

Homegrown goodness

From picking-your-own to pickling-your-own, celebrate those kitchen-garden triumphs with our fab hanging!



Meet the designer
Durene Jones

Prolific designer Durene Jones creates cross stitch charts for a range of stitching magazines. Her work is well loved for its modern and colourful tone, but she is a versatile designer and can turn her hand to any theme or style. Before starting on her creative cross stitch career, Durene worked as a graphic designer.

"I had lots of fun coming up with these tasty kitchen motifs on a red and green theme! A background of white fabric keeps it looking fresh."

Stitcher's guide

This design is worked on 28-count white evenweave over two threads of the fabric in 24 shades of cotton. Cross stitch is in two strands of cotton, with lots of fractional stitches throughout. Backstitch defines the design in one strand of cotton, and French knots add extra detail in one strand. This sampler is suitable for experienced stitchers.

How to stitch the design

- 1 Find the centre of your fabric by folding it in half horizontally and vertically. Follow the arrows to find the centre of the chart and start stitching here, working your way outwards.
- 2 Work the cross stitch over two threads of the fabric using two strands of cotton. For every tiny symbol you see on the chart, work a fractional stitch.
- 3 Work the backstitch using one strand of cotton.
- 4 Work the French knots using one strand of cotton.
- 5 Check over your stitching and prepare for making up.

You will need

Fabric: Zweigart 28-count white evenweave measuring 39x34cm (15½x13½in)

Threads: Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Needle: Size 24 tapestry needle

Extras: Backing fabric, wooden dowel rod and ribbon of your choice from local craft stores

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Stitch tip

Gingham fabric is a great choice for this hanging – red floral patterns would also work well

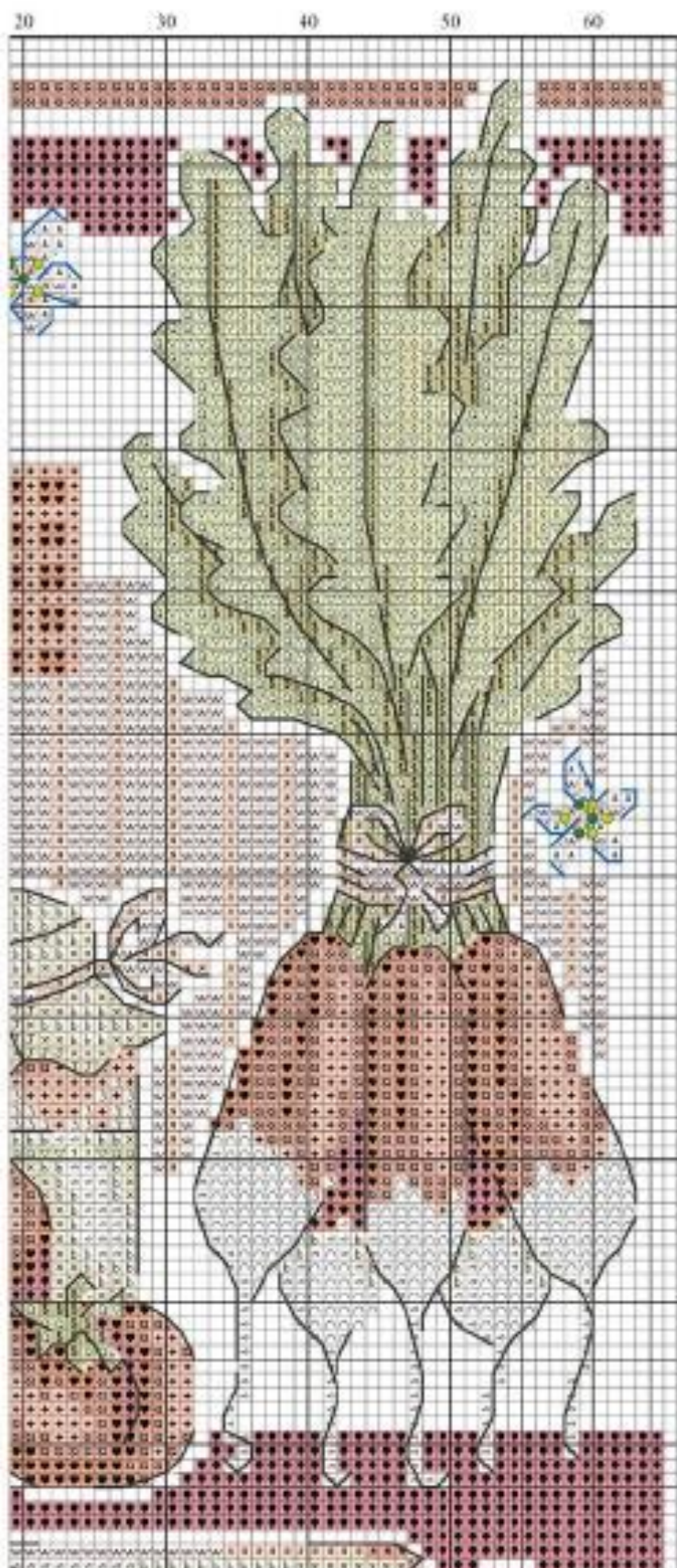


Kitchen hanging



Top left

36 Cross Stitch Gold



Top right

Kitchen sampler key

✦ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
∩	blanc	2	2402	white
+	ecru	926	2404	cream
∇	164	240	1209	soft green
■	347	1025	407	very dark pink
■	149	1098	212	red
■	151	10	214	light red
+	352	9	303	coral
3	353	6	2313	light coral
?	369	1043	1309	almond green
∩	642	903	1905	stone grey
+	760	1022	405	pink
v	772	239	1604	light green
■	814	22	601	dark ruby
■	816	1006	513	ruby
A	818	23	501	baby pink
L	822	390	1908	pearl
∩	989	241	1401	forest green
■	3328	1024	406	dark pink
■	3346	267	1407	dark green
∩	3348	264	1409	green
w	3713	1020	502	light pink
x	3782	899	1911	beige

✦ Backstitch in one strand

—	414	235	1714	grey
—	816	1006	513	ruby
—	3799	236	1713	dark grey

✦ French knots in one strand

●	347	1025	407	very dark pink
●	414	235	1714	grey
●	772	239	1604	light green
●	3348	264	1409	green

STITCH COUNT 157 high x 129 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) –
28.5x23.5cm (11¼x9¼in)

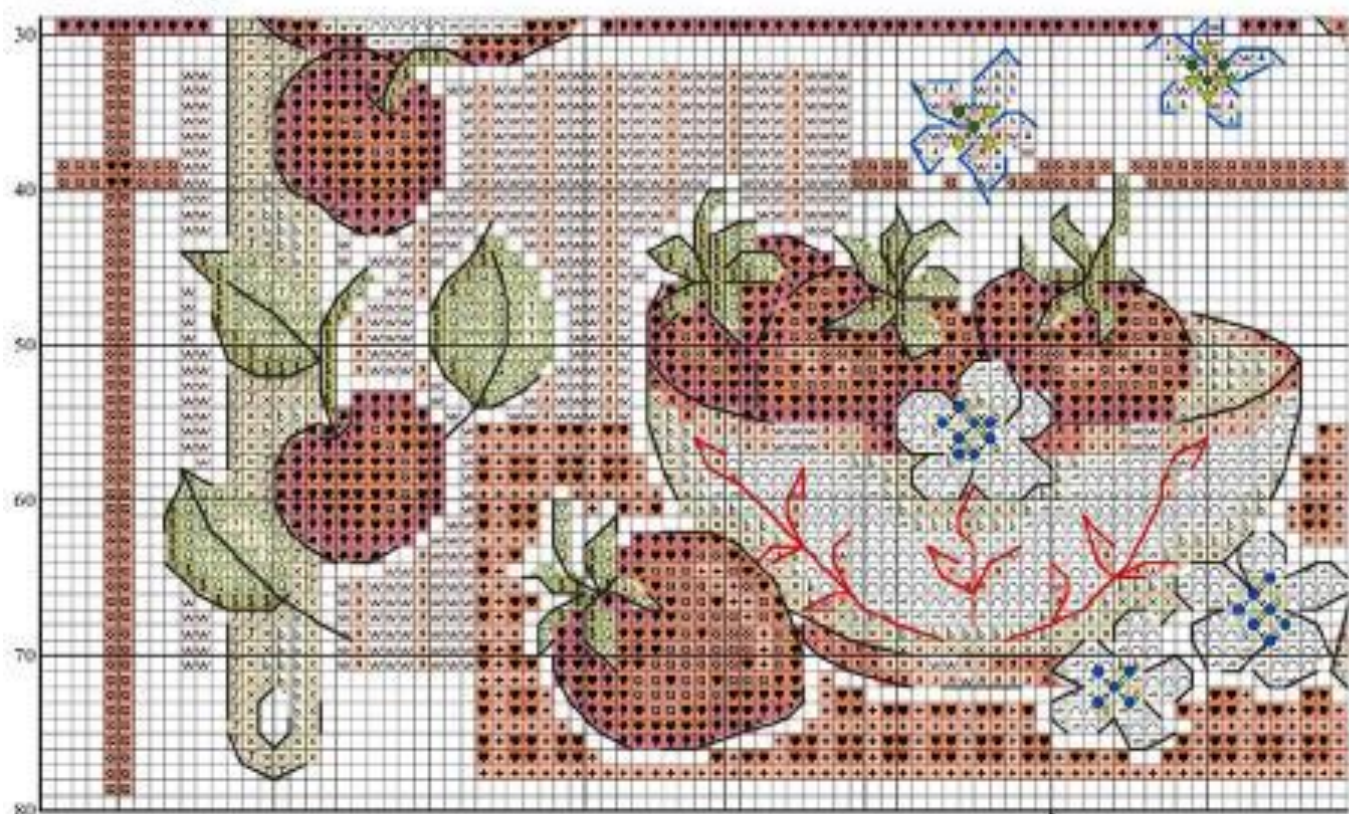
SKEINS NEEDED 2xblanc (white), 2x3713 (light pink)

STITCHED BY Jo Carter

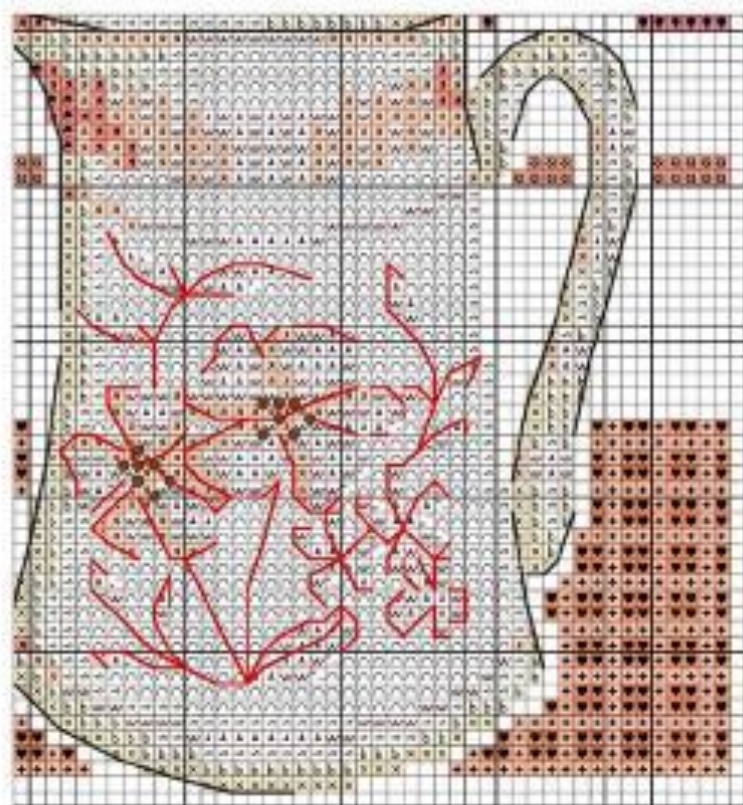
This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton on
28-count evenweave over two threads of the fabric.

“If you are fast running out of wall space and fancy a more practical make, why not stitch this design as a shopping bag? It’ll be perfect for taking off to market!”

Heather Nugent, Charting Editor



Bottom left



Bottom right

How to make the hanging

1 Cut out your stitching, leaving a 1 cm (½ in) seam allowance (use throughout). Cut two panels of backing fabric to 30.5x66 cm (12x26½ in). Sew to either side of your stitching. Now cut out two panels measuring 6x33.5 cm (2½x13 in). Sew these to the top and bottom of your stitching. Cut out a panel of backing fabric to match the size of your completed front panel.

2 To make a tab, cut a strip of backing fabric measuring 8x10 cm (3¼x4 in). Fold in half lengthways and sew a seam along the long side. Press open the seam and turn through so the seam is inside. Repeat for the second tab.

3 Fold the tabs in half to create a loop and pin along the top edge of your front panel, in the positions shown, with the loops pointing down.

4 With right sides facing, place the backing fabric and stitched piece together and sew around all four sides, leaving a 4 cm (1½ in) gap for turning. Turn, press and slip-stitch the gap closed. Insert the dowel rod and hang with ribbon.

Stitch tip

Try not to run threads across the back of your stitching, especially darker colours, which may show through to the front.