





## Design Size

25 x 38cm (10 x 15½in)

## Stitch Count

139w x 219h

## MATERIALS

38 x 50cm (15 x 20in) natural  
14-count Aida

DMC stranded cotton (floss)  
as listed in chart key

Tapestry needle number 24

30 x 46cm (12 x 18in) fusible  
fleece

0.5m (½yd) backing and lining  
fabric to tone with stocking

150cm (60in) decorative braid  
to tone with stocking



**1** Prepare for work, referring to Techniques. Mark the centre of the fabric and mount in a frame. It would help to enlarge the chart on a colour photocopier.

**2** Start stitching from the centre of the chart and fabric, using two strands of stranded cotton (floss) for cross stitches and French knots (wound once around the needle), according to the colour changes on the chart: Work the pine needles in long stitches using two strands of 700. Work the backstitch stems in the border and the bauble hangers with two strands of 5284. Work all other backstitches using one strand of 310.

**3** Once the embroidery is complete, use a contrasting thread, to tack (baste) a stocking outline shape all round the design edges, 1.25cm (½in) out from the red dotted outline shown on the chart.

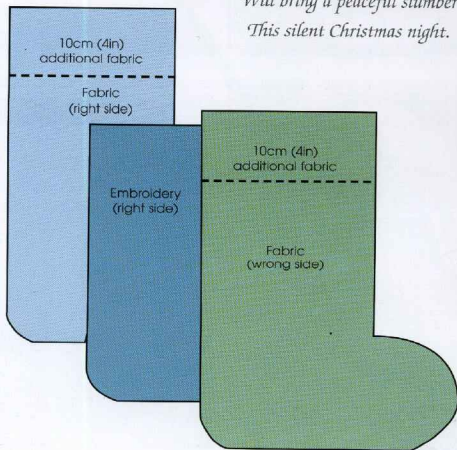
**4** Now make up as a stocking as follows. Place the fusible fleece on the wrong side of the stocking, covering all the tacking (basting) stitches and with an additional 1.25cm (½in) at the top. Press to fuse, according to the manufacturer's directions. Turn the stocking over and cut the top edge seven rows above the tacked line, then cut the remaining stocking shape along the tacked lines. Fold the top edge to the wrong side along the tacked line and press.

5 Cut the backing/lining fabric into two pieces 56 x 46cm (22 x 18in) and with right sides together, place under the stocking and cut to the stocking shape, adding an extra 10cm (4in) at the top. Layer the fabric and stocking as follows: one piece of fabric right side up, the stocking right side up, and the second piece of fabric wrong side up (see diagram). Pin together and stitch a 1.25cm ( $\frac{1}{2}$ in) seam all round, leaving the top edge open and a gap at the bottom for

tucking in the braid. Finish off the raw edges by folding over 1.25cm ( $\frac{1}{2}$ in) to the wrong side and stitching down. Turn the embroidery to the outside, creating a lining and backing. Fold the two top flaps in, aligning them with the folded edge of the embroidery.






























6 To make a hanging loop, cut 20cm (8in) of decorative braid, fold it in half and tuck the ends into the left corner of the top edge, in the space between the embroidery and lining. Slipstitch lining and embroidery together at the top edge, catching the cord securely. Using the remaining braid, attach it to the edge of the stocking all round by slipstitching, tucking in the ends neatly at the small opening in the bottom seam. Slipstitch this seam closed to finish.

*The quiet hush  
of falling snow,  
The candle's light aglow,  
The lift of Christmas carols  
That every child will know.  
A big old-fashioned Teddy,  
Beside the presents bright,  
Will bring a peaceful slumber  
This silent Christmas night.*



# A Victorian Christmas Key

DMC stranded cotton  
Cross stitch

	310		747
	318		762
	349		797
	350		798
	415		799
	598		800
	676		816
	677		869
	700		898
	702		945
	704		951
	725		3818
	726		3829
	727		5284
	729		blanc

Backstitch

	310
	700
	5284

French knots

	310
	700
	725
	816
	5284
	blanc

Stocking shape  
1.25cm (1/2in) out  
from dotted line





