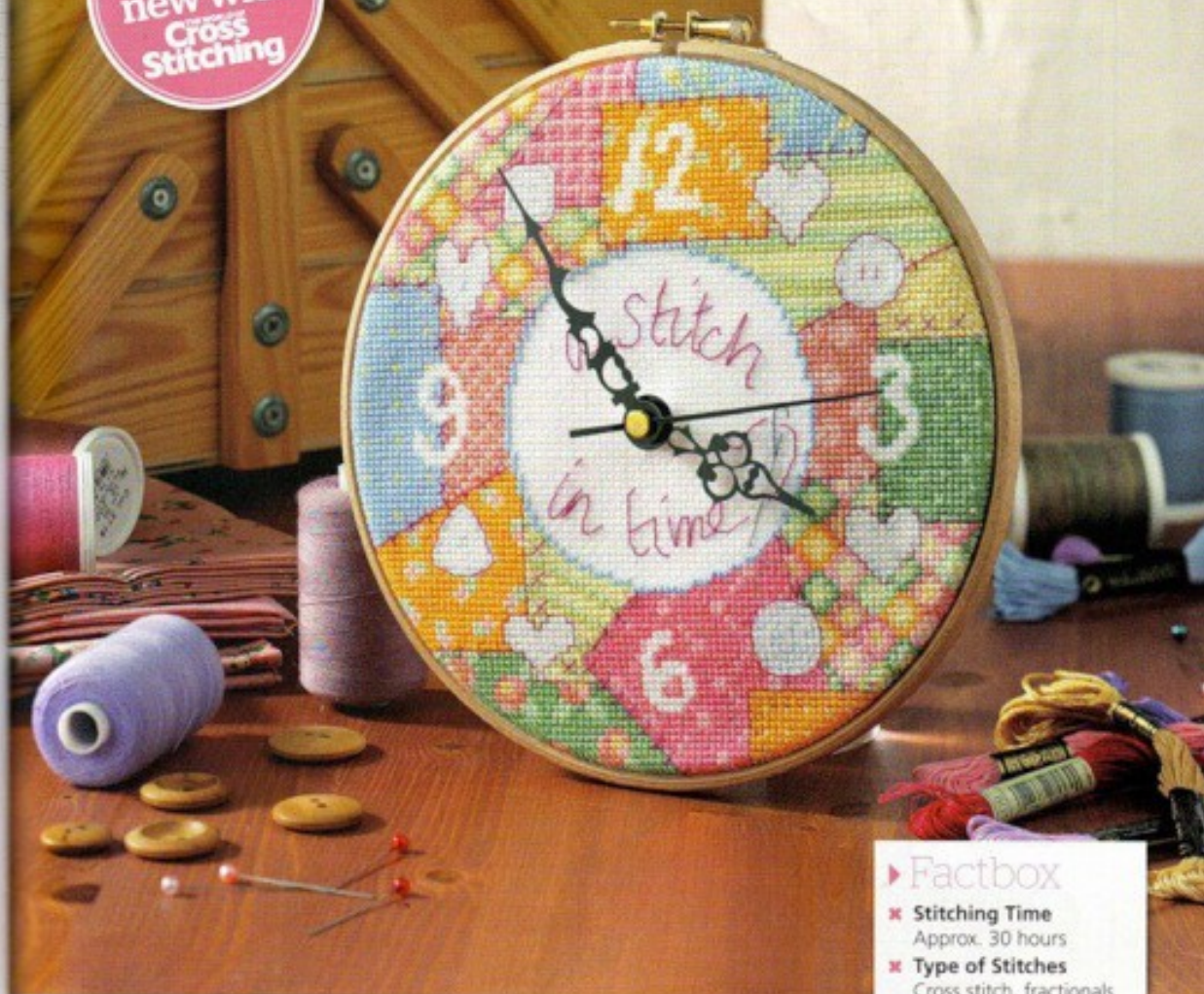


Try something new with Cross Stitching



#### ▶ Factbox

- ✦ **Stitching Time**  
Approx. 30 hours
- ✦ **Type of Stitches**  
Cross stitch, fractionals, backstitch
- ✦ **Ease of Stitching**  
Beginner/intermediate

#### ▶ Shopping list

##### YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ A piece of 14-count white aida measuring 28x28cm (11x11in)
- ✦ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✦ Size 24 tapestry needle
- ✦ 18 cm (7in) wooden hoop; clock movement; strong backing card

**Thread & fabric cost**  
Approximately £18

▶ Design by | **Lisa Reakes**

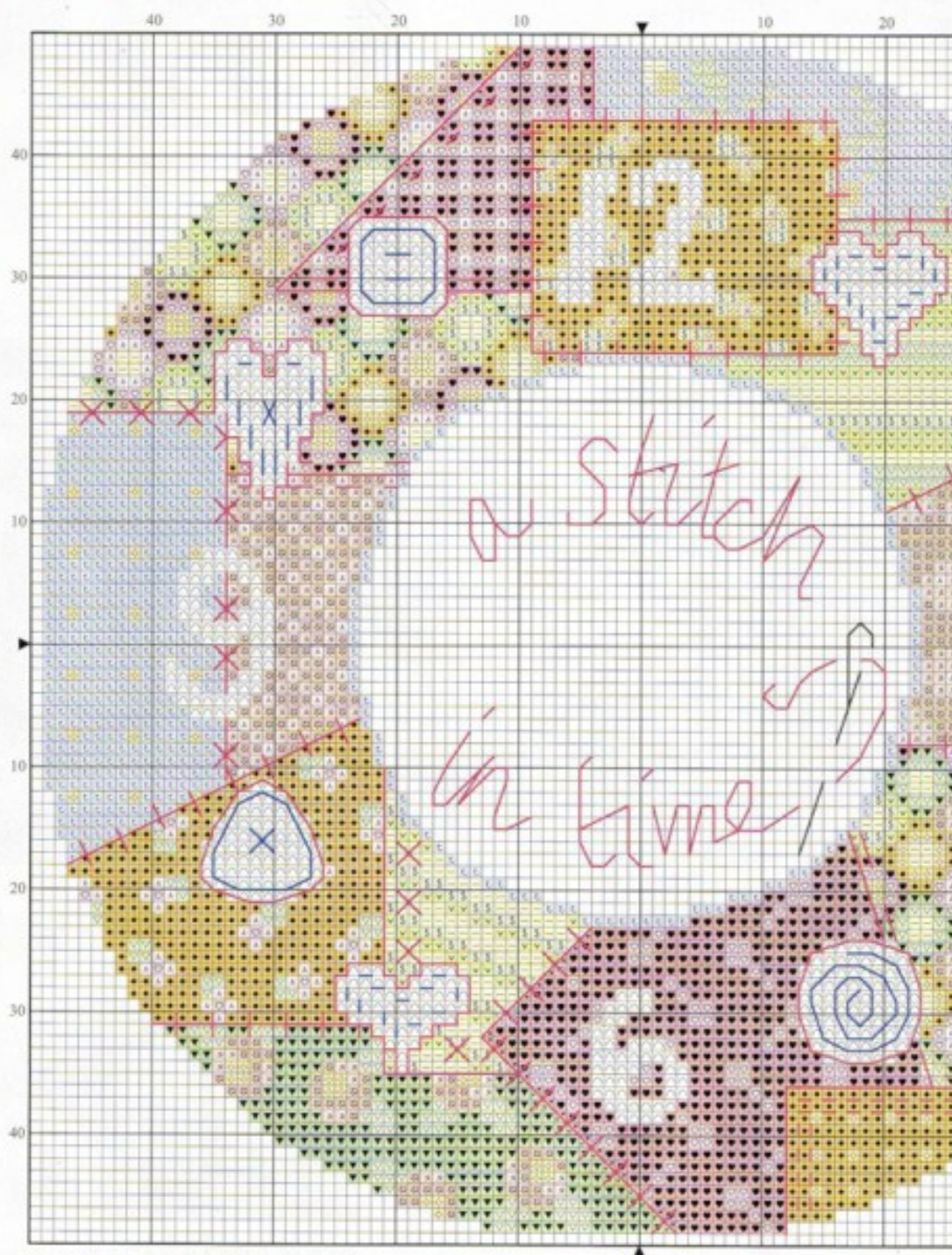
# Stitch o'clock!

Put a unique twist on a household essential with this colourful patchwork clock - time will fly as you work on this striking design

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"I must glance at my kitchen clock a hundred times a day, without really taking any notice of it, and I can't wait to replace it with this bright design!"  
**Hannah**, Editor





### Clock key

#### ✦ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
∩	blanc	2	2402	white
∇	165	278	1414	lime green
▼	368	214	1310	green
▽	369	1043	1309	light green
♥	603	55	701	dark pink
◊	605	1094	613	pink
◆	742	303	114	tangerine
◇	744	301	112	yellow
◻	760	1022	405	dark dusky pink
✱	761	1021	404	dusky pink
⊕	772	259	1604	very light green
⊗	818	23	502	light pink
—	3078	292	102	light yellow
⊖	3840	130	907	blue

#### ✦ Backstitch in one strand

—	317	400	1714	grey
—	718	88	707	magenta
—	3840	130	907	blue

**STITCH COUNT** 97 high x 97 wide  
**DESIGN AREA** 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 17.5x17.5cm (7x7in)

This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton



### ▶ Reader panel

**Angel:** I mostly stitch for my fiancé, but I also like to make things for myself, and I am definitely putting this on my must-stitch-for-me list. How perfect is this clock going to be for my craft room?

## How to make your clock

- 1 Trim your stitched piece leaving at least 2.5cm (1in) border. Cut and press a piece of iron-on interfacing to fit.
- 2 Place your stitched piece inside a strong 18cm (7in) wooden hoop. Ensure that it is lined up correctly – the 12 of the clock face should sit directly under the hoop's closing mechanism. Carefully, cut a hole in the centre of your design that is wide enough for your clock movement to fit through. Fix with Fray Stop.
- 3 Take some sturdy backing card and trim to size. Cut a hole in the same place and of the same size as the one in the centre of your stitched piece. Fix to your stitching with spray glue.
- 4 Make sure your clock movement is clean, then attach it to your stitched clock face according to the manufacturer's instructions.



### tip

**We got our lovely clock movement from Sew and So. Visit [www.sewandso.co.uk](http://www.sewandso.co.uk) or call 01453 889988 to buy the same one for £4.99**

### ▶ Designer inspiration

#### Lisa Reakes

"As a stitcher, time is always running away from me – I often start stitching, and before I know it hours have gone by! So the idea behind this design was to make the clock as eye-catching as possible, and the bright patchwork effect has that impact. I especially like the hearts and buttons that act as numbers."

