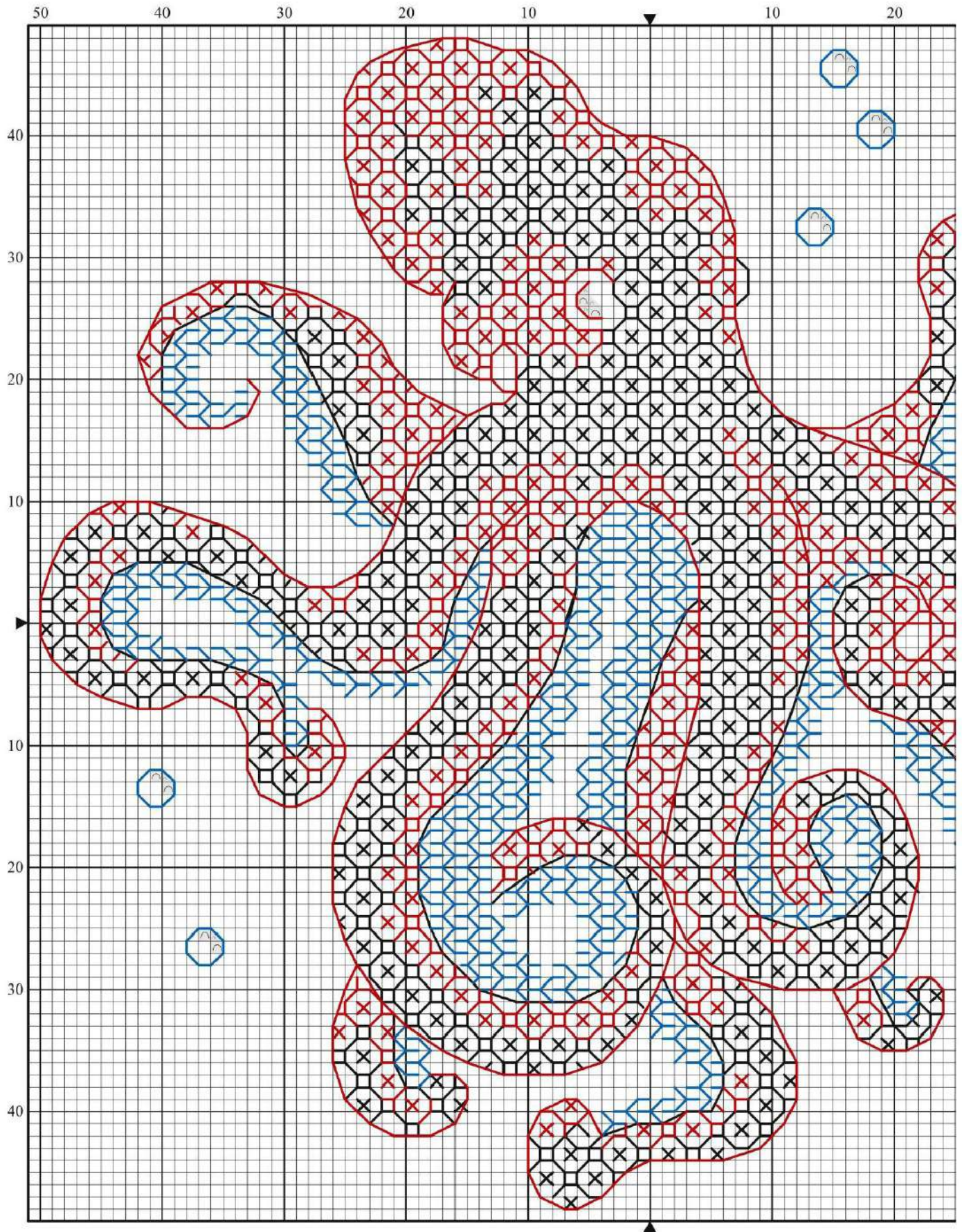


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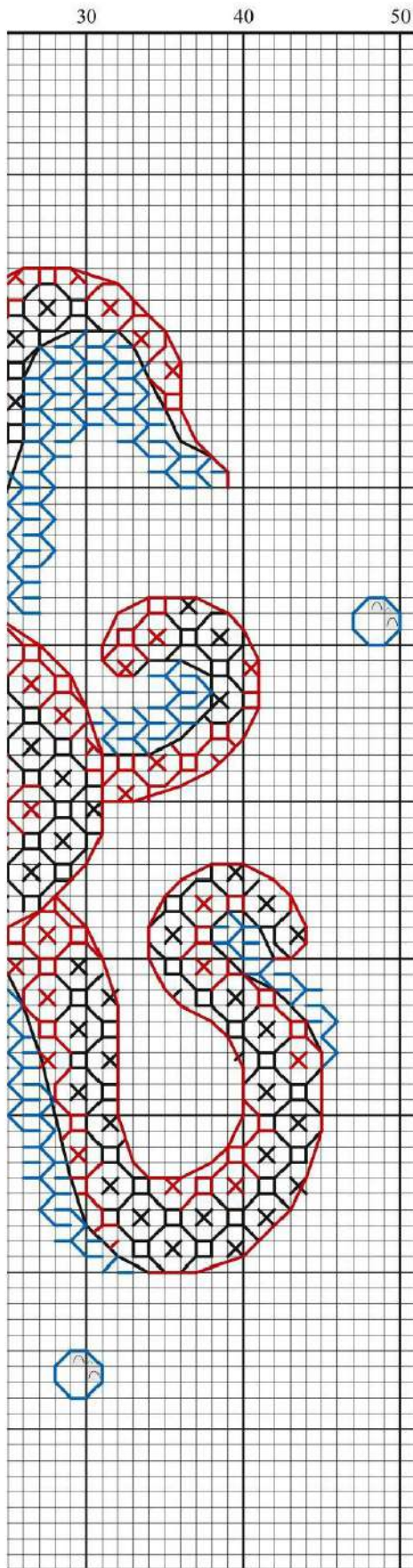


Create an underwater display in your own home – this decorative octopus will tentacle your fancy





Blackwork Octopus chart (left)



Blackwork Octopus chart (right)

Jenni READER PANEL



“As a scuba diver I was instantly drawn to the octopus project. I’ve never stitched on such dark fabric or tried blackwork before so it would be a new challenge for me.”



Blackwork Octopus key

✗ Cross stitch in three strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
	B5200	1	2401	white

✗ Backstitch in one strand

	B5200	1	2401	white
	415	398	1802	grey

✗ Backstitch in two strands

	B5200	1	2401	white
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STITCH COUNT 96 high x 100 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave)
– 17.5x18cm (6¾x7¼in)

SKEINS NEEDED 2x B5200 (white)

STITCHED BY Sam Lowe

This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton



TOP TIP

Thread two needles with the different strands of white thread before you begin to save time as you switch between them

Shopping list

- ✗ Zweigart* 14-count navy (589) aida measuring 28x28cm (11x11in)
- ✗ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✗ Size 24 tapestry needle
- ✗ 8in wooden embroidery hoop from Maries Cross Stitch*
- ✗ White paint and navy felt for backing of your choice from local stores

Thread & fabric cost
Approximately £12

*For stockists see page 90

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