





Fairy mother & child key

✦ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
■	155	109	902	light purple
■	164	240	1209	light green
■	165	278	1414	light lime green
■	166	279	2703	lime green
■	223	895	812	pink
■	333	119	903	dark purple
■	341	117	901	violet
■	400	351	2305	dark ginger
■	402	1047	2307	light ginger
■	581	280	1609	olive green
■	597	1064	1110	dark turquoise
■	598	1062	1111	turquoise
■	676	891	2208	sand
■	677	886	2207	light sand
■	729	890	2209	dark sand
■	950	4146	2309	dark peach
■	951	1010	2308	peach
■	987	244	1403	dark green
■	989	241	1401	green
■	3746	1030	2702	purple
■	3747	120	2504	light violet
■	3752	1032	1706	blue
■	3753	128	909	light blue
■	3770	1009	2314	light peach
■	3776	1048	2306	ginger
■	3799	236	1713	dark grey
■	3811	1060	1101	light turquoise
■	3829	901	2210	very dark sand

✦ Cross stitch in one strand Kreinik #4 braid

■	025		grey
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✦ Backstitch in one strand

—	223	895	812	pink
—	987	244	1403	dark green
—	3799	236	1713	dark grey
—	3829	901	2210	very dark sand

✦ Backstitch in one strand Kreinik #4 braid

—	025		grey
—	028		citron

✦ French knots in one strand

●	3799	236	1713	dark grey
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✦ French knots in one strand Kreinik #4 braid

●	025		grey
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✦ Mill Hill seed beads

●	02024		heather mauve
●	03021		royal pearl

STITCH COUNT 150 high x 100 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 27x18cm (10½x7¼in)

This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton, Kreinik #4 braid and Mill Hill seed beads on 28-count evenweave over two threads of the fabric.



Alphabet chart

Shopping list

YOU WILL NEED

- ✦ A piece of Silversage hand-dyed 28-count Jobelan measuring 38x28cm (15x11in), available from Popsitches Designs, ☎01559 370406
- ✦ Stranded cotton and metallic thread as listed in key
- ✦ Seed beads as listed in key
- ✦ Size 24 tapestry needle, beading needle
- ✦ Frame of your choice with a minimum aperture of 29x20cm (11½x8in)

Thread & fabric cost
Approximately £27

tip

Use a hoop or frame to keep your fabric taut as you stitch – it will make adding the beads and metallic backstitch much easier.

How to stitch with seed beads

1 Using a thread colour that matches the bead colour, thread your beading needle with two strands and bring it up through the fabric. Thread a single bead onto your needle and work the first half of a cross stitch.



2 To make the second arm of the cross stitch, take the needle back down through the fabric as usual, but allow the two strands to separate and fall either side of the bead. Finish the thread off securely at the back.



Reader panel

Michelle Williams

This beautiful design will make a really unusual birth sampler. It's just what I've been looking for to stitch for my best friend, who is due in July. The metallics and beading might be a bit tricky, but the finished result will be more than worth it.

