

Fresh flowers



Floral COLLECTION
Third of four

Rhapsody in pink

Orchids are amongst the most prized of flowering plants and this glorious design by Angela Poole is sure to be just as highly desired

There are a vast number of different types of orchid. Indeed it's reckoned to be the second largest family of flowering plants, so there's plenty of varieties to choose from for a cross stitch design! Angela has picked these delicate pink and white flowers, which look superb stitched on the blue evenweave and accompanied by the pink cotton print fabric. It's not always easy to get an orchid to flower regularly, but this gorgeous display can be captured forever by your needle and thread. ▶



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Meet the designer...
Angela Poole

Angela is a talented designer in both cross stitch and papercraft, and you can discover all the tips, hints and techniques she uses to create exquisite pieces like this one, by turning to her designing masterclass on page 53.

Shopping list...

☑ **20HPI evenweave**,
Dresden blue, Zweigart
Bellana ref 3256/0554,
Cushion 20x20in
(51x51cm), bag 8x18in
(20x46cm), tag 8x8in
(20x20cm). See
'Alternative materials
pack' for aida details.

☑ **Stranded cotton** as
listed in the key

Cushion

- ✦ **Cotton fabric**, 21x36in
(53x91cm) pink print
- ✦ **Zip**, 14in (36cm), pink
- ✦ **Cushion pad**, 14x14in
(36cm)

Bag

- ✦ **Cotton fabric**, 31x21in
(78x53cm) pink print
- ✦ **Ribbon**, ½x22in
(1.5x56cm), pink spotty

Tag

- ✦ **Cotton fabric**, 5x5in
(13x13cm), pink print
- ✦ **Ribbon**, ½x20in
(1.5x51cm), pink spotty
- ✦ **Silver eyelet**
- ✦ **Sewing kit** – usual
essentials including
matching thread
- ✦ Items marked ☑ are
included in materials
pack, items marked ✦
are not included.
- ✦ **Turn to page 68 for
hints and help!**
- ✦ Fabric for the stitched
piece supplied by
Willow Fabrics – visit
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Rhapsody in pink

Anchor DMC Madeira Colour

Cross stitch in four strands over two threads

Cross stitch in two strands over one thread

002	White	2402	White (3)
048	818	0608	Very light pink (2)
055	603	0505	Medium pink
063	601	0701	Dark pink
065	150	0602	Very dark pink (2)
131	798	0911	Dark blue (2)
136	799	0910	Light blue
264	3348	1409	Very light green
265	471	1308	Light green
266	470	1502	Medium green
268	937	1504	Dark green
393	840	1905	Light brown
397	762	1901	Grey
1094	605	0613	Light pink

Backstitch in two strands over two threads

Backstitch in one strand over one thread

*002	White	2402	White
background pattern outlines and details			
*055	603	0505	Medium pink
orchid details			
*065	150	0602	Very dark pink
orchid outlines and details			
905	3031	1904	Dark brown
stem outlines			
1044	895	1405	Very dark green
leaf outlines and details			

Stitched using Anchor threads on 20HPI evenweave over
two threads

Cushion stitch count 112x112

Design area 11¼x11¼in (29x29cm)

Stitched using Anchor threads on 20HPI evenweave over
one thread

Tag stitch count 40x61

Design area 2x3in (5x8cm)

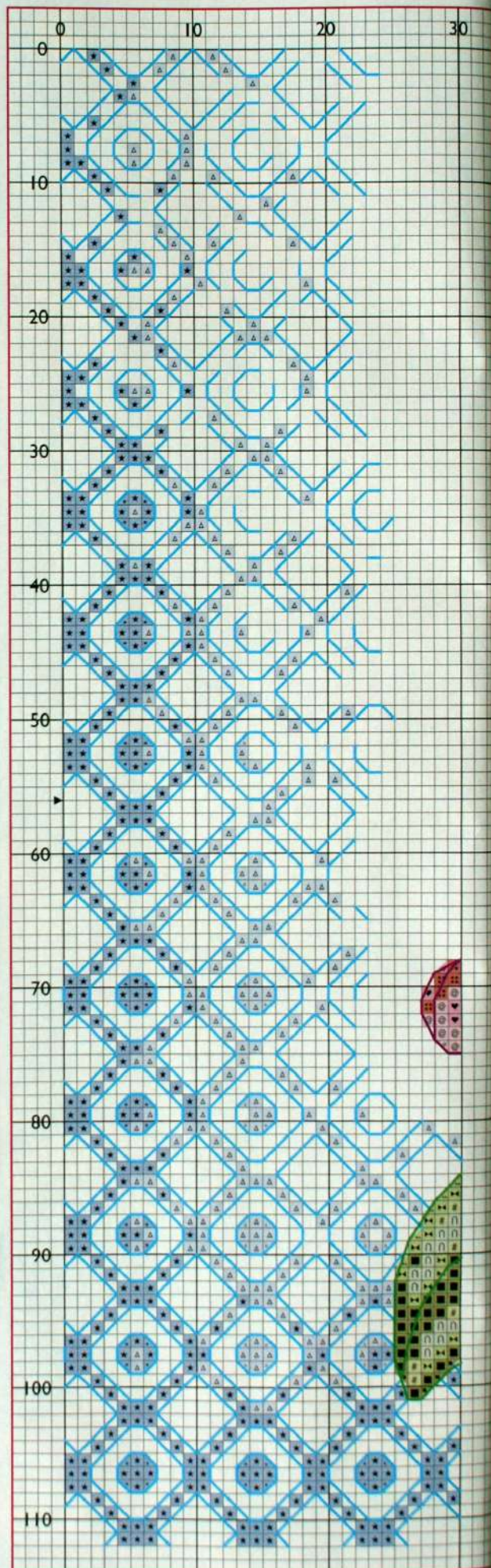
Bag (two repeats as per chart) stitch count 27x108

Design area 1½x5½in (4x14cm)

*indicates colour is listed earlier in the key
(2) indicates more than one skein required

Alternative materials pack

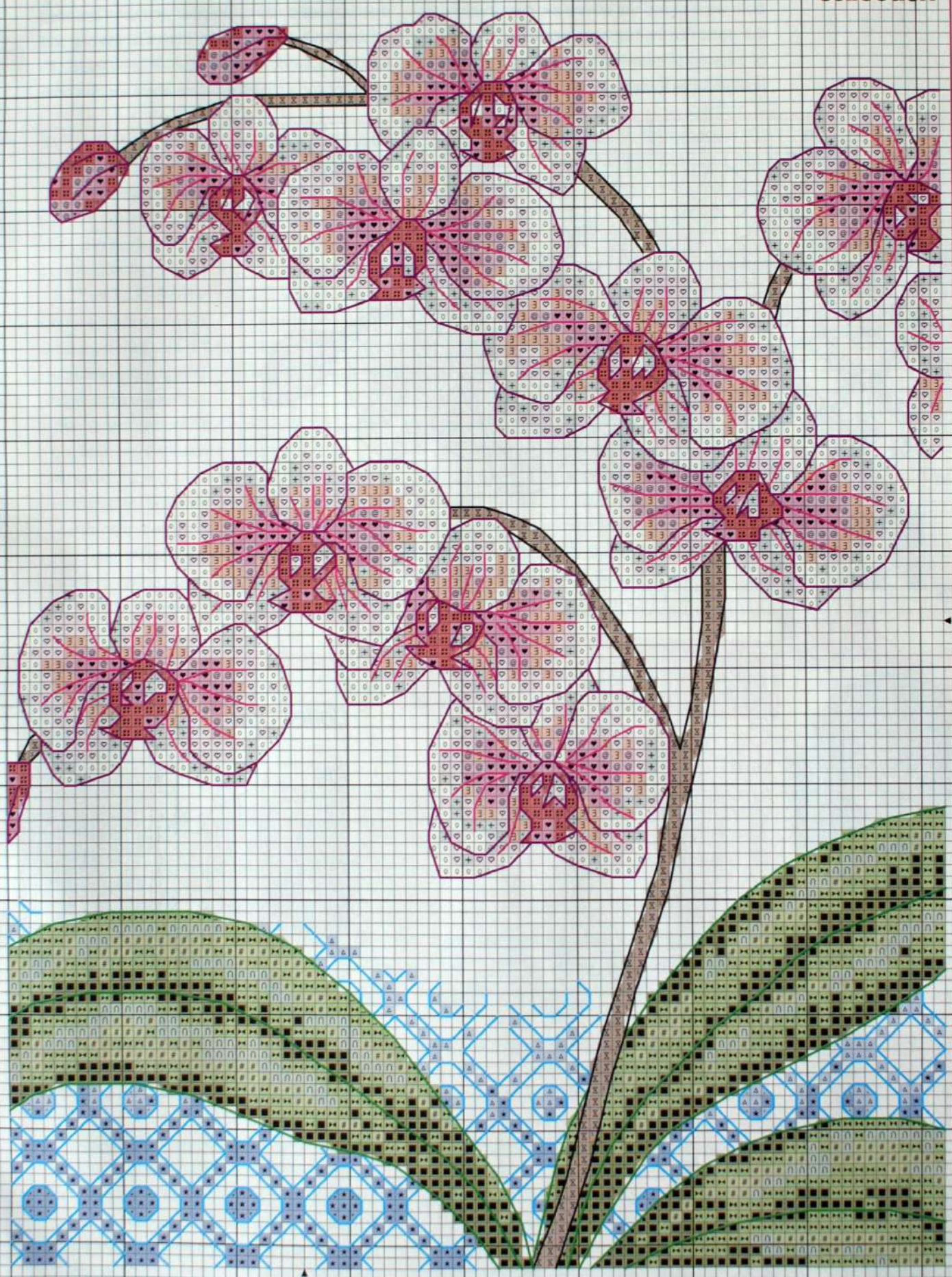
If you prefer to stitch on aida rather than evenweave, we have an alternative materials pack available. The pack contains three pieces of 14HPI Zweigart aida, blue (ref 3706/503), measuring 17¼x17¼in (45x45cm) for the main design, 12½x14in (32x36cm) for the tag and 12x17¼in (30x45cm) for the bag. Each of the three designs is worked in two strands for the cross stitch and one for the backstitch. The finished design areas on 14HPI aida are 8x8in (20x20cm) for the main piece, 2¼x4¼in (7x11cm) for the tag design and 2x3¼in (5x10cm) for the bag design. Please bear in mind you will also have to adjust the measurements of the cotton fabric, zip, cushion pad and ribbon in the making up instructions for each item. Turn to page 67 to order either the evenweave or aida packs.



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CROSS STITCH
Collection

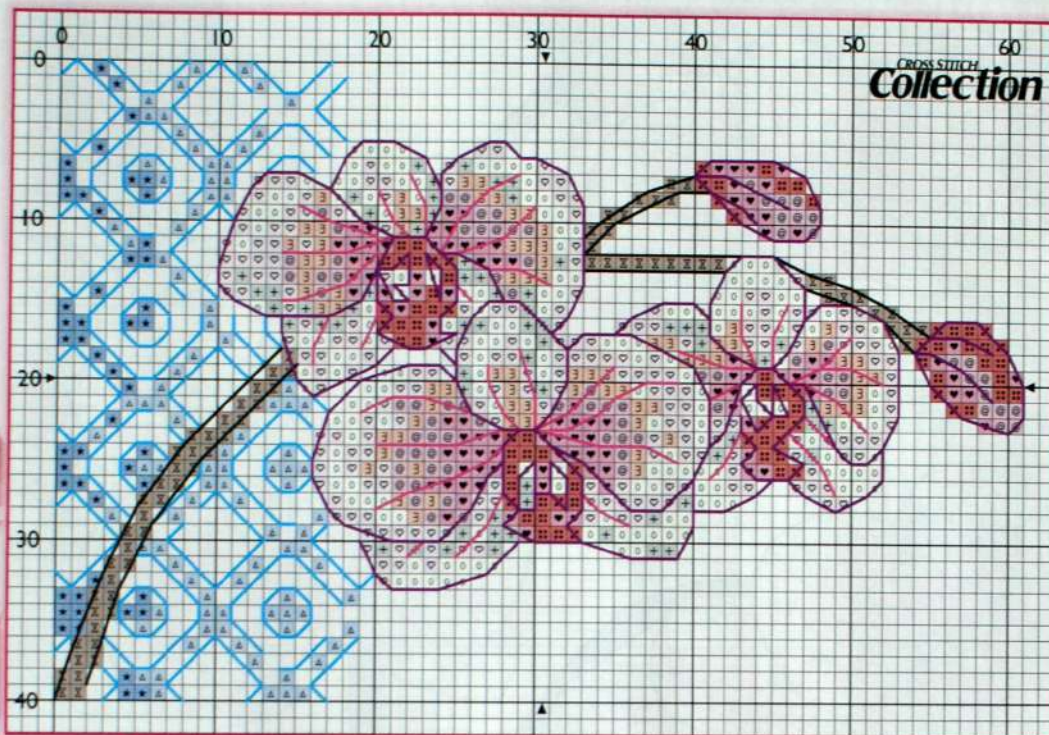


► Starting off

For the cushion and tag fold your fabric in half both ways to find the centre and start stitching at this point. For the bag, start stitching in the centre of the strip of evenweave, then work outwards until your piece measures 14in (36cm) in length.

Stitching the designs

The cushion design is worked over two threads of the evenweave fabric. Use four strands of stranded cotton to work all the cross stitch. For the bag and tag designs, work the stitching over one thread of the fabric for a more miniature effect and this time



Make a tag

1. Draw an oval template approximately 4x3in (10x8cm) using tracing paper and cut out.
2. Put this centrally on the wrong side of the stitching and trace round.
3. Pin the fabric back right sides together with the evenweave front. Stitch round the oval drawn line, leaving a small gap on one edge for turning.
4. Turn the tag right sides out, press, then slip stitch up the gap.
5. Punch a silver eyelet in the top left of the tag.

Extras for you...

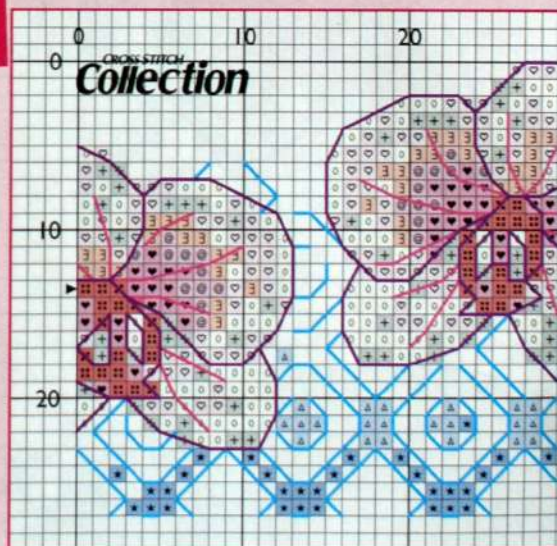
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Make an attractive tag (above) and follow these simple instructions to make up a handy bag

Make a bag

Cut the pink print fabric into the following pieces: bag outer and lining, two pieces 14x15in (36x38cm); base outer and lining, two pieces 5x5in (13cm); binding strips, two pieces 3/4x15in (2x38cm). Trim your stitched evenweave to 2 1/2in (27cm) high and 15in (38cm) wide.

1. Draw a circle with a 4 3/4in (12cm) diameter and cut out to make a pattern. Pin this circle pattern on to each of the two base pieces and cut out.
2. Bind the top and bottom long edges of the stitched evenweave using the fabric strips and a 1/4in (6mm) seam allowance. Fold over to the wrong side and press.
3. Pin the bound evenweave 1in (2.5cm) up from



the lower edge of the bag outer and machine stitch into place close to the binding edge at the top and bottom.

4. Fold the bag outer in half right sides together matching up the raw edges of the shorter sides and stitch using a 1/2in (1.5cm) seam allowance.
5. Stitch the circle to the lower edge of the bag, right sides together, using a 1/4in (6mm) seam allowance. Repeat this with the bag lining and

The little things can often make the most difference and making up this sweet little gift tag with cotton fabric backing and ribbon makes it very special indeed