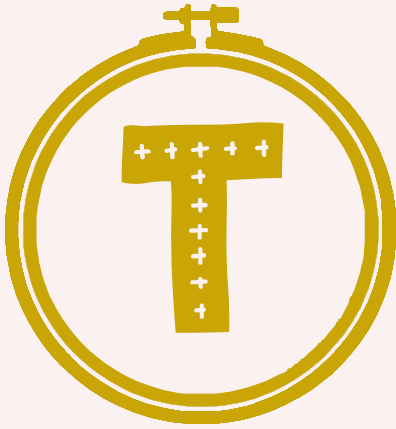
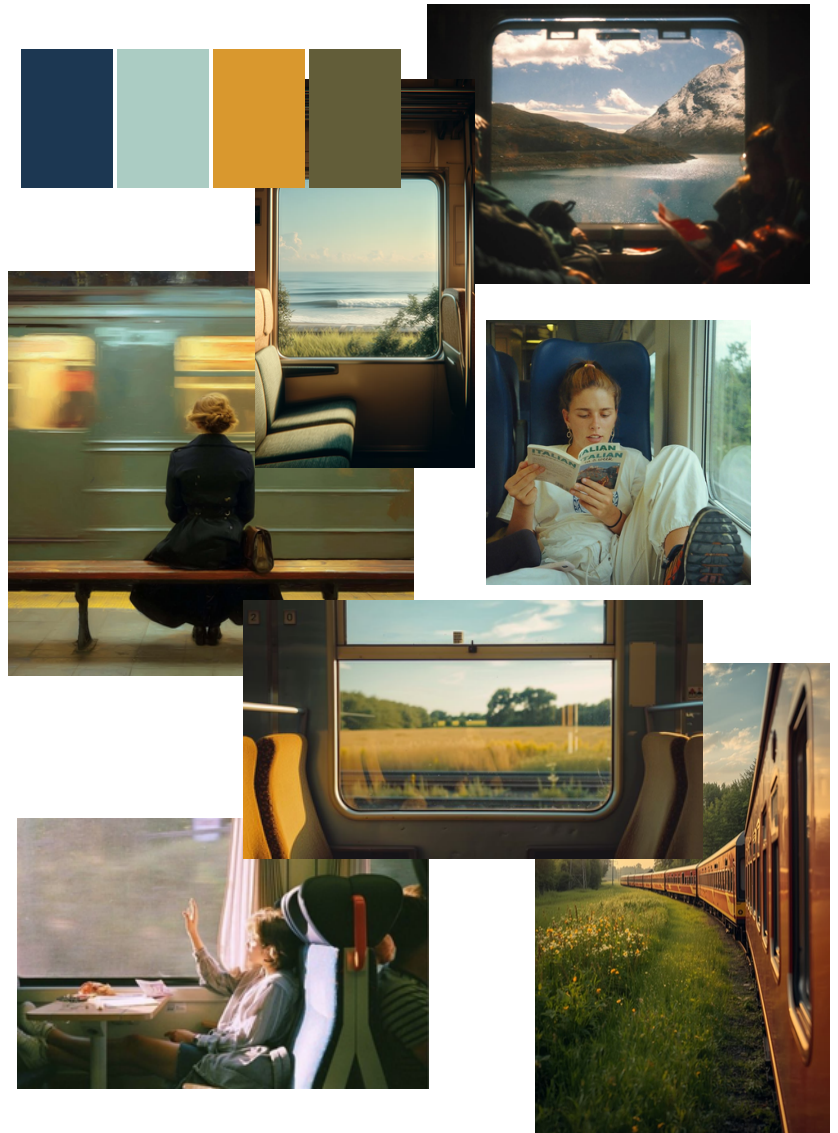




MINI CHALLENGE 2026
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TRAIN

We're getting the paints back out for this week's design! Create your very own view from the train window to complete this peaceful scene. There's something so romantic about watching the world whiz past, especially as autumn colours start to paint the landscape in gold!



THE PATTERN

This pattern, when printed onto A4 paper, will fit a 3" hoop.

Stitch the black lines in black perle thread, size 12.



STITCH GUIDE

Window frame

648 split back stitch

Woman

All split back stitch
838 hair
738 face & hands
3852 top
827 jeans

Train seats

All split back stitch
796 seats
BLANC headrest cover
648 lower armrest



Table

648 table frame: split back stitch
435 tabletop: satin stitch
BLANC & 355 coffee cup: satin stitch
BLANC & 352 book: satin stitch

DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 796 (royal blue)
- DMC 827 (pale blue)
- DMC 3852 (mustard yellow)
- DMC 355 (red)
- DMC 352 (peach)
- DMC 648 (grey)
- DMC BLANC (white)

- DMC 435 (brown)
- DMC 838 (dark brown)
- DMC 738 (pale brown)

Only a tiny amount of 355 & 352 are needed, so switch the colours to use up scraps if you want!

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.

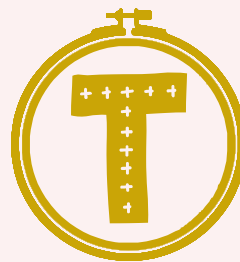
STITCH TIPS



I always recommend painting the fabric before stitching, in case of accidents! Paint any scene you like in any medium you prefer. I've used watercolours. I painted in layers, letting each layer fully dry before adding the next layer.



The piece also looks really effective in black and white, with the painted scene as the only colour! Feel free to just leave it like this!!



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I hope you enjoyed stitching this pattern!

I'd love to see your projects! Tag me @pennydowdell on Instagram, or use the hashtag #pennysabcchallenge!