

Tile Pincushion

Stitch count: 42 x 42 stitches

Design size: 7.6 x 7.6cm

Material: 14ct ecru Aida & backing fabric

Working the design

Find the center of the fabric by folding the fabric horizontally and vertically. Mark the center with a pin or small cross using white sewing thread. Using 2 strands of Anchor threads, start stitching the central flower heads using full cross-stitches and three-quarter stitches in this way, you can ensure that the design is positioned correctly in the center.

Backstitching details

Backstitch the stem and leaves in Anchor 861 (dark green). Outline the diamond shaped border firstly in Anchor 347 and leaving one row of square, backstitch the second outline diamonds shape-using Anchor 1004. The leaves in the corner motifs are outlined with Anchor 1004. Anchor 842 is used on the stems of the small leaves attached to the diamond.



Colour Key

Symbol Anchor Number



347 Light rust

119 medium purple

1034 medium blue

842 light green

used in 1004 dark rust
backstitch only 861 dark green

Finishing off the pincushion

To make up the pincushion, place the Aida fabric face downward onto the piece of backing fabric. Using matching sewing thread, sew around the edges of the design one square away from the cross-stitch border. For a firm result to keep in the padding use backstitching to join the 2 pieces of material and use every hole of the Aida fabric. When you have finished joining three sides of the square, clip across the top corners to remove the excess fabric and ensure a clean square point. Turn the pincushion through to the right side and stuff it firmly with sawdust. Finally, sew up the last edge of the pincushion using slipstitches for a neat finish.

