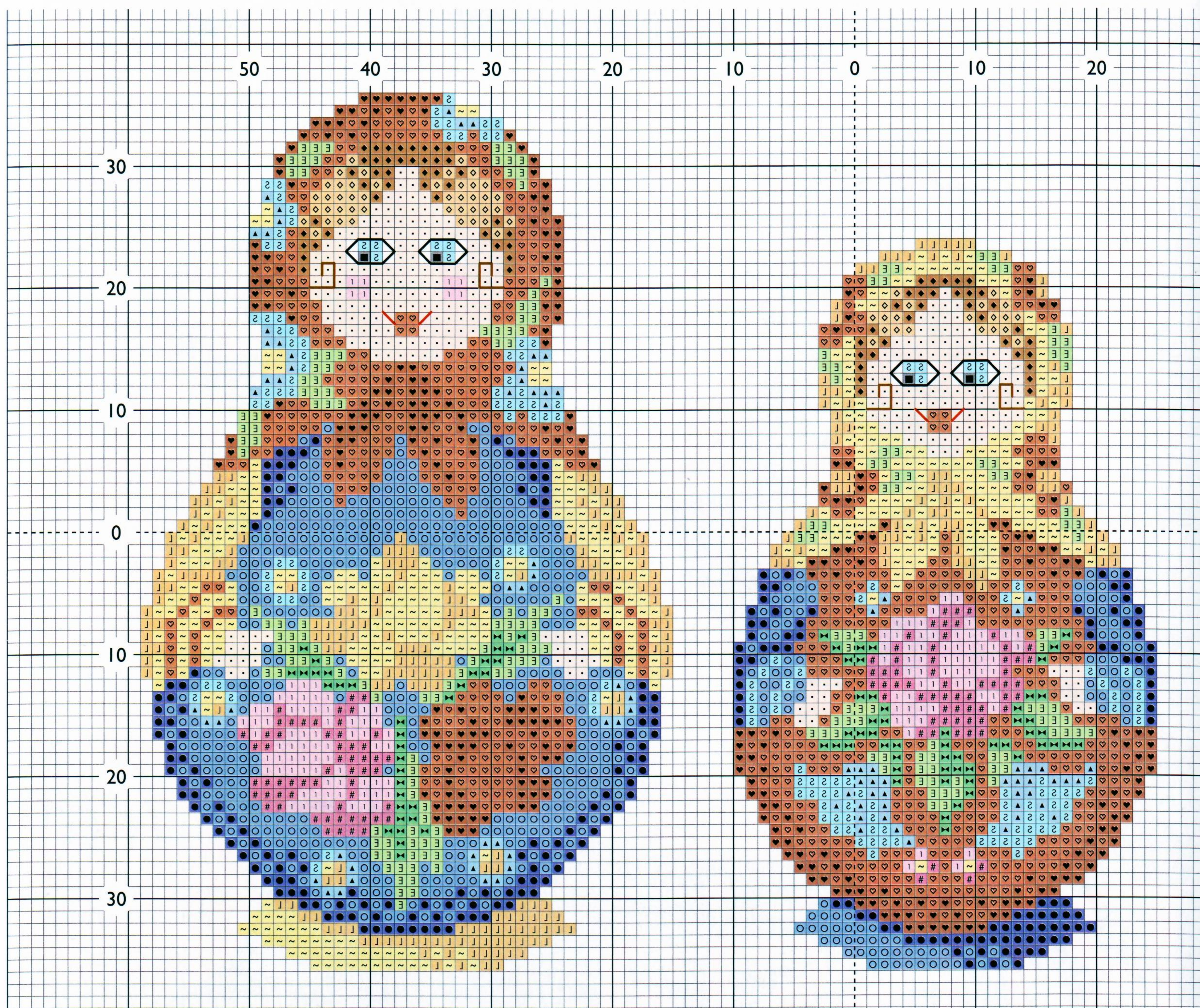


RUSSIAN DOLLS



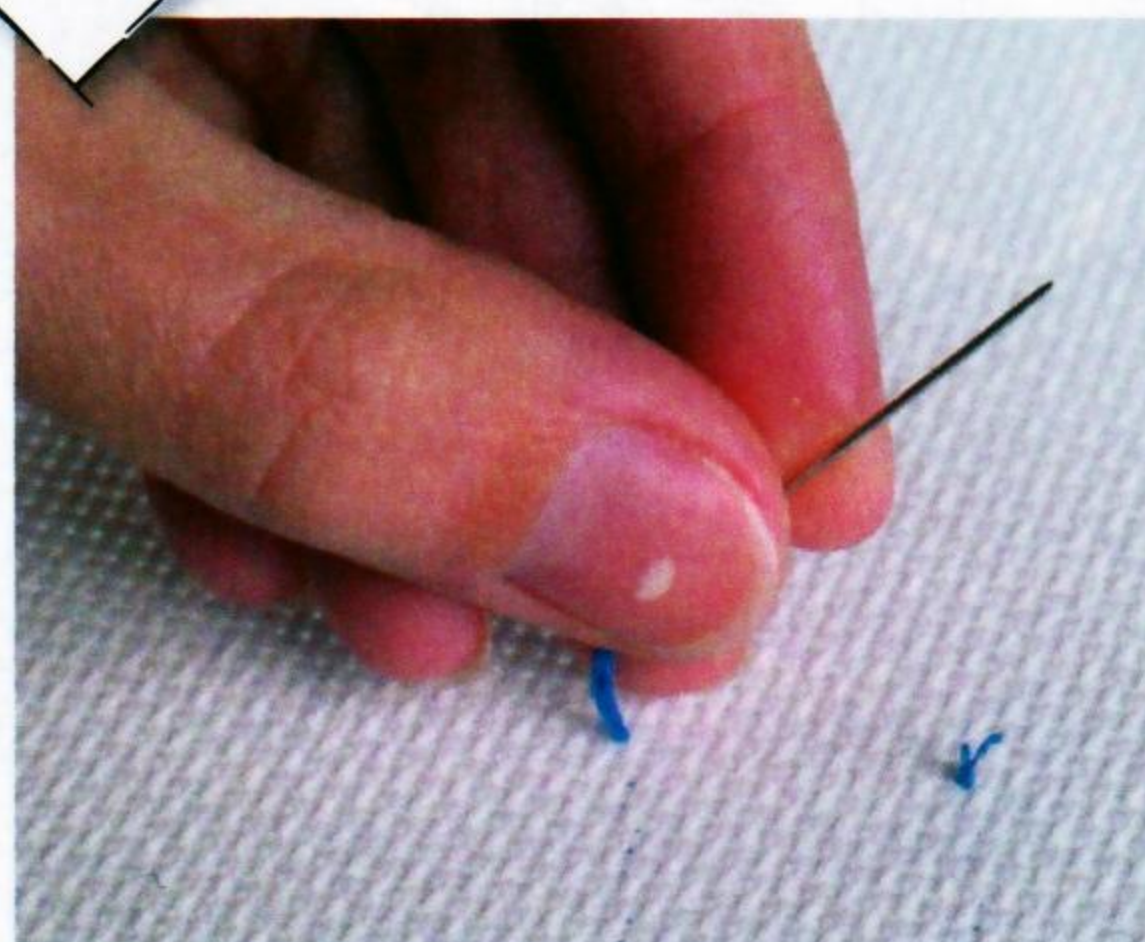
Professional finish...

Working the cross stitched areas first, followed by the backstitch and French knot details, will help to create a neat and professional finish.

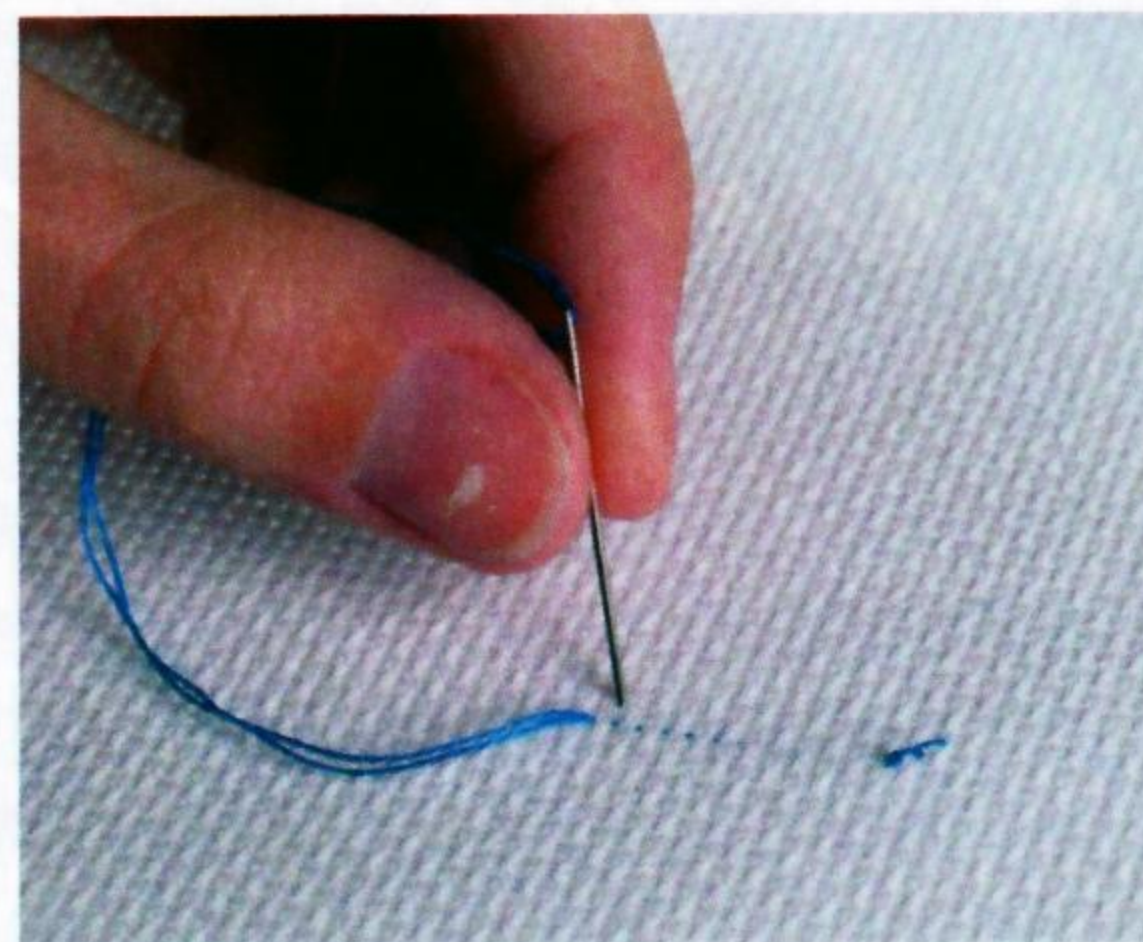
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START STITCHING!

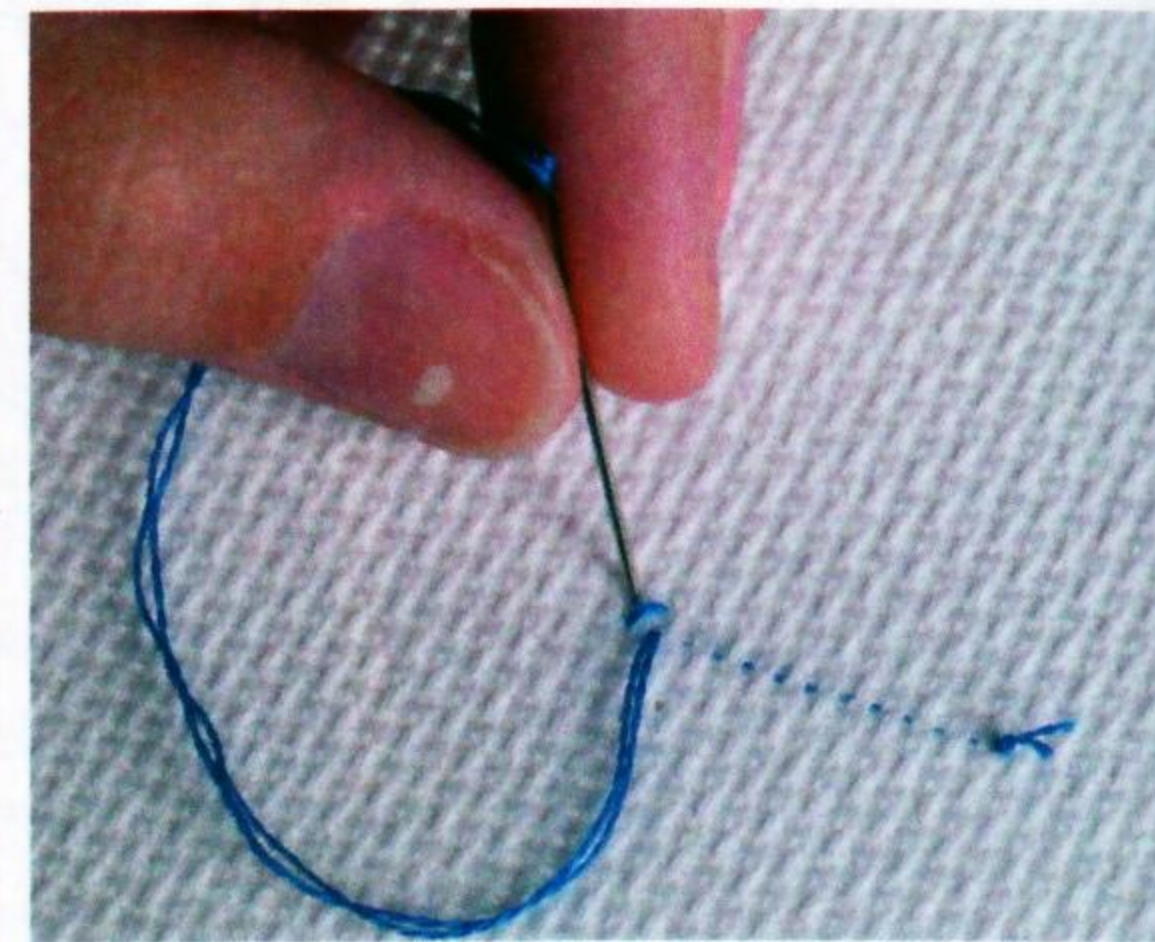
Each doll has a pretty floral motif making up their traditional dress, so it's worthwhile working your stitches individually, rather than in rows...



1 Use a waste knot to start your thread off, and take it down through the fabric about 2cm (1in) from your starting point. Bring your needle up to the fabric's surface.



2 Make a diagonal stitch (a half cross stitch) over a single aida block. It should lie from bottom left to top right, and should sit comfortably over the aida block without distortion.



3 Complete your stitch by working a second diagonal stitch from bottom right to top left. Continue to work towards your starting knot, and once secure simply snip the knot off.

Russian dolls key

Anchor DMC Madeira Colour

Cross stitch in two strands

♥ ♥	046	666	0210	Light red
♥ ♥	047	321	0510	Dark red
# #	063	3804	0701	Dark pink
1 1	066	3806	0614	Light pink
○ ○	131	798	0911	Light blue
● ●	134	820	0914	Dark blue
◀ ▶	230	910	1303	Dark green
◀ ▶	238	703	1306	Light green
~ ~	297	726	0105	Yellow
J J	303	742	0114	Orange
◇ ◇	347	402	2011	Light brown
◆ ◆	349	301	2306	Dark brown
■ ■	403	310	2400	Black
■ ■	892	948	2314	Flesh
▲ ▲	1089	3843	1102	Dark bright blue
2 2	1090	996	1103	Light bright blue

Backstitch in one strand

—	046	666	0210	Light red
				mouths
—	349	301	2306	Dark brown
				hair curls
—	403	310	2400	Black
				eyes

French knots in one strand

●	403	310	2400	Black
				smallest doll's eyes

For perfect results, we suggest you stitch the Russian dolls in Anchor threads on 14 count aida

Picture stitch count
72 high x 118 wide

Design area
13x21cm (5 1/8 x 8 3/8 in)

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Russian dolls

- Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- Tapestry needle size 24
- 14 count white aida 29x37cm (11 1/2 x 14 1/2 in)
- Wooden frame with visual aperture of 16.5x23cm (6 3/4 x 9 in)
- Wadding to fit frame aperture



Our Stitcher says...

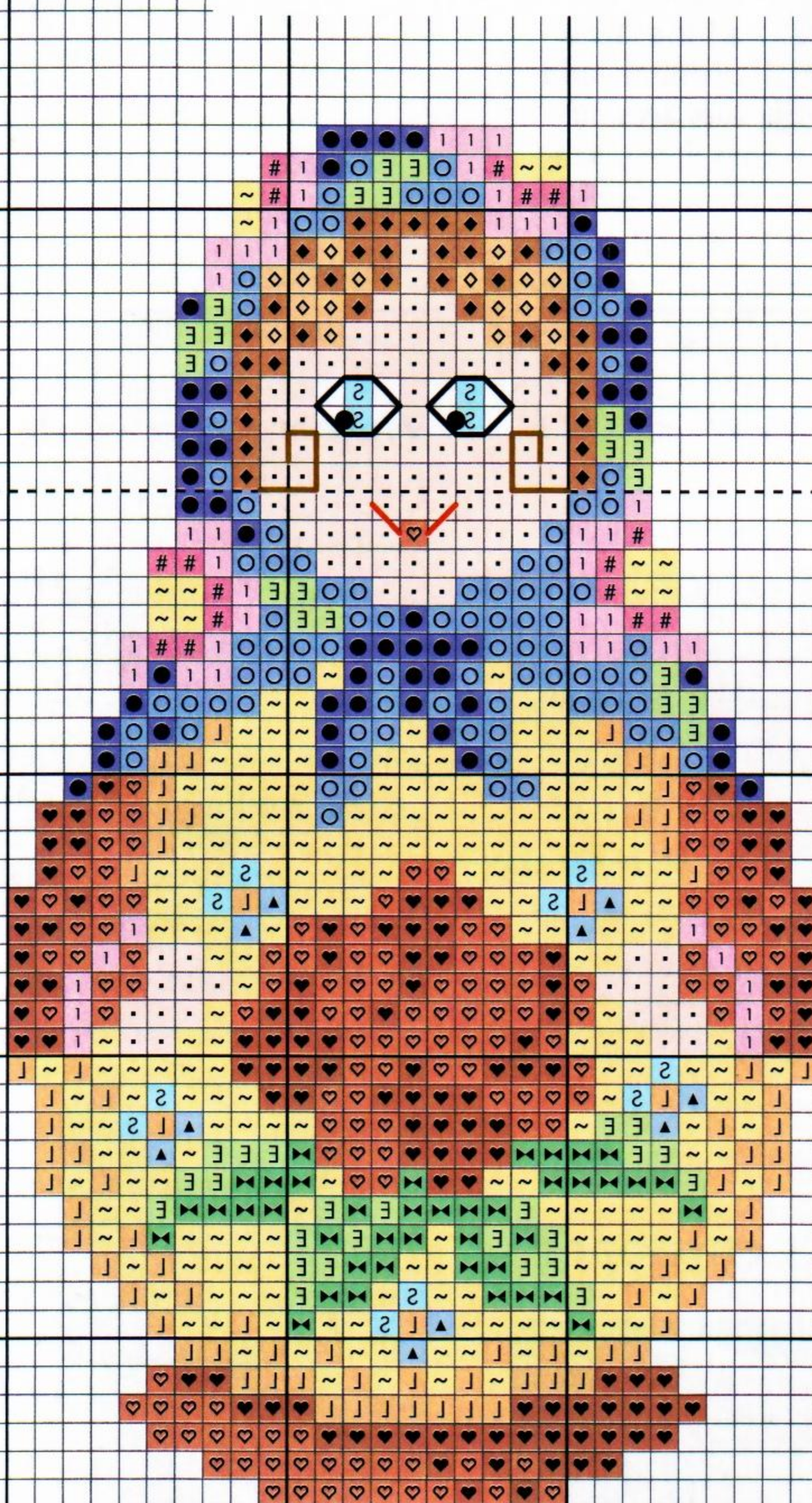


'This is a fun and colourful project that would be ideal for a beginner, or even a young stitcher to try. Each doll can be stitched individually and as they vary in size, a new stitcher could try working the smaller one first – to build up their confidence – before trying the two other larger designs.' Melanie Gibbons

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Each doll will take up to 12 hours to stitch, so it's entirely up to you whether you decide to stitch one, two or all three of the designs!



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Getting started

Start stitching from the centre of your fabric and chart to make sure your design fits comfortably on the fabric (you'll find the size of fabric you need in the shopping list). The simplest way to find the centre of your aida is to fold it in half and then into quarters, and where these two points cross over is where you should start stitching.