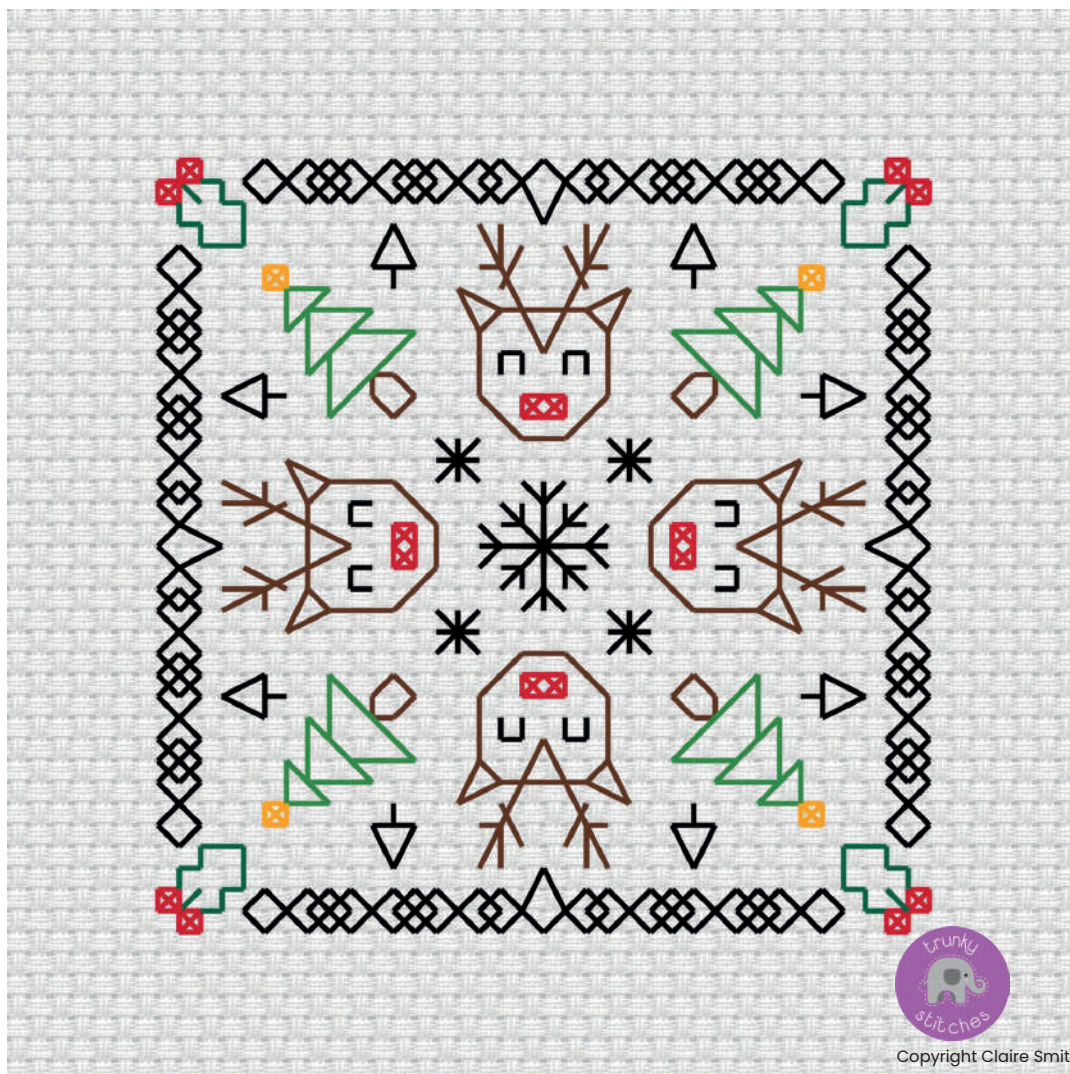


Christmas reindeer sampler/coaster



Designed by: Claire Smith (Trunky Stitches)

Stitch count: 36 wide x 36 high

Finished Size: 65mm x 65mm when sewn on 14 count aida

Framing options: 80mm cross stitch plastic coaster or on a greeting card



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Info and symbol key chart







Stitch count: 36 wide x 36 high

Finished size: 65mm x 65mm

Fabric: 14 count white Aida or 28 count evenweave

Fabric size: If making for the 80mm cross stitch coasters then make sure you have at least 80mm/8cm squared fabric

Number of colors: 6

| Backstitch in 1 strand | | Skeins |
|------------------------|--|--------|
| DMC 310 |  | 0.03 |
| DMC 433 |  | 0.01 |
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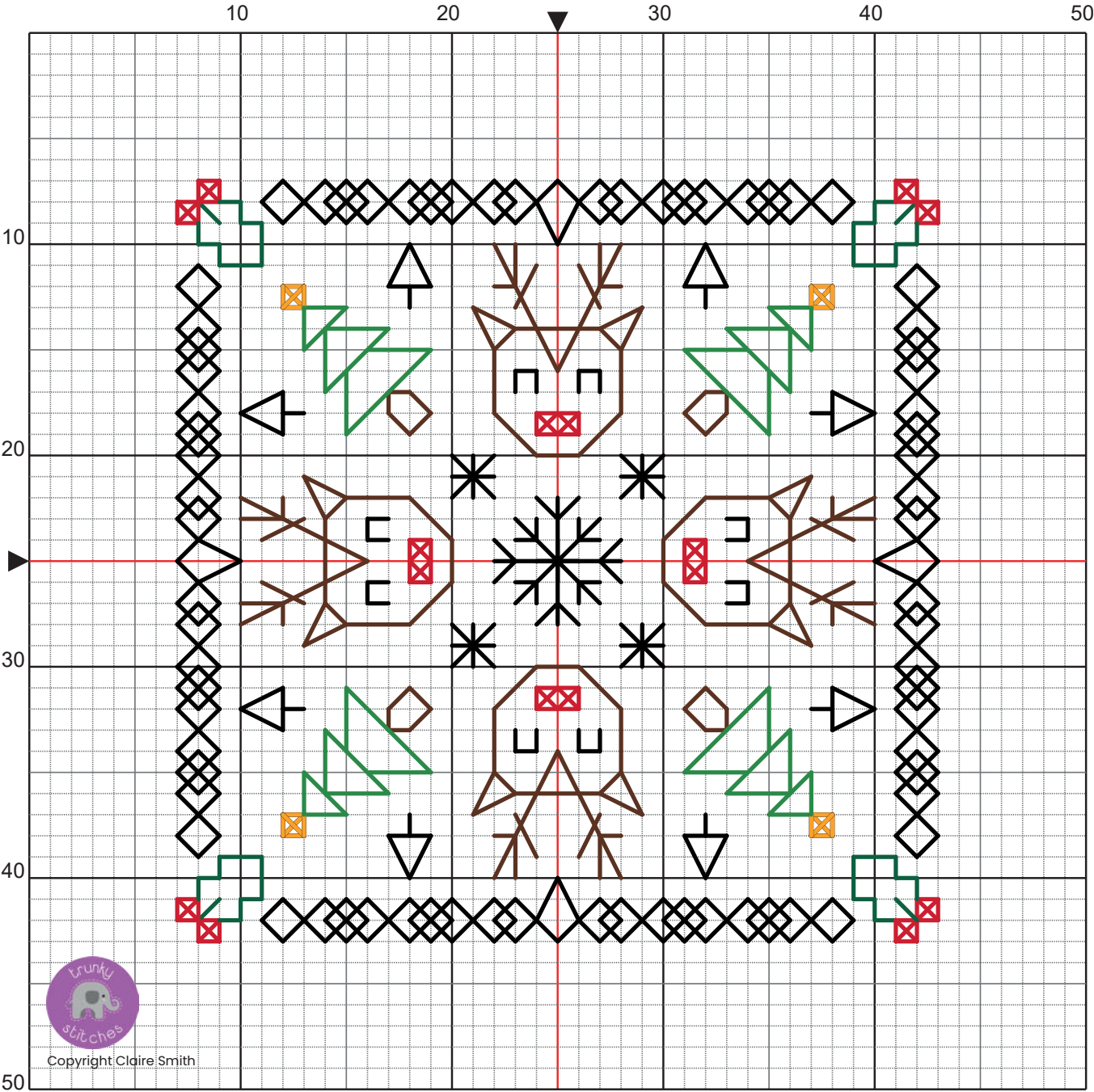
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Claire x

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Blackwork instructions and how to get started

What you need

- 14 count aida fabric or 28 count evenweave
- DMC threads (see chart)
- A pair of embroidery scissors
- A tapestry needle with a blunt point. Needle size 24 or 26 for 14 count aida
- An embroidery hoop or frame

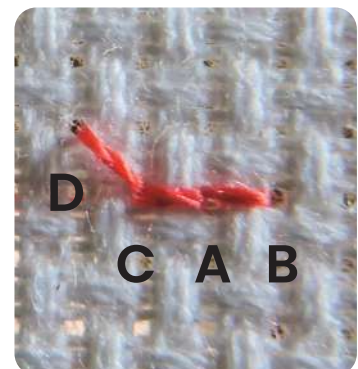
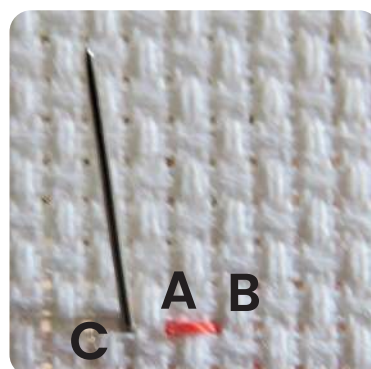
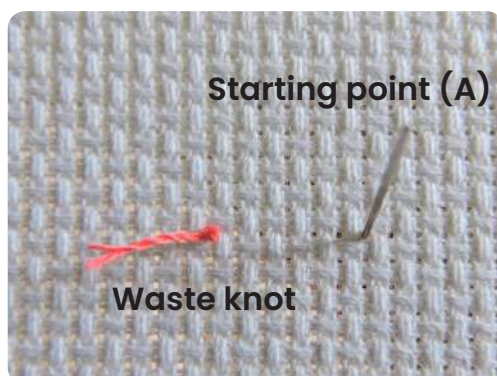
Where to start

Find the center mark on the pattern by following the two red lines and where they intersect. You will then need to find the center point of your material by folding it in half vertically and then horizontally. Start stitching from the center mark on both the pattern and fabric.

Instructions for blackwork

Blackwork is stitched in Back Stitch, Holbein Stitch or double running stitch. I would recommend back stitch.

Take 1 strand of thread and create a large knot at one end known as a 'waste knot'. Thread on the needle and go down into the fabric about an inch opposite your starting point in the direction you will be stitching. (As you stitch you will cross over the back of this, securing it in place.)

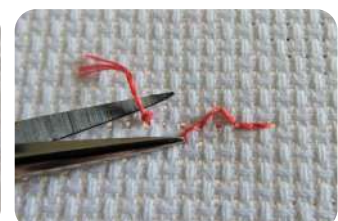
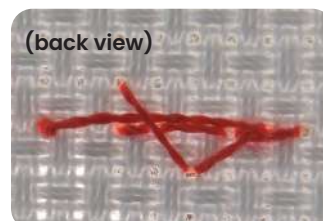


Come up with the needle at A and then back down into B. Then up at C and down into A. Up at D and down into C. Repeat.

When you only have a couple of inches of thread left on the needle; turn the piece over and weave it through your stitches and then cut the thread.

Once you have finished a section and the stitches on the back of the fabric have crossed over the thread from the waste knot and secured it in place, then you can cut the knot off.

And that's all there is to blackwork. Enjoy!



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Thank you 😊 Claire