



Special delivery

Our jolly reindeer designed by **Amanda Butler** is flying through the snow laden with gifts for little girls and boys



This handsome red-nosed reindeer carrying lots of beautifully-wrapped gifts is the sort of decoration it's a joy to rediscover when you get the Christmas box down from the attic each December. We think he's sure to become a firm favourite and is just the thing to give to a young family as they start their own Christmas traditions.

You can have some fun stitching our nostalgic design in cross stitch, half cross stitch and backstitch, together with blending filament and beads for a little Christmas sparkle.

Make it yours

You will need...

Zweigart 28 count Cashel natural linen, ref: E3281/0306, 51x46cm (20x18in)

Stranded cotton as listed in the key

Size 26 tapestry needle

Frame with a 33x28cm (13x11in) aperture

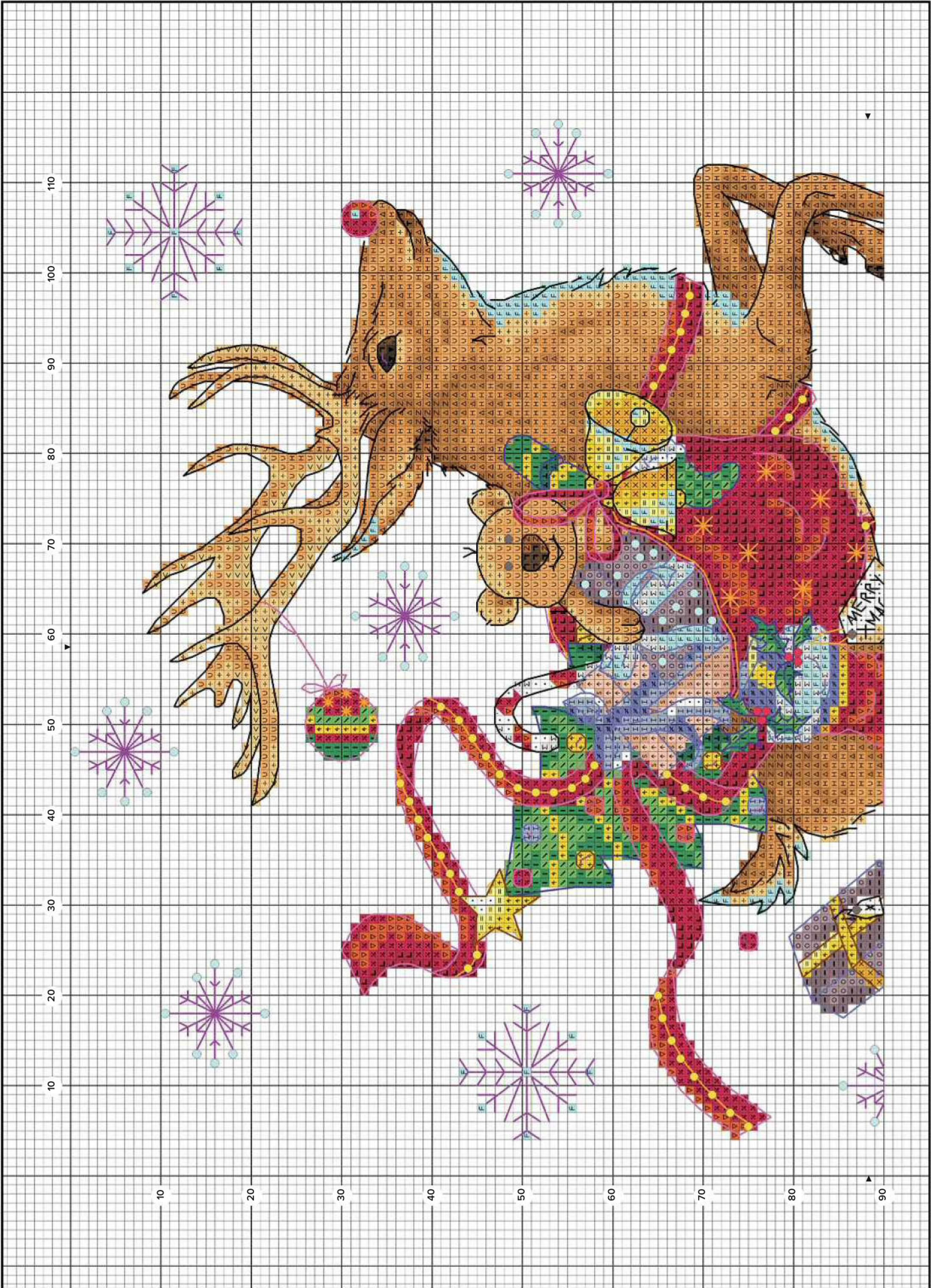
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Stitching **the design**

FOLD the fabric both ways to find the centre and start stitching here. Use two strands of stranded cotton for the cross stitch, and a blend using one of stranded and one of blending filament for the snowflakes, and the reindeer's chest, tail and nose detail. The half cross stitch is worked in two strands for the reindeer's trail.

Adding **the detail**

COMPLETE all the cross stitch before adding the backstitch in one strand of stranded cotton, with the gold in two strands and the snowflakes in a blend using one strand of stranded and one of blending filament. The beads should be stitched onto the design in the positions indicated on the chart, using matching sewing cotton. ➤





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Tip... Sew on beads easily

Use a sharp needle to sew the beads onto the stitching, as this makes it easier to push the needle through the fabric.

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DMC Anchor Madeira Colour

Cross stitch in two strands

	157	120	1014	lt cornflower blue
	444	297	106	lemon
	666	046	210	bright red
	676	891	2208	med yellow
	701	227	1305	lt xmas green
	703	238	1307	lime green
	727	293	102	v lt topaz
	742	303	114	lt tangerine
	762	234	1804	v lt pearl grey
	817	013	211	dk coral
	898	360	2006	v dk brown
	946	332	207	m burnt orange
	967	1012	305	flesh pink
	975	371	2303	dk golden brown
	976	1001	2302	m golden brown
	977	1002	2301	golden brown
	3041	871	806	m antique violet
	3042	870	807	lt antique violet
	3371	382	2004	dark brown
	3771	006	303	peach
	3818	211	2704	dk emerald
	3826	365	2306	golden brown
	3838	940	2702	lavender blue
	3854	313	2301	med autumn gold
	3855	311	2013	lt autumn gold
	b5200	001		white bright white

Blended needle one strand of each

	b5200 & 032	kreinik blending filament		
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Half cross stitch in two strands

	648	900	1814	beaver grey
	762	234	1804	v lt pearl grey
	3072	847	1805	light grey

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Half cross stitch in two strands

	b5200	001	white	bright white
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Backstitch in one strand

	310	403	black	black
			crackers, bells, tree	
	780	309	2214	v dk topaz
			parcels	
	844	1041	1810	dk beaver grey
			parcels, details	
	3371	382	2004	dark brown
			reindeer, teddy	
	3857	936	811	dk rosewood
			outlines and details	

Backstitch blended needle one strand each

	b5200 & 032	kreinik blending filament		
			snowflakes	

Backstitch in two strands

	E3852	DMC light effects		
			decoration	

Mill Hill seed beads

	02013	red
		holly berries
	02011	victorian gold
		straps and ribbons
	02054	brilliant shamrock
		cracker
	0161	crystal
		snowflakes
	02023	tan
		tags, eyes

Stitched using DMC threads on 28 count evenweave over two threads of fabric.
 Stitch count: 177hx117w
 Design size: 31x20.5cm (12¼x8in)
 Stitch time: 44hrs