



Designed by Susan Bates, this quick-stitch blue tit is a project that bird-watching enthusiasts – or anyone who likes the sound of birdsong – will love.

The contrast between the vivid blue and yellow threads makes the picture almost leap out from the fabric and the backstitched detail, in four shades, brings the bird to life. You can almost hear him singing a sweet song!

For an unusual gift, why not attach your stitching to a binoculars case? Or frame and present it, along with a bird table, to someone who enjoys the outdoors. Whatever you decide to do, make sure you send us a photo of you and your stitching – our address is on page 12.

StitchList...

Perfect for spring

- ✕ Whole cross stitch
- ✕ Fractionals
- ✕ Backstitch

Blue tit

▼ Thread colour

✕ Cross stitch in one strand

- ∩ white
- black
- ⦿ grey
- brown
- ⊙ yellow
- t light yellow
- dark blue
- blue
- A light pink
- ♡ pink
- ▽ green

✕ Backstitch in one strand

- white
- black
- pink
- brown

✕ Contains fractional stitches

Stitch count 40 (h) x 55 (w)
Design area on 14-count fabric
7.5x10cm (2¾x4in)

New stitcher? Start here...

- 1** Unpack your free kit and look at the threads. Each length is made up of six strands. Separate out the strands and use one strand of thread to stitch with.
- 2** Look at the centre of the chart (where the dark lines cross). Now look at the key to check the thread colour, and thread your needle with one strand of this thread.
- 3** Find the centre of your fabric by folding it in half and in half again to make a crease. Unfold and start stitching where the fold lines cross. Turn to page 80 for steps of how to work your stitches.
- 4** When your stitching is finished, push the die-cut shape of the bird from the insert in your pack and place the floral mount over your stitching to finish. Now you just have to pick your favourite frame!

