

Shopping list...

- ✓ 28HPI evenweave (or 14HPI aida), off white, Zweigart Brittny (Lugana) Ref: 3270/101, 17x15in (43x38cm)
- ✓ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✦ Frame with a 9x7in (23x18cm) aperture, moulded wood
- ✦ Items marked ✓ are included in materials pack, items marked ✦ are not included.
- ✦ Fabric for the stitched piece supplied by Willow Fabrics – visit www.willowfabrics.com or call ☎ 0800 0567811
- ✦ Go to page 63 for hints and help!



▶ Planning your stitching

There are many different elements to this design which all have several colour changes. To help with your counting, complete one section at a time rather than trying to work all the stitches in the same colour. Take a close look at the chart and photograph to plan your order of stitching. It's best to start at the centre with the birds then work outwards from there to stitch the flowers, leaves and finally, the border lines.

Stitching the design

Fold your fabric in half both ways to find the centre and start stitching from this point. All the cross stitch is worked in two strands of stranded cotton over two threads of the evenweave fabric.

Adding the details

When you have finished working the cross stitch, you can add the backstitch details using one strand of stranded cotton. Use very dark pink for the flowers and dark petrol blue for the remainder of the outlines and details.

Count carefully to correctly position the backstitch details, particularly on the wings!

Early starts

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	Colour
Cross stitch in two strands				
■ ■ ■	310	403	2400	Black
⊠ ⊠	335	040	0601	Dark pink
■ ■	420	365	2104	Medium brown
◇ ◇	437	362	2012	Light brown
◆ ◆	505	877	1206	Dark green
⊗ ⊗	702	226	1305	Medium green
⊗ ⊗	703	238	1307	Light green
⊠ ⊠	818	023	0502	Very light pink
▲ ▲	869	889	2105	Hazel
▶ ▶	898	359	2006	Dark brown
⊠ ⊠	899	038	0414	Medium pink
■ ■	900	335	0208	Dark orange
■ ■	920	1004	0312	Copper
♥ ♥	930	1035	1712	Dark petrol blue
⊠ ⊠	931	1034	1711	Med petrol blue
⊗ ⊗	932	1033	1710	Light petrol blue
⊠ ⊠	946	332	0207	Light orange
⊠ ⊠	954	203	1211	Mint green
♥ ♥	3326	036	0813	Light pink
★ ★	3350	077	0603	Very dark pink
⊠ ⊠	3753	1031	1001	V Light petrol blue
▲ ▲	3756	1037	2504	Pale blue
■ ■	3819	278	2703	Lime green
~ ~	3823	386	2511	Pale yellow
& &	3855	311	0112	Pale apricot
○ ○	3865	926	2403	Off white

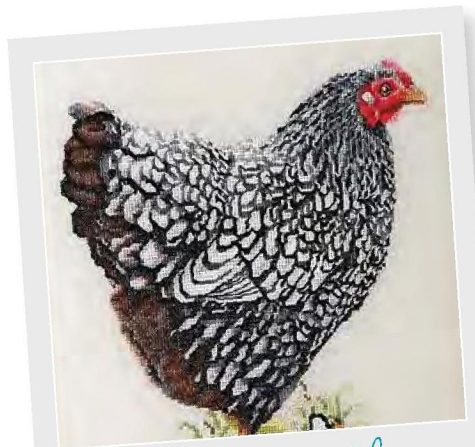
Backstitch in one strand

—	*930	1035	1712	Dark petrol blue
	all other outlines and details			
—	*3350	077	0603	Very dark pink
	flowers			

Stitched using DMC threads on 28HPI evenweave over two threads

Stitch count 116x88 Design area 8¼x6¼in (21x16cm)

*indicates colour is listed earlier in the key



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