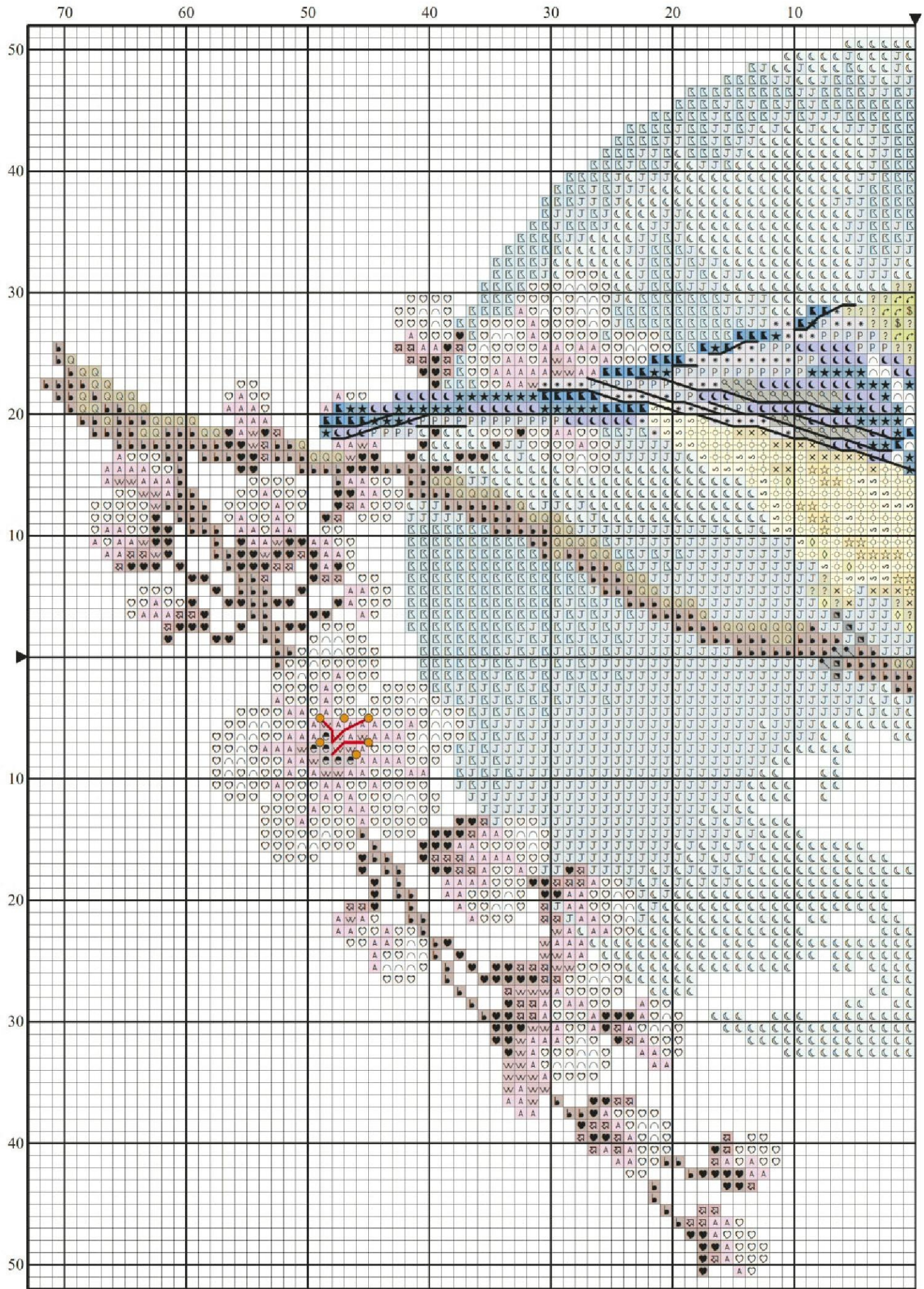
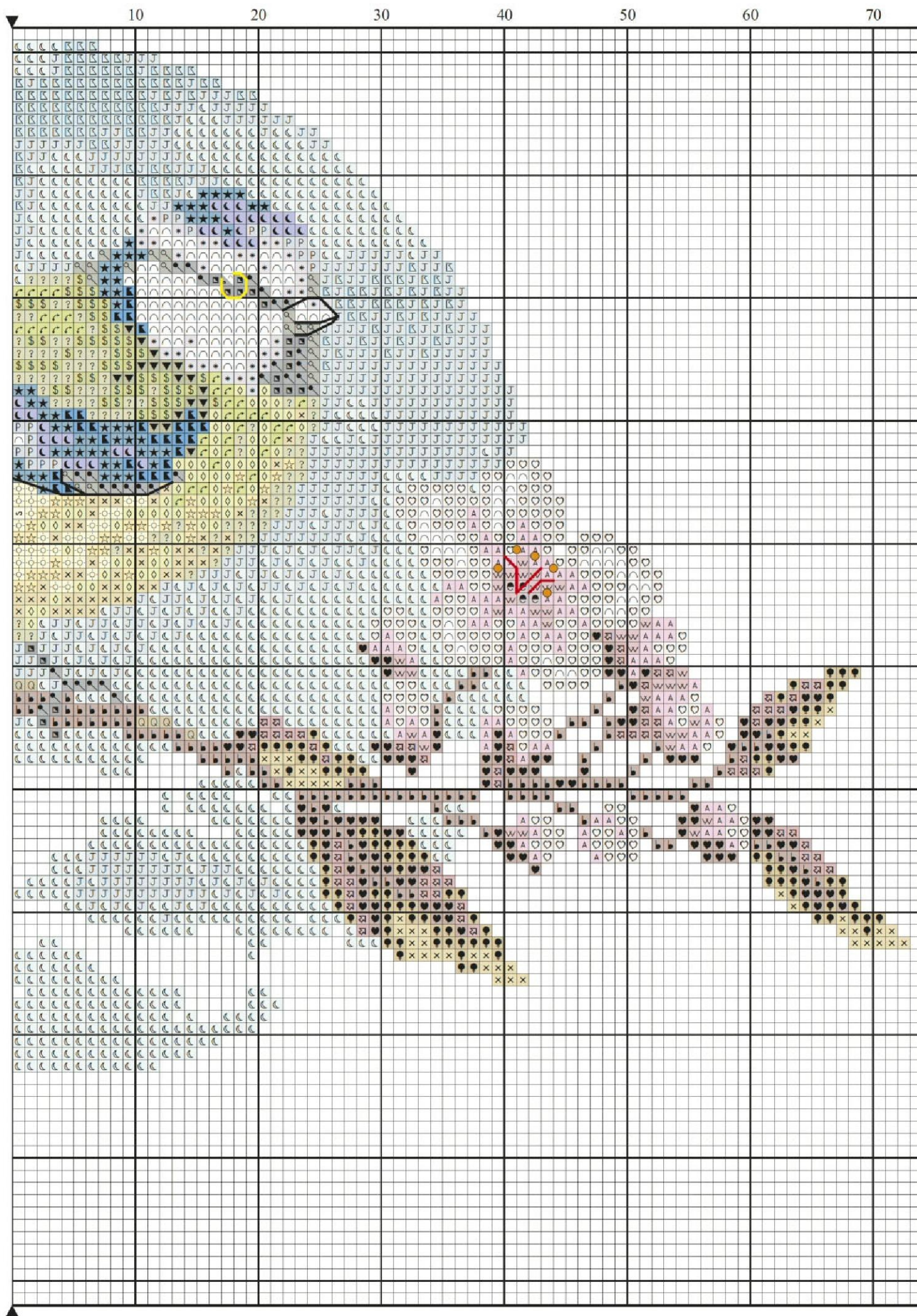


Blue tit scene



Left



Right

Blue tit key

✦ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
∩	B5200	1	2401	white
◇	165	278	1414	light lime green
↷	166	279	1611	lime green
🔍	169	1040	1707	ash grey
Ⓜ	316	1017	809	raspberry
*	415	398	1802	light grey
?	471	266	1501	moss green
🔍	535	400	1809	dark ash grey
▼	580	267	1608	very dk lime green
\$	581	280	1609	dark lime green
Q	640	393	1905	stone grey
∞	746	275	2511	cream
■	779	360	1914	chestnut brown
♡	819	271	501	baby pink
🚩	823	127	1008	navy blue
★	825	162	1011	marine blue
×	834	874	2510	olive green
P	932	1033	1710	delft blue
💡	3045	888	2103	straw
⊙	3078	292	102	yellow
A	3689	49	607	raspberry pink
🌸	3722	1027	812	shell pink
🕸	3740	873	2614	antique mauve
🕸	3799	236	1713	grey
☆	3822	295	2207	light gold
🌙	3838	176	2702	lavender blue
♥	3858	1007	811	rosewood

✦ Half cross stitch in two strands

⊞	519	1038	1105	sea blue
☾	747	158	1104	turquoise
J	3761	928	1001	sky blue

✦ Backstitch in one strand

—	B5200	1	2401	white
—	3799	236	1713	grey
—	3820	306	2509	gold

✦ French knots in one strand

●	3820	306	2509	gold
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STITCH COUNT 102 high x 145 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 18.5x26.5cm (7¼x10¼in)

This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton on 28-count evenweave over two threads of the fabric



Maria Diaz's Designer Secrets

Flower power

I find inspiration everywhere, but I especially love adding flowers to my designs – they really make any picture come alive, and of course they are always so pretty! I hope you enjoy stitching these branches of pink cherry blossom. I have kept them pale, so the glorious colours of the bird really stand out!



Fantastic pastels

You'll find in a lot of my designs that there is the classic combination of pale pinks and blues. I just love the way these colours complement each other. It was such a joy to use them here in this blue tit scene, and set them off with greys and greens to their best effect! I never stop being fascinated by colour and the way it works in a design.

Coming soon in *Cross Stitch Gold*

If you love this colourful blue tit design, you'll go quackers for Maria's super-cute ducklings, coming up in the next issue of *Cross Stitch Gold*. This adorable pair will make a wonderful present for bird lovers of all ages. Look out for them in issue 135 (US 59 March/April) of *Cross Stitch Gold*, which hits the newsstand on 3rd January 2017.



"I adore the gorgeous mix of bright, happy colours in this design – it's a great project to illuminate the dark nights and bring on the brighter days!"
Abi Barker, Charting Editor