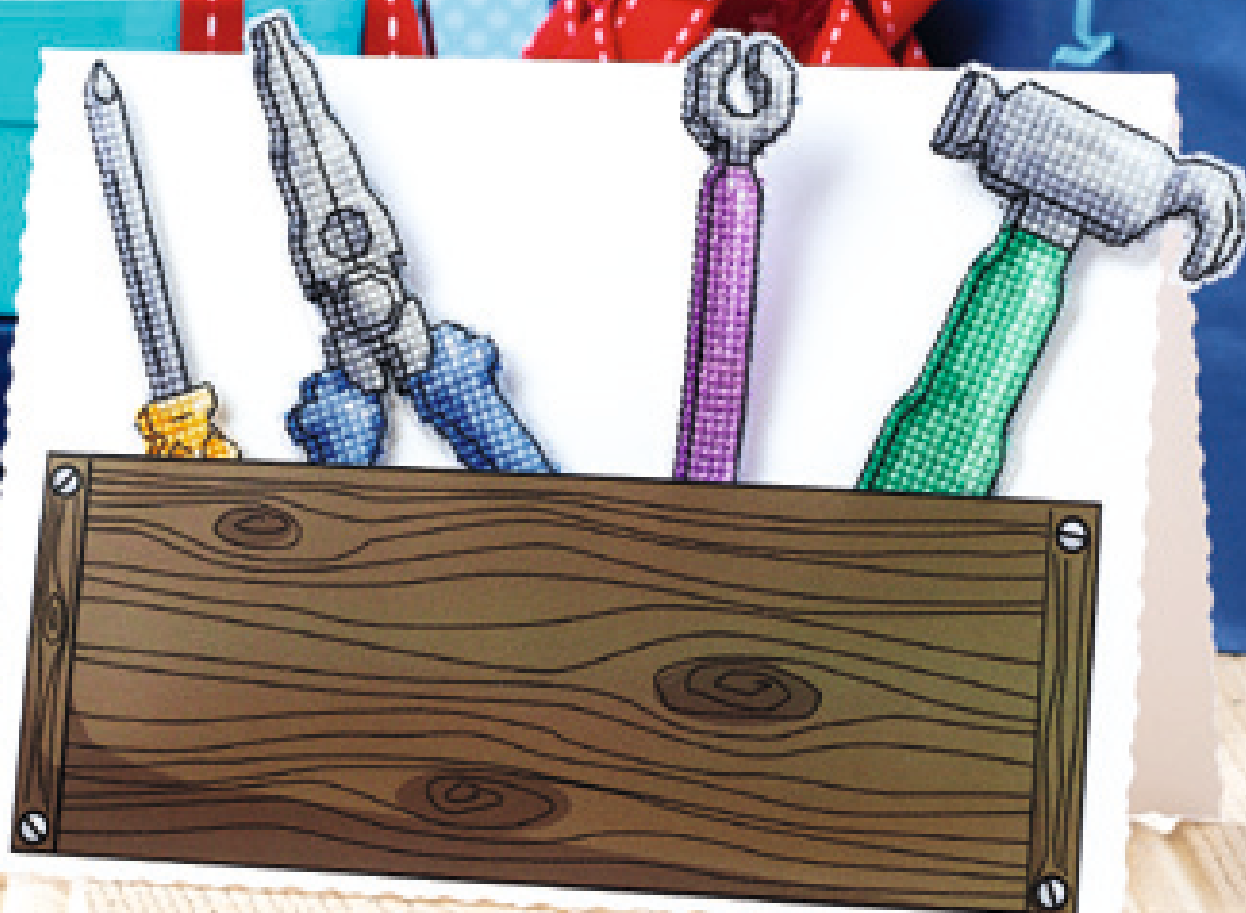


# The DIY dad



This Father's Day, make the man in your life a fun toolbox card, complete with plastic canvas tools, and he's sure to be inspired to put up that shelf!

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**D**ads who are handy around the house, or who love nothing better than tinkering about underneath their cars, will love this clever toolbox card filled with cross stitch tools! A hammer, screwdriver, spanner and pliers are all stitched onto plastic canvas, then slotted behind wood-effect paper, giving this unique design dimension and texture. Simply download the printed paper design at [Cross-stitching.com](http://Cross-stitching.com) for free, then follow our step-by-step guide on the opposite page to put your card together!

These simple designs are perfect for stitchers of all abilities, so why not get the kids involved in making one for Father's Day? Just tell them it's a DIY project! ●



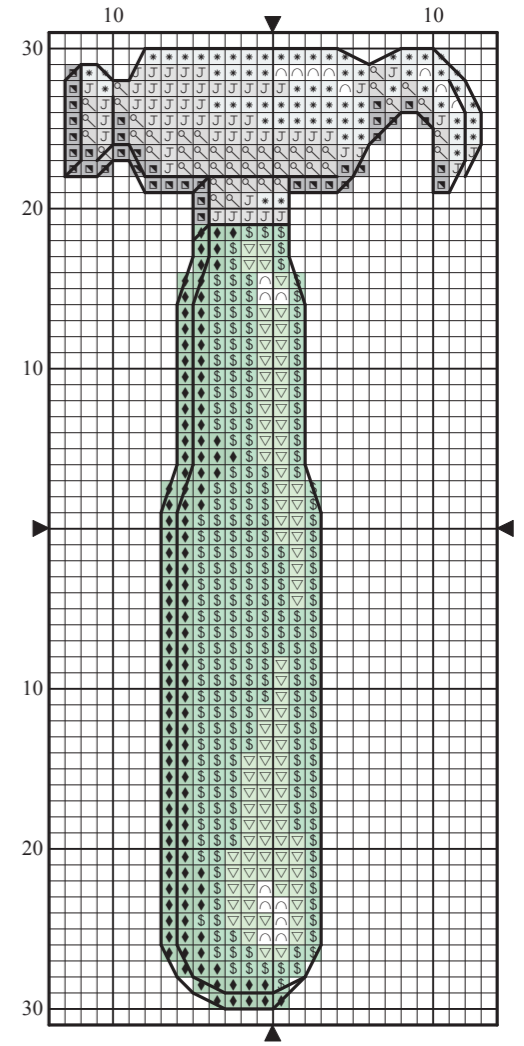
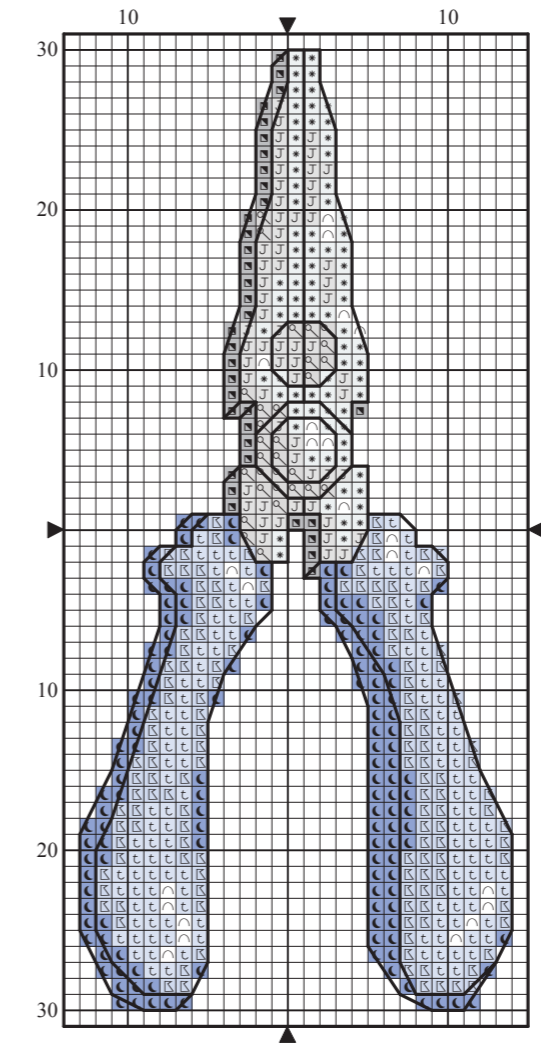
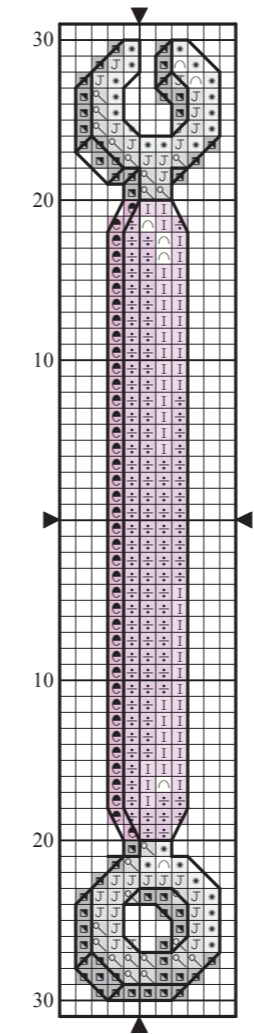
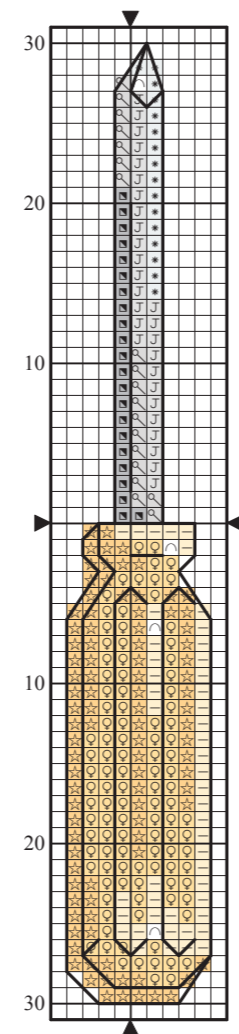
**StitchTime**  
**6-8 hrs**  
(each)

**StitchList...**  
For all stitchers  
✕ Whole cross stitch  
✕ Backstitch

## ShoppingList...

- Threads** - Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- Needle** - Size 24 tapestry needle
- Fabric** - A piece of 14-count clear plastic canvas measuring 13x8cm (5x3in) for each design. To buy, visit [www.craftdepartment.com](http://www.craftdepartment.com) or call ☎ 01373 454 448
- Extras** - Craft Creations Single Fold Deckle Edge card (DEC10U) in creative smooth white. Double-sided tape from local craft store

Toolkit card			
	DMC	Anchor	Madeira
✕ Cross stitch in two strands			
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t	3840	144	907
✕ Backstitch in one strand			
—	310	403	2400
✕ Whole stitches only			
Max. stitch count 60 (h) x 27 (w)			
Design area on 14-count fabric			
11x5cm (4¼x2in)			
Stitched by Tara King			

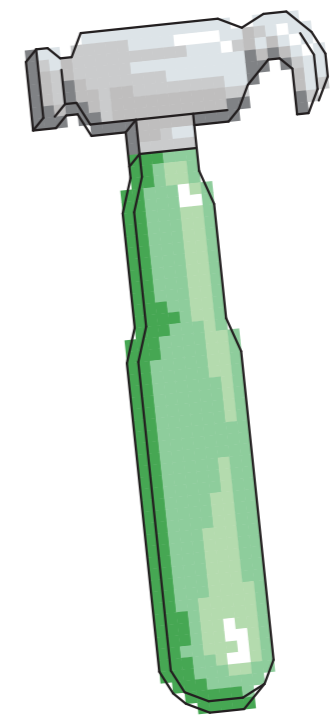


*Crazy tip!*  
Take care not to catch your thread on the edge of the plastic canvas as you stitch



## HowTo

- Find out how to make this toolkit card
- 1 Stitch each design onto a piece of plastic canvas, then cut out each shape, leaving a single square border all the way around.
  - 2 Visit [Cross-stitching.com](http://Cross-stitching.com) and go to Charts and Patterns. Click on the wood-effect paper pattern, print it out, then neatly cut it to size.
  - 3 Apply double-sided tape to the reverse of the printed paper along the sides and the base, then attach to the bottom half of your card.
  - 4 Slot each tool into the pocket, arranging them in any order you like, then secure them to the card with a piece of double-sided tape at the back.



## FionaSays...



I think this toolkit card is a brilliant gift for dad this Father's Day. It's a fun theme, and is sure to raise a smile!

Stitching on plastic canvas is so easy – just be careful not to cut through any threads as you're cutting out the completed design.  
**Fiona Baker, Charting Editor**  
*Cross Stitch Crazy*