



# Love & Hugs for *Christmas*

## *Letter to Santa*



### You will need

- 25cm x 25cm piece of fabric to stitch on
- 25cm x 25cm piece of light weight fusible interfacing
  - Embroidery Threads

*I used Aurifil Cotton Mako Ne 12 thread.*

*This is equivalent to two strands of DMC Stranded Embroidery thread.*

### Colour Conversion Chart - Aurifil/DMC

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Red Bright: Aurifil 2250 DMC 321 | • Green: Aurifil 2888 DMC 470       |
| • Peony Pink: Aurifil 2440 DMC 309 | • Blue Spruce: Aurifil 2850 DMC 502 |

### Tips

- Spray the stitchery fabric with a clear starch. It stabilises the fabric making it easier to transfer the design.
- Trace the design with a lead pencil. You may need to use a light source e.g. a window or light box to see the pattern clearly. The amount of detail traced is an individual choice. Small details such as the colonial knots can be worked by eye. Use a ruler for nice straight lines.
- Use a light weight fusible interfacing. It stabilises the fabric and hides threads.
- My preferred needle is a Crewel Embroidery Needle Size 7.

## Stitching the design

• The following is a guide. Please refer to the photo to check colour placement.

### • Red

- Back stitch the letter box, santa, bunting line, bird's body (excluding the breast), wing & tail
- Colonial knots on the bunting & bird's eye.
- Star stitch inside the star | ✕ ✱

### Peony Pink

- Back stitch the star and bird's breast.
- Colonial knots and couched straight stitch bird's tail.
- Cross stitch flags
- Colonial knots letter box.

### • Green

- Back stitch the flags & ribbon on gifts
- Daisy stitch the bows.

### • Blue Spruce

- Back stitch the envelope & gifts.
- Daisy stitch and colonial knot, centre gift.



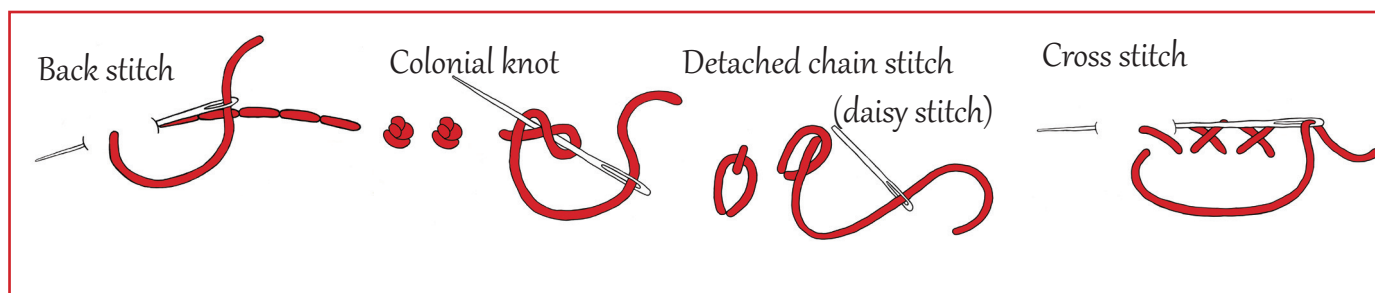
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Print at 100% to fit a 4 inch finished block

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## Stitches Used



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