

A STITCH IN TIME

Tick, tock – time for another stitching session! Our watch face design turns a simple wrist pincushion into a fun accessory for craft time



Make a... watch pincushion

Step 1

STITCH the design in the centre of one piece of evenweave fabric using two strands for the cross stitch and one for the backstitch and French knots.

Step 2

FROM your milk bottle cut a piece of flat plastic just larger than your stitching – round off the corners to stop them coming through the fabric once the watch is assembled.

Step 3

TURN over the edges of the stitched fabric, leaving 6mm (¼in) of unstitched fabric around the design. Repeat for the other piece of evenweave. Pin the two layers together with the stitching facing outwards. Secure your two plastic bobbles together by slipping one through the other to create a reef knot – this will make it long enough to go around your wrist. Pin one end of the bobble between the layers of evenweave at 12 o'clock, and then test the length around your wrist. Insert more of the bobble into the seam if it is too long, or add another bobble in the same way if it's too short.

Step 4

STITCH around the three sides of the watch face, joining the layers together, but leaving the 6 o'clock end open. Work just in from the edge of the fabric, making sure you catch the bobble end tightly in the seam.

Step 5

SLIP the small plastic sheet into the opening, then carefully fill around this with toy stuffing. Once you are happy with the shape, sew up the remaining side in the same way as the other three.

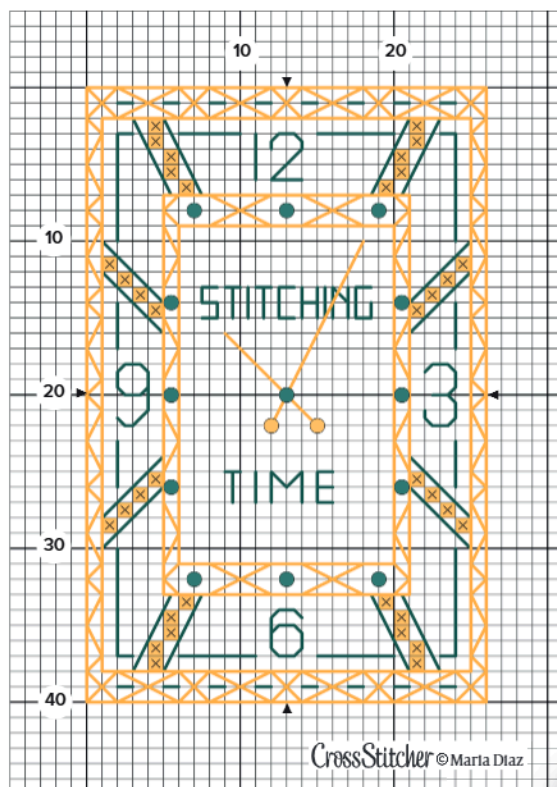
Step 6

SEW a pearl bead or button onto the edge of the watch at 6 o'clock.

Designed by: Maria Diaz Stitch count: 40 high x 26 wide

Design size: 7.5x4.6cm (3x1½in) Stitch time: 3 hours

This design was stitched on 28 count evenweave over two threads of fabric.



	DMC	Anchor	Madeira
Cross stitch in two strands			
	743	298	2294
Backstitch in one strand			
	743	298	2294
	clock face		
	3847	1076	2057
	words, numbers		
French knots in one strand			
	743	298	2294
	hands		
	3847	1076	2057
	sector marks		

Although this is a small design, as it's worked on evenweave which is softer than aida, you should still mount it on a hoop or frame to work on

Materials

- Zweigart White 28 count Brittny, ref: 3270/100; 12.5x10cm (5x4in) x 2
- Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- Size 24 tapestry needle
- Pearl bead or button; 1cm (¾in)
- Elastic hair bobble x 2
- Thin plastic from a milk carton
- Toy stuffing

Materials available from www.willowfabrics.com



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