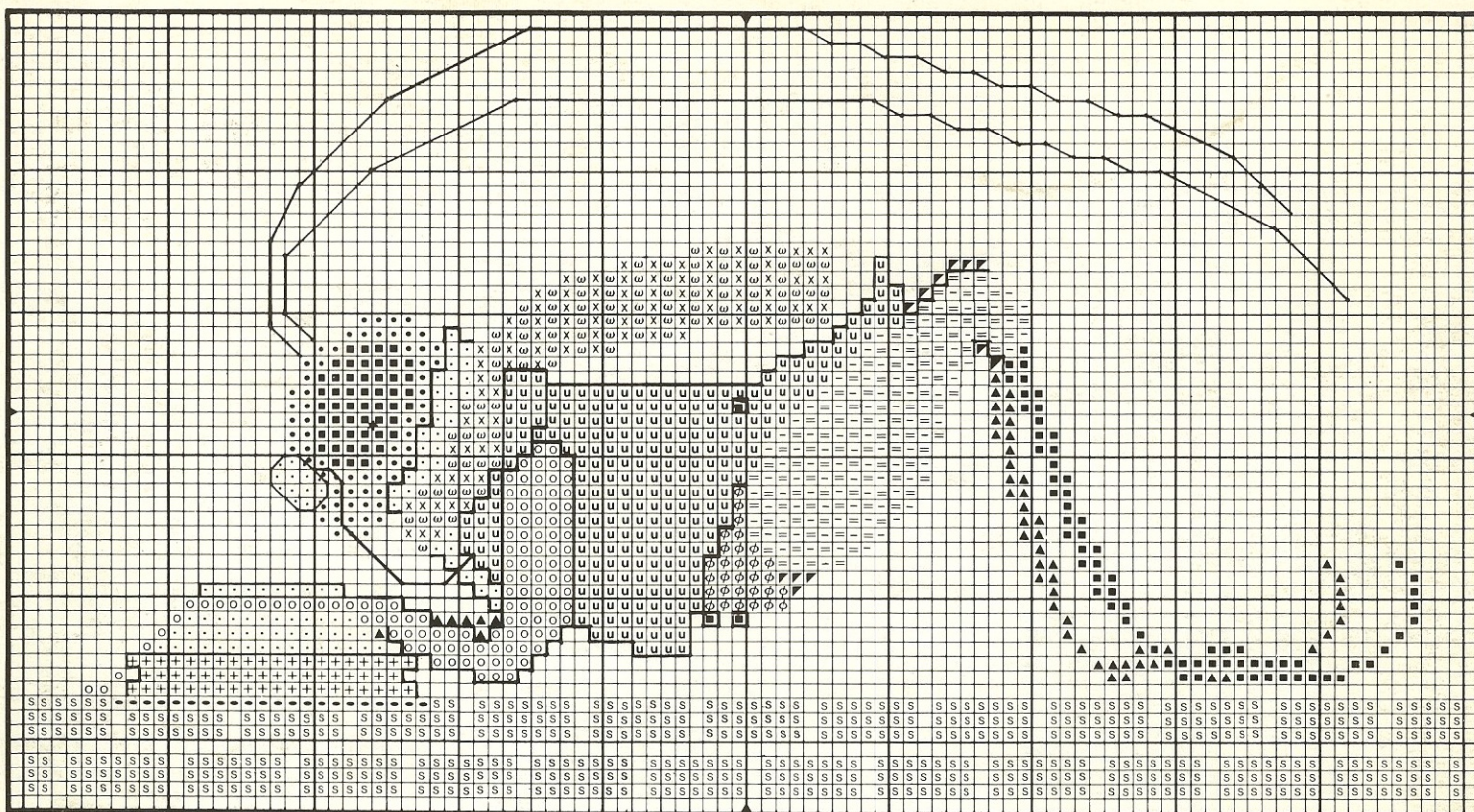




THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH

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DESIGN AREA: 100 → x 54†

12 count	8.3 x 4.5
14 count	7.1 x 3.9
18 count	5.6 x 3
22 count	4.5 x 2.5
25 count	4 x 2.2
27 linen	7.4 x 4
30 linen	6.7 x 3.6

COLOR CODE:

DMC

■	brick	301 + 221*
●	white	Blanc
■	dark grey	645
■	black	310
▲	charcoal	844
○	light tweed	612 + 645*
■	dark tweed	611 + 844*
■	terra cotta	632
■	light gold-green	3013
■	light teal	926
■	deep teal	924
■	rose	221
■	green	319
■	light grey	415
■	grey-blue	930

* Indicates that the color is "heathered" by stitching with a single ply of each floss color indicated.

BACKSTITCHING: Backstitch with single ply floss around collar, sleeve, outside edge of coat, buttons, and where indicated on knickers in 310, black; pages of book and outer shirt edge in 645, dark grey; and the rims of the glasses and the chain in 829, old gold.

ANTENNAE are stitched in a combination of backstitch (where backstitching line appears diagonally from corner to corner of one graph square) and longstitch (where it appears diagonally from the corner of one graph square to the corner of the adjacent graph square). All straight lines are single backstitches. The antennae are worked in two ply floss.

The highlight in the cricket's eye (★) is created by a french knot worked with single ply Blanc, white floss wrapped three times around the needle.

MODEL INFORMATION: The "cricket" was stitched on 28 count "tan" Jobelan over two threads with two ply floss. He is shown finished as a small ruffled pillow ornamenting a fireplace. Since the "cricket" is the time-honored prophet of good fortune, his unique character would make him a delightful and unusual housewarming gift.

FINGERTIP TOWEL:

(available to retailers from)
Charles Craft, Inc.
P.O. Box 1049
Laurinburg, NC 28352

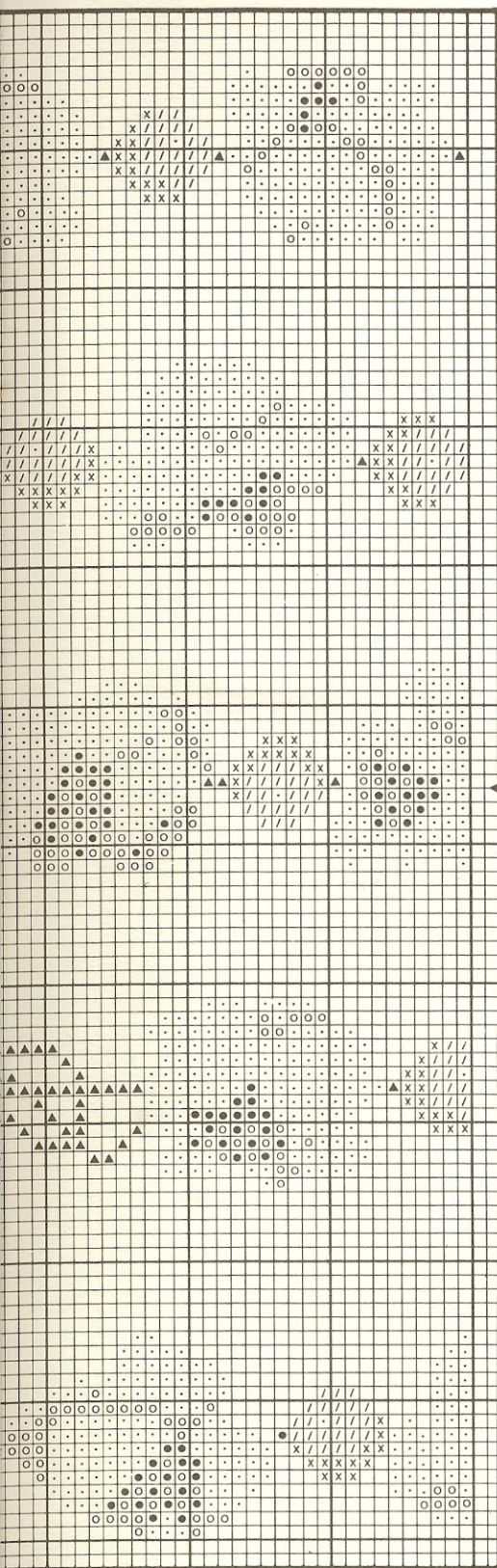
FABRICS:

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Stoddard, WI 54658



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POPCORN AND CRANBERRIES



DESIGN AREA: 140 → x 108 †

12 count 11.7 x 9
14 count 10 x 7.7
18 count 7.8 x 6
22 count 6.4 x 4.9
25 count 5.6 x 4.3
27 linen 10.4 x 8
30 linen 9.3 x 7.2

COLOR CODE:

	DMC
• white	Blanc
○ butter	745
● dark butter	3045
▲ green*	319
x garnet	902
/ berry red	498

* When stitching a fingertip towel as pictured use 902, garnet, instead of 319, green.

MODEL INFORMATION: The "Popcorn and Cranberries" pillow was stitched on 18 count "putty-khaki" Davos using two ply floss. The pillow measures 7 inches square with an added 1½ inch country plaid ruffle. A single strand of popcorn and cranberries was worked on a "deep teal" fingertip towel using a random selection of kernels and berries from the last line of design on the graph (left). Because a variety of towels are available, the work area may vary. First count the dimensions of the stitching area, and then select portions of the design to fit. The "string" can be extended to fill an area too small for a complete motif.

THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH

I am a cricket of great nobility,
A scholar of seeming merit,
at once wise and yet humble.

I am a singer of persistent song,
A philosopher of damp earth and
late autumn leaves,
moons with icy rings and
cinders upon the hearth.

I keep the company of fireflies,
earthworms and men with equal
grace.

Upon the hearth I frequent, there is
health with vigor,
prosperity with satisfaction,
contentment, companionship and
charity.

Never despair my winter song,
though it be of great length,
for I am indeed a lucky fellow.

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OUR BEST WISHES FOR GOOD FORTUNE as well as our gratitude to Sandie Phillips (The Cricket on the Hearth ornament) and Sandra Dabler (Popcorn and Cranberries pillow).

