




Bird Greetings Cards

As you sit quietly by the riverside
on a summer's day, you may observe
the small brown dipper bobbing up
and down searching for water
insects, the swallow catching its food
on the wing, or even the vivid
colours of the kingfisher.





BIRD GREETINGS CARDS

YOU WILL NEED

For either the Kingfisher or the Dipper Card, each measuring 20cm x 15cm (8in x 6in), with an oval cut-out measuring 14.5cm x 9.5cm (5¾in x 3¾in), or for the Swallow Card, measuring 20cm x 15.5cm (8in x 6¼in), with a cut-out measuring 12.5cm (5in) square:

*20cm x 15cm (8in x 6in) of cream,
18-count Aida fabric*

*20cm x 15cm (8in x 6in) of iron-on interfacing
Stranded embroidery cotton and blending filament in
the colours given in the appropriate panel
No.26 tapestry needle
Greetings card*

THE EMBROIDERY

For each card, find the centre of your piece of Aida and start your embroidery from the centre of the design. Work all the cross stitches first and then add the backstitching. Use two strands of cotton for the cross stitch, except where a metallic thread is indicated. In this case, use one strand of cotton together with one strand of metallic thread. For the

► SWALLOW

	DMC	ANCHOR	MADEIRA	
◻	Black	310	403	Black
◻	Pale grey	415	398	1803
◻	White	White	1	White
1	Dark orange	920	339	0312
2	Orange	921	349	0311
≡	Navy	939	127	1009
⊙	Light iridescent blue	775	128	1001
	+Kr. 001 (Kreimik silver blending filament)			
◻	Dark grey blue	930	922	1712
◻	Grey blue	931	921	1711
◻	Light grey blue	932	920	1710
+	Pale orange	722	323	0307
X	Cream	712	387	2101
◻	Fawn	613	956	2109
≡	Grey	413	401	1713
▲	Light navy	823	150	1008

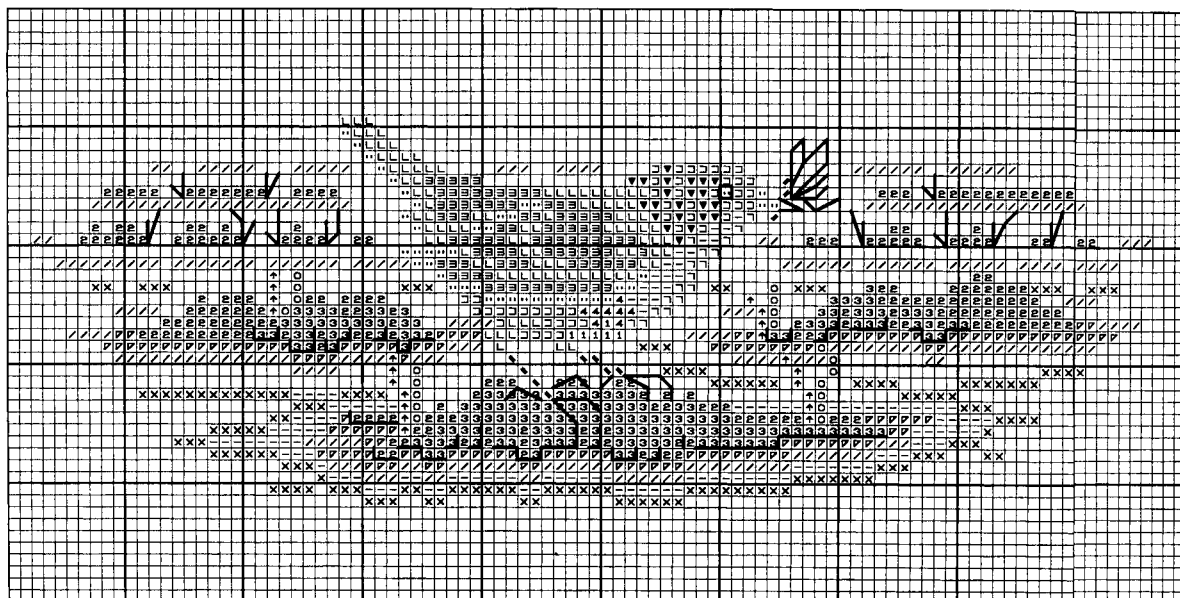
Note: Backstitch the eye highlight in white, the fly in black, the tail in navy, the edge of the wing in fawn and the eye outline in pale grey.

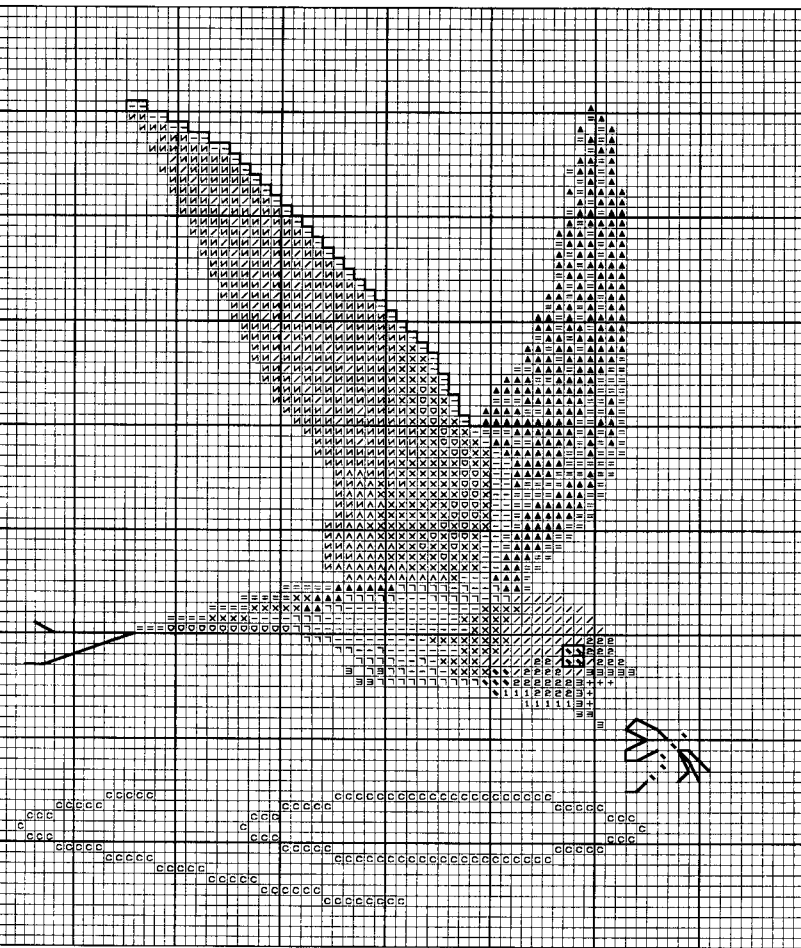
backstitching, use one strand of cotton. Gently steam press on the wrong side when complete.

ASSEMBLING THE CARDS

Iron the interfacing to the back of the embroidery and trim both to measure about 12mm (½in) larger all around than the cut-out window.

Open out the self-adhesive mount and centre the embroidery behind the aperture. Fold the card and press firmly to secure. Some cards may require a dab of glue to ensure a secure and neat finish.





▼ KINGFISHER

	DMC	ANCHOR	MADEIRA	
□ (top-left)	Pale grey	415	398	1803
□ (top)	White	White	1	White
□ (top-right)	Dull orange	922	1003	0310
□ (right)	Light orange	977	1002	2301
□ (bottom-right)	Dark blue grey	924	851	1706
□ (bottom)	Blue	797	132	0912
□ (bottom-left)	+Green	991	189	1204
□ (left)	Iridescent blue	597	168	1110
<i>+Kr. 006 (Kreinik blue blending filament)</i>				
□ (left)	turquoise	597	168	1110
□ (left)	Light turquoise	598	167	1111
□ (left)	Dark grey	413	401	1713
□ (left)	Light iridescent blue	775	128	1001
<i>+Kr. 001 (Kreinik silver blending filament)</i>				
□ (left)	Dark orange	900	333	0208
□ (left)	Orange	721	324	0308
□ (left)	Black	310	403	Black
□ (left)	Grey blue	926	850	1707
□ (left)	Pale orange	402	347	2307
□ (left)	Fawn	422	372	2102

Note: Backstitch the eye highlight in white, and the eye outline in pale grey.

◀ DIPPER

	DMC	ANCHOR	MADEIRA	
□ (diagonal)	Grey	413	401	1713
□ (top-left)	Pale grey	415	398	1803
□ (top)	White	White	1	White
□ (top-right)	Rust	301	349	2306
□ (right)	Dark fawn	840	379	1912
□ (bottom-right)	Fawn	842	376	1910
□ (bottom)	Orange	721	324	0308
□ (bottom-left)	Blue	794	175	0907
□ (left)	Pale blue	775	128	1001
□ (left)	Silvery white	White	1	White
<i>+Kr. 001 (Kreinik silver blending filament)</i>				
□ (left)	Dark green	3345	268	1406
□ (left)	Yellowy green	581	266	1609
□ (left)	Green	3347	267	1408
□ (left)	Very dark brown	3371	382	2004
□ (left)	Dark brown	3031	905	2003
□ (left)	Brown	610	889	2106
□ (left)	Yellow brown	829	906	2113
□ (left)	Light brown	420	375	2104

Note: Backstitch the fly, the beak and detail on the rocks in very dark brown, the bird's feet in grey, the grass between the rocks in green and the eye in pale grey.

