

# motifs & templates

**CUT OUT  
AND KEEP!**

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Use these guides to get started today!

**Title:** iPhone Cases

**Designer:**  
Lisa Steed Davey

**Page:** 34

Combine colourful threads with a pre-punched iPhone case to create a unique cover for your favourite gadget. The charts provided are just two examples of the designs that can be worked – let your creativity flow and freestyle to make your own stitched pattern.



#### DMC Thread Key

907 : Green

718 : Red

208 : Purple

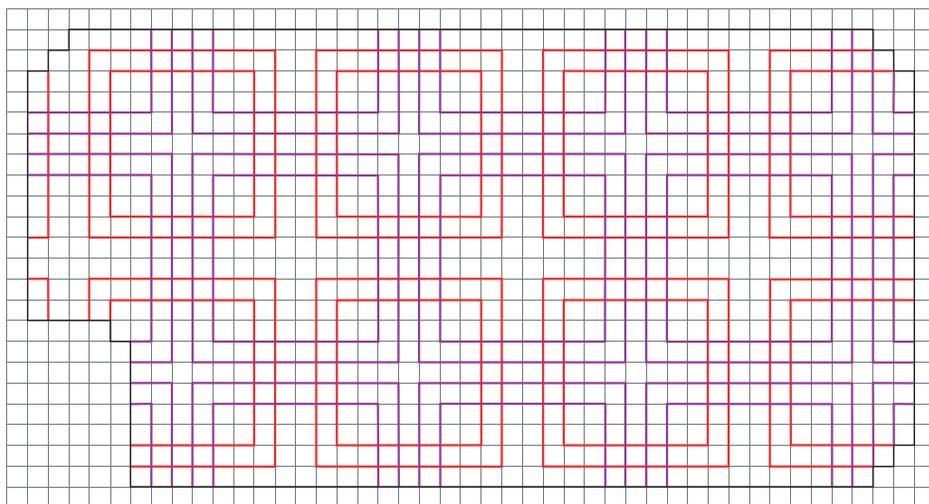
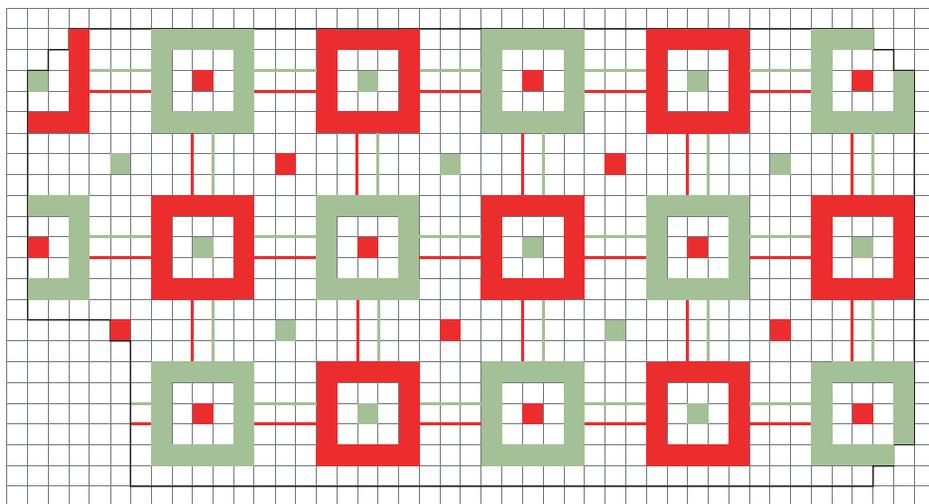
*Bespoke  
style for  
less!*

### Top Tips... for Cross Stitch Success!

1 Make sure you sit in good light – trying to count the tiny stitches in front of you can be tricky, more so if you're not able to see your work clearly!

2 Store your unused thread by wrapping it around a bobbin – whether you use shop-bought ones or create your own from cardboard, it'll keep your yarns neat, tidy and untangled.

3 Always try to stitch the cross of each stitch in the same order, to keep a neat, uniform appearance.



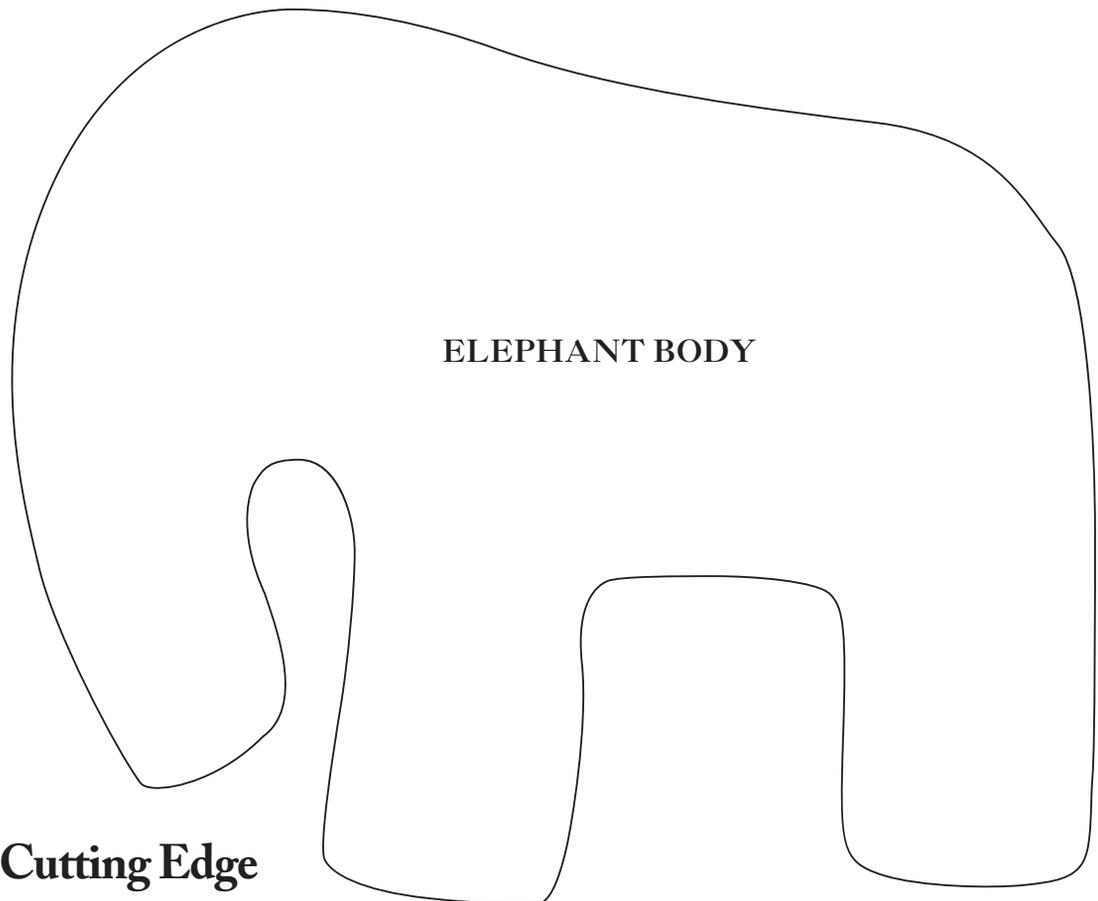


**Title:** Plush Projects  
**Designer:** Corinne Bradd  
**Page:** 40  
 Templates are 70% of the original size

Using your FREE folksy fabric bundle, you can create a wealth of different projects – as shown on pages 8-10 and 40-41! This cute little elephant toy is sure to delight any recipient, young or old – create him from simple patchwork squares.



Make with your FREE fabric pack!

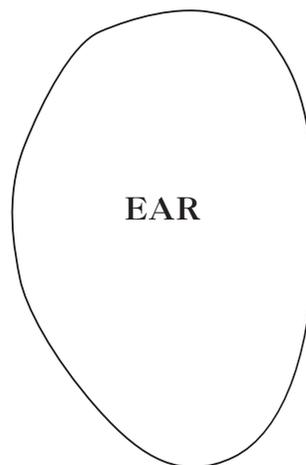


**ELEPHANT BODY**

### Cutting Edge

When piecing together patchwork makes such as this, it's vital to make clean, neat cuts of fabric. This will help the pieces to fit together well when it comes to sewing them.

- Always cut on a smooth, flat surface, such as a table. Ensure that your scissors are sharp – and never use the same pair for cutting both fabric and paper. Use the full blade of the scissors for longer straight edges, making smaller cuts around curves.
- If you are right-handed, place your left hand onto the template and fabric and hold it securely. Holding the scissor blades at right angles to the fabric, begin cutting cleanly around each section. Reverse the process if you're left-handed.



**EAR**

### How to...resize your templates

These patterns need to be enlarged in order to use them. To do this with a photocopier, change the 'copy ratio' of the machine to the correct percentage. Alternatively, if you have a scanner connected to your computer you can use this to resize your templates, utilising the software provided with the machine. This method can be used to enlarge or shrink any of the templates included within Sew magazine.



**Title:** Stitched Cushions  
**Designer:** Susie Johns  
**Page:** 51  
 Template is 70% of the original size

This fabulous project combines simple square patchwork with embroidery techniques to make a fantastically colourful cushion. Use a variety of different stitches to create a textured effect.

**EMBROIDERY MOTIF**

- 291 Yellow
- 334 Scarlet
- 54 Pink
- 47 Crimson
- 1090 Blue
- 330 Orange

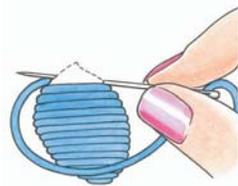
Perfect embroidery-practice motif!

Good Morning

## How to... Satin Stitch



**1** Start by securing the thread on the wrong side of the work. Pull the needle through to the surface on the base of the outline to be filled. Take the needle to the outline on the opposite side and push the needle back through to form a long, straight stitch.



**2** Take the needle down next to the end of the first stitch and under the work, bringing it back through at the start of the previous stitch forming a parallel line of thread. Repeat this process until the desired area is filled.



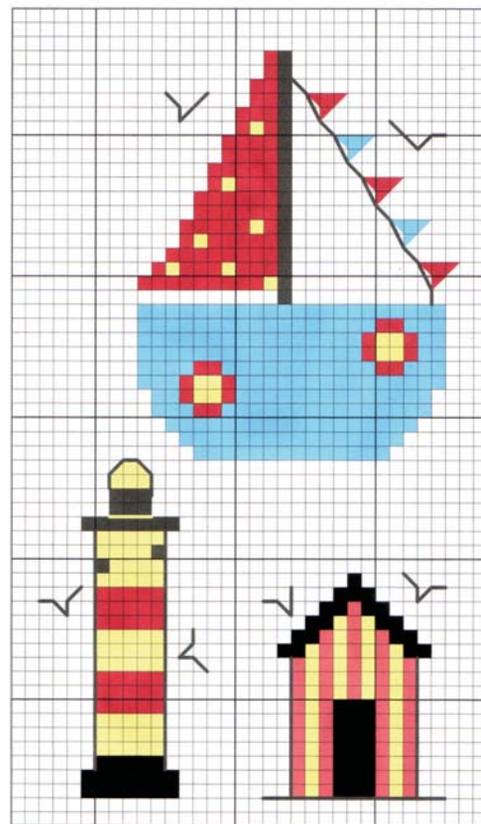
**Title:** Cross stitch seaside heart  
**Designer:** Helen Philipps  
**Page:** 58  
 Heart template is 40% of the original size

Make a lovely summer holiday gift for a loved one with this pretty heart, decorated with a cross stitch beach hut motif. There's also a matching greeting card and lighthouse gift tag, to create a nostalgic gift that will be treasured forever.

## Quick tip

For best results, hold the cross stitch fabric in an embroidery hoop to tension it whilst working the stitches. To prevent the fabric from slipping, wrap the inner hoop with a narrow strip of plain, undyed fabric such as calico, securing the end with a few stitches or a piece of masking tape.

Create a mini cross-stitched gift for a friend



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**Title:** Letters pouch  
**Designer:** Elisabeth Cockrell  
**Page:** 60  
Template is 50% of the original size

Whether you use it to store away hand written love notes or take it out with you to keep your essentials in order, this embroidered letters pouch from Elisabeth Cockrell certainly makes for a quirky accessory.



Easy to make and looks fantastic!

# Collect & Keep Cross Stitch Library

This month we bring you **five exclusive** new designs to add to **cushions**, tablecloths, handkerchiefs - or whatever else you fancy!  
Work with two strands of **embroidery thread** in **rainbow colours** for an extra **stand-out look**.

