hand, a beading needle makes a good alternative. For more information on working fractional stitches, see our 'How to...' guide on page 97.

## Shopping list

### YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ A piece of 14-count white aida measuring 33x40cm (13x16in)
- ✦ Stranded cotton and metallic thread as listed in the key
- ✦ Size 24 tapestry needle
- ✦ Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 22x29.5cm (8¾x11½in)

**Thread & fabric cost**  
 Approximately £28



## Reader panel

**Cat:** Anything with a robin on gets my vote at Christmas time. Lovely composition – I can't wait to get stitching!