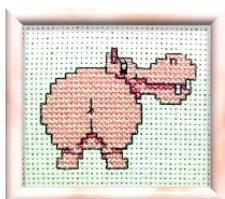


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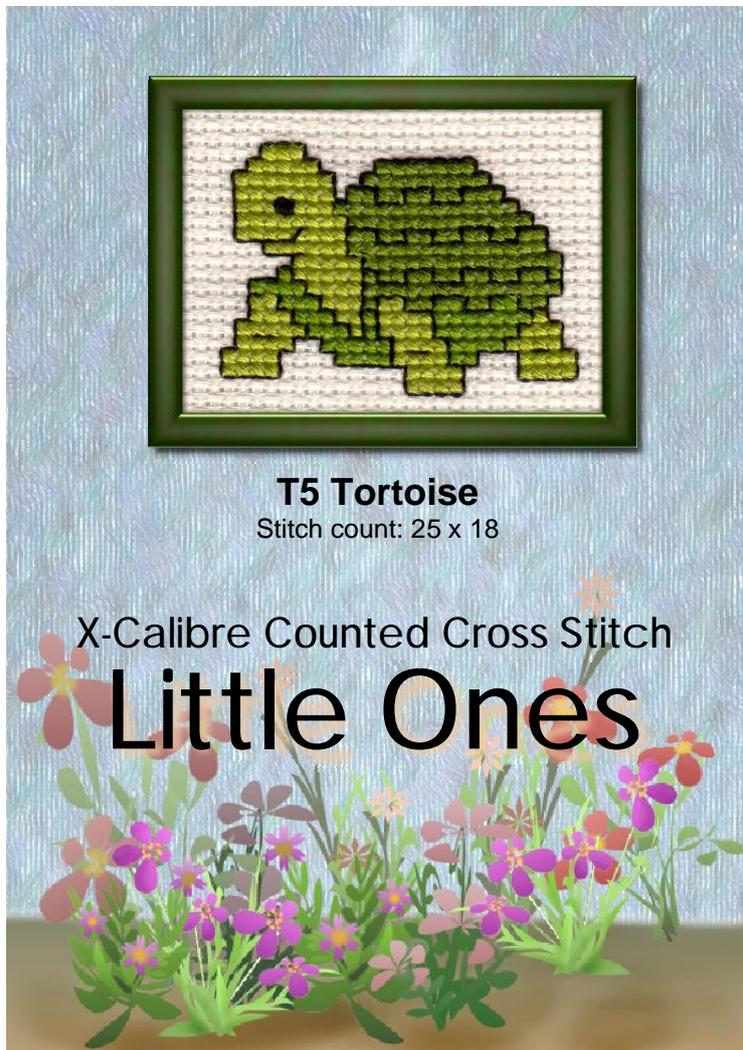
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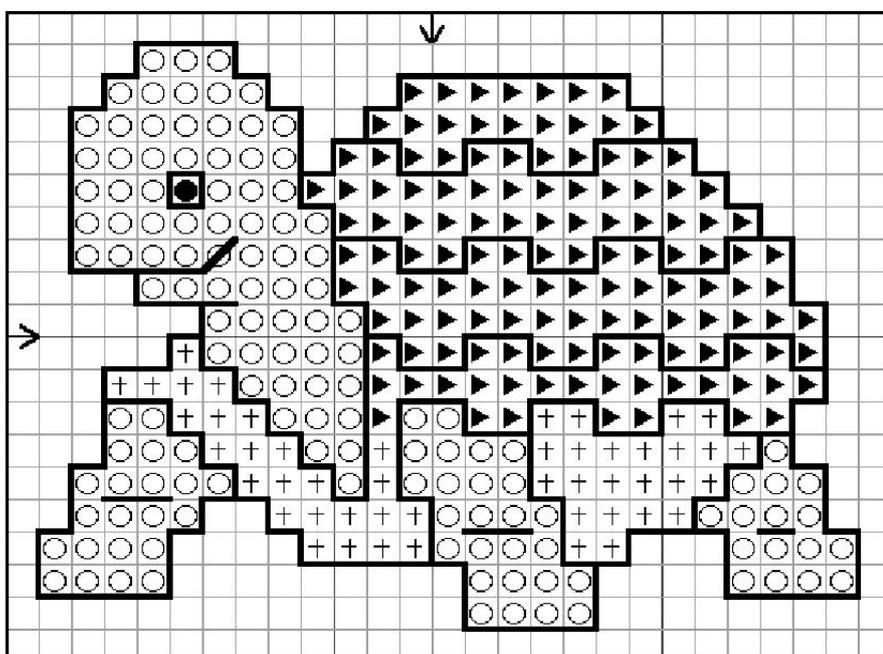
M2 Monkey



T5 Tortoise

Stitch count: 25 x 18

X-Calibre Counted Cross Stitch
Little Ones



Tortoise

Cross stitch in 2 strands:

Symbol	Number	Colour
○	310	Black
▴	905	Green dark
+	906	Green medium
○	907	Green light

Backstitch in 1 strand of 310

Stitch count 25 x 18

Design area (approx): 1.75" x 1.25"

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Instructions

Counted Cross Stitch

This is a Counted Cross Stitch design; the design is not printed onto the fabric but worked from a chart. Each square on the chart corresponds to one cross stitch. Each colour of thread is represented by a different symbol (see the key overleaf). 14 count Aida fabric is used in the kit as the holes where the thread enters the fabric are easy to see.

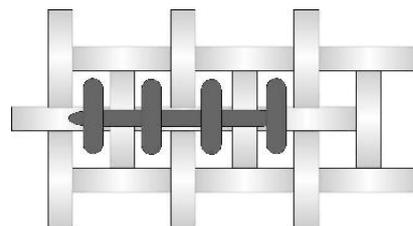
Starting Work

To ensure your design will fit on the fabric provided start working from the centre of both the design and fabric. The centre of the design is marked with arrows. To find the centre of the fabric fold it in half, both ways and lightly crease the centre.

Threads

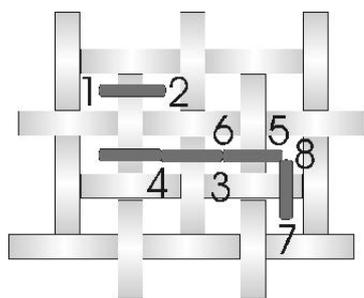
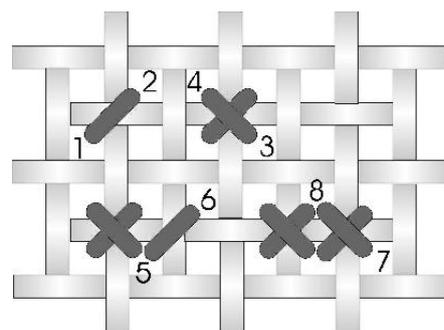
The 6 strand cotton embroidery thread needs separating into 2 strands for cross stitches and a single strand for back stitch.

Do not use a knot in the end of your thread as this may cause an unsightly bump in the work when it is framed. When you begin a piece of thread leave a 1" tail on the back of the work catching it down with your first few stitches (see diagram right). To fasten off run the needle through the backs of 4 to 5 stitches and then cut off close to the fabric.



Cross Stitch

The needle comes out of one hole (1) and goes back down in the one diagonally above and to the right (2). The second leg begins in the hole directly below this (3) and the stitch is completed by taking another diagonal stitch into the top left (4). Take the thread diagonally across the back to hole 3 to begin the second stitch (5). Continue in this way forming each cross at a time.



Back Stitch

Back stitch is often used to outline a design when all the crosses are completed. I recommend using a single strand of cotton to work these stitches.

Following the diagram (left) bring the needle up at 1 and make a running stitch to 2. Bring it up again at 3 and go down at 4. Repeat steps 3 and 4. To turn a corner, continue in the same manner bringing the needle to the front of the work one stitch further along the row, in the direction you wish to turn (5). Re-use hole 3 as you complete the stitch (6).