

FREESTYLE EMBROIDERY NEW HOME CARD

Design fits a card with a 5cm x 5cm aperture (e.g. Craft Creations AP77U, www.craftcreations.com/Suffix/1032/372/104x152mm---Small-Square-50x50mm).

The model is stitched using Madeira Lana (wool/acrylic), and very light grey floche because I didn't have a light grey Lana ☺ - but you can work it in any threads that appeal to you. If you are using DMC or Anchor stranded cotton I'd suggest two strands; for indivisible threads perle #12 or #8 should both work, with a slightly different effect (#12 being finer); other possible threads are coton à broder #25 or #16 (again with a slightly different effect) and Caron Wildflowers.

You can use the colours of the stitched model (see below), but feel free to work it in your own preferred palette – for one thing, the two figures in my version are stitched in colours to reflect a real-world photograph of the people I stitched the card for.



Stitch suggestions



Walls and chimney outline: stem stitch
Bricks: straight stitch
Roof: padded buttonhole stitch (stem stitch padding, same-coloured buttonhole stitch over it, fill in with lighter straight stitches)
Smoke: buttonhole stitch
Window frames: stem stitch surrounds, straight stitch inner frame
Window reflection: straight stitch
Door: vertical straight stitch, then two diagonal lines, then two horizontal lines half-way and one at the top
Door hinges/handle: straight stitch
Grass: wavy lines of stem stitch, then straight stitches on top
Flowers: French knots
People: all straight stitch

Stitch pattern & colours



Lana colours used:

3393 (variegated brown – house/bricks/chimney, door hinges and handle, hair)
3855 (golden yellow – thatched roof)
3850 (yellow – thatched roof, hair, flowers)
3642 (navy – window frames, jeans)
3601 (white – top of smoke, jumper)
3380 (variegated red – door)
3394 (variegated green – grass)
3910 (light blue – stripes on jumper)

3833 (purple – girl's top)

3829 (dark pink – girl's scarf, flowers)

3707 (light pink – faces, flowers)

DMC floche 762 (light grey – bottom of smoke, window "reflection stripes")