

DESIGNS BY JANE HENDERSON

The sky at night

Capture the bright lights of these big cities with our stylish silhouetted designs, perfect for the man in your life

you don't have to have experienced the fast-paced, busy streets of Monte Carlo and New York to recognise these breathtaking skylines. With buildings climbing to the clouds, these are the cities that never sleep, frequented by high flyers and kitted out with designer stores – a life of luxury we'd all love a taste of!

The masculine feel makes them a great gift for men in your life, and as each one is worked on 14-count black aida for maximum effect, this is definitely a project for you stitchers that love a challenge! Created using cross stitches and backstitch only in just a few thread shades, the designs themselves aren't tricky, it's the colour

Factbox

- ✗ **Stitching Time**
Approx. 25 hours each
- ✗ **Type of Stitches**
Cross stitch, backstitch
- ✗ **Ease of Stitching**
Intermediate/Advanced

Try black fabric

of the aida itself, making it harder to see the holes between the blocks. Our tip: stitch with a white cloth, like a towel or sheet, on your knee to help see the holes!

Your extra effort will be worth it – both for a night-time atmosphere, but also giving a beautiful border to make the designs really stand out. ➤



Meet the designer

Jane Henderson

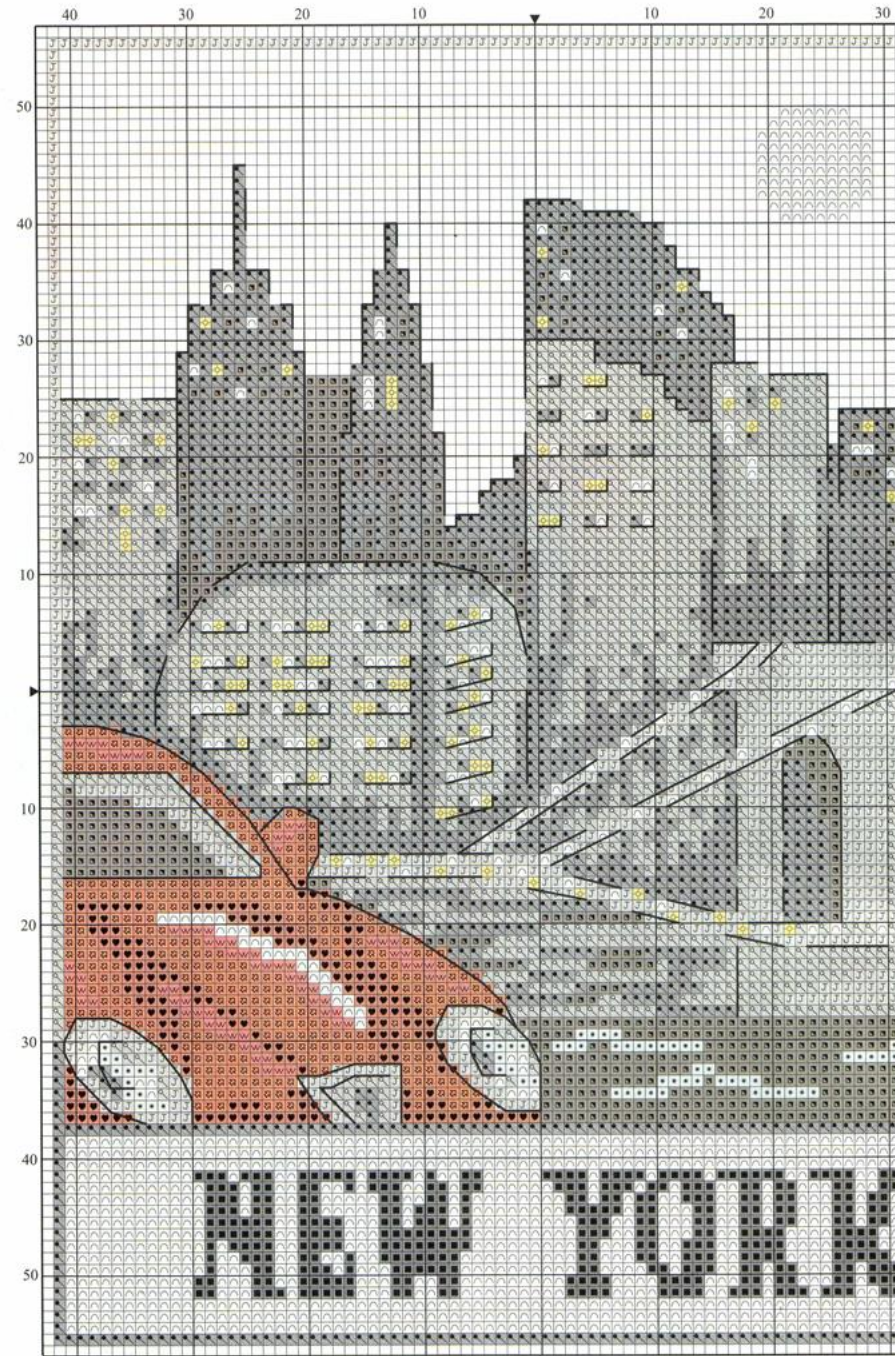
"Although I love designing bright, colourful charts, it's also fun to create something a bit more masculine. Each finished piece is so striking, I'd recommend giving it a go, even if you've never worked with dark fabric!"



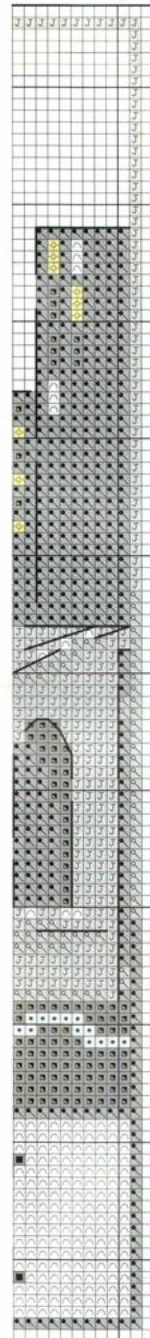


THE WORLD OF
**Cross
Stitching**
STITCHER'S
CHALLENGE

Recreate these
stunning urban
scenes against a
black background to
add a feeling of
depth and interest.



New York chart (left)



New York chart (right)

Yuana READER PANEL



“This is what I’ve been looking for as a gift for my son. For my children I like to stitch something that is everlasting. I prefer something that is not too childish for them to hang in their rooms as they get older. The designs are very elegant, with a touch of vintage, but also very modern at the same time.”

City Skylines key

✦ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
○	B5200	1	2401	white
■	304	19	511	dark red
●	307	289	104	yellow
■	317	400	1809	dark grey
■	318	399	1801	light grey
■	414	235	1714	grey
■	415	398	1802	very light grey
■	666	46	210	red
●	762	234	1804	pearl grey
■	3799	236	1713	very dark grey
■	3801	1098	411	light red

✦ Backstitch in one strand

—	3799	236	1713	very dark grey
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MAX STITCH COUNT 112 high x 84 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 20.5x15.5cm (8x6in)

SKEINS NEEDED 2x85200 (white), 2x318 (light grey), 3x414 (grey), 2x415 (grey)

These designs were stitched using DMC stranded cotton



Shopping list

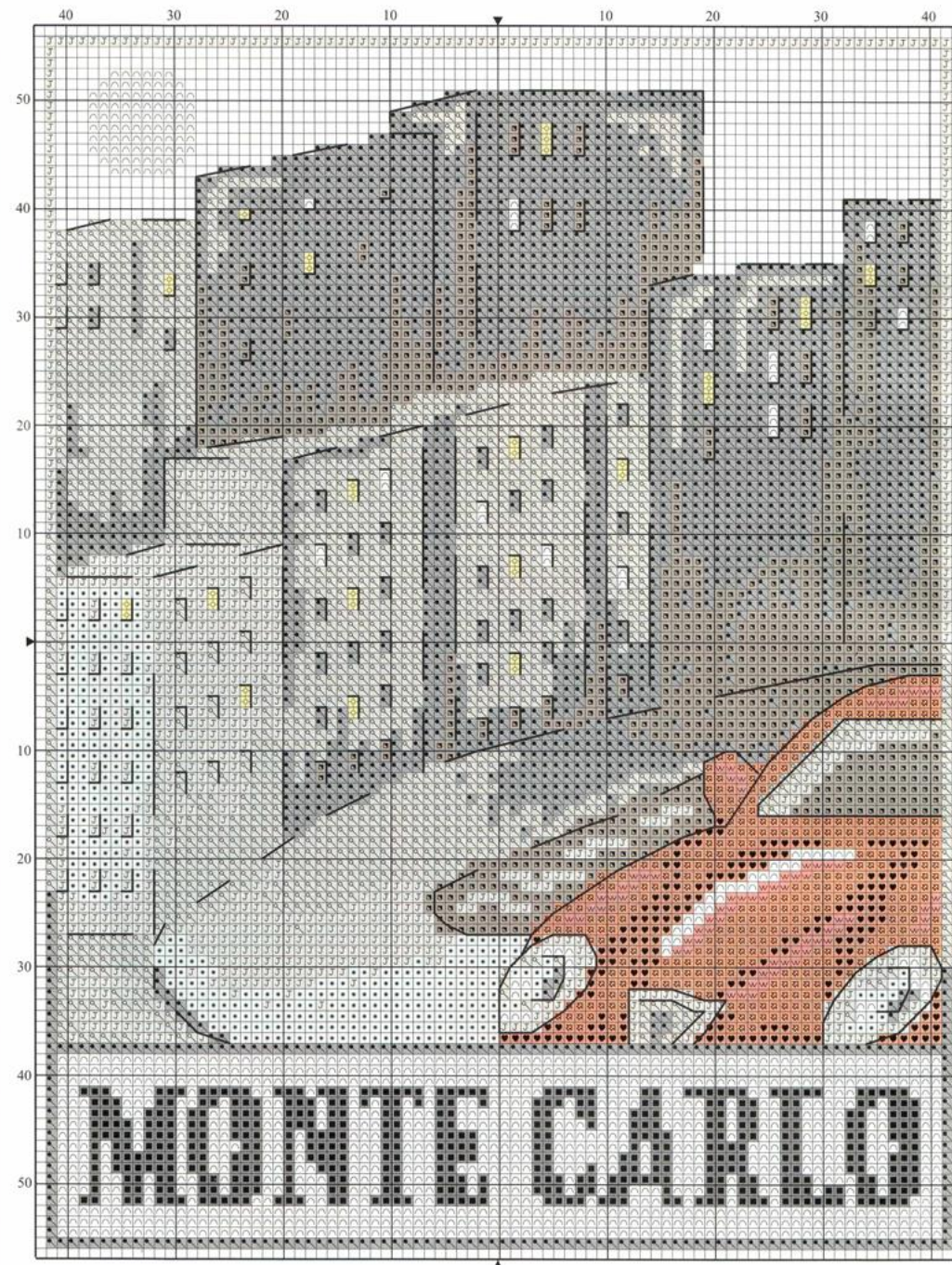
- ✦ Zweigart* 14-count black aida measuring 30x25cm (12x10in) for each design
- ✦ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✦ Size 24 tapestry needle
- ✦ Frames of your choice, each with a minimum aperture of 25x20cm (10x8in)

Thread & fabric cost
Approximately £20

*For stockists see page 90

TOP TIP

Stitch in a good light with a daylight bulb, and with a white cloth on your lap to help you see the holes and avoid mistakes!



Monte Carlo chart