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GET A STITCHING
SET TODAY!



Jazz up your décor

**Gilliangladrag Feltmaking
Bunting Kit, £28.95**

Add some colour to your home or garden with this fabulous bunting kit from Gilliangladrag. Slightly different from the usual stitching kits, this set includes raw wool roving, which is felted into a fabric by the user before stitching into a cute length of decorative bunting.

Call **07545 018560** or visit www.gilliangladrag.co.uk for details.



Make with the kids

Buttonbag, Owl House Family, £10

Perfect for making with your little ones, this super-cute owl family kit from Buttonbag (www.buttonbag.co.uk) includes everything you need to create your own little family of birds, with fabric, stuffing, threads, needle and stuffing, as well as full instructions.



Be a rebel!

Urban Cross Stitch, Large Kits, £10

If you feel inspired by our interview with Urban Cross Stitch's Philip Davison, why not try out one of these sets? Prices range from £4 for mini kits (6" square) to £10 for large kits (up to 10" x 13"). Visit www.urban-cross-stitch.com to buy.

Fashionistas take note

Hamble and Jemima, Bag Kits, from £19

Each set includes both outer and lining fabric, exclusive handmade buttons, ribbon, embellishments, a pattern and instructions to make a beautiful bag. All are beautifully packaged in tissue paper, so make the perfect gift. Priced between £19 - £26 there are three to choose from. Visit www.hambleandjemima.co.uk



Perfect gift for a friend

**Granny Knits, Campervan
Stripe Cushion, £60**

Embrace the summer of love and let out your inner hippie with this quirky cushion set from Granny Knits. With a 30cm x 50cm canvas, tapestry wool, needles and full instructions supplied. Visit www.grannyknits.co.uk or call **01903 885456** to buy.



Super cute makes

Superbuzzy, Felt Kits, from \$13.95

These super-kitsch Japanese felt fabric kits from Superbuzzy are perfect for making for, or with, the kids – each includes the fabric, pattern and stuffing to make your own fabric creation. Visit www.superbuzzy.com to buy.



For the fashionista

Sew Curvy Corsets Underbust Kit, £45

This beginners' pack contains all the parts required to make an underbust corset. Using strong herringbone coutil, the piece fastens with a traditional busk at the front, and lacing at the back. Also included are patterns and instructions for two additional corsets - the ribbon or 'sports' corset, and a gentleman's model, plus flat steel bones, eyelets, petersham ribbon, bias binding and laces. The kit is suitable for sizes 4 - 36. Visit www.corsetkits.co.uk to buy.

...Fresh ideas for cross stitch



Stitch a Decorative Panel

Fold a 19cm x 35.5cm piece of Aida fabric in half lengthways and then in half again to find the centre. Locate the cross stitch template in the Sew Full-Out Workbook.

Starting from the centre point, and using the chart as a guide, work the cross stitch motif using three strands of cotton, sewing over two threads of fabric each time. Use a different colour cotton for each letter. Press a 1.5cm hem onto the wrong side of the Aida along all of the edges.

Iron fusible webbing onto the wrong side of a small piece of printed blue cotton. Draw three simple flower shapes onto the

backing paper and cut out them out. Position the three floral motifs onto the ABC panel and iron them in place.

4 Sew around each flower with a blanket stitch using one strand of coordinating cotton. Cut three small circles from yellow fabric, pin one to the centre of each flower and stitch around the shapes using blanket stitch in coordinating thread.

5 Sew the cross stitch panel to the centre front of the cushion. Press the raw edges under and use coordinating thread to secure. Attach a novelty button to each corner of the panel to finish.



"This cross stitch design uses a chunky Aida fabric, making it much quicker to sew than you would think!"

Lead Designer, Helen Philipps

shopping inspirations

We love these ceramic Mill Hill buttons which are available in lots of cute designs, priced at £1.95 each. To order, visit www.sewandso.co.uk or call 01453 889988.



DMC's magnetic board makes working from charts an easy task. Priced £6.90 each, visit www.sewandso.co.uk to buy.

Super Buzzy stock a fantastic selection nursery print fabrics, like the play time and pink Cinderella designs shown here. Visit www.superbuzzy.com to view the full range.

