

MINI CHALLENGE 2026 by Penny Dowdell

BOOKS

This week's design feels a little stripped back. It feels like it could be a new house, in which the occupant became absorbed in a story whilst putting books onto shelves. It speaks of the magic of storytelling, how these objects can transport us to different worlds!



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

Wall

In my design, I've not stitched the wall background, but you might want to with the ECRU colour, or anything you like!

Books

All satin stitch
407, 225, 437, 3752, 807, 03, 976 & 918.
Follow color guide for specific placement.

Book pages

ECRU satin stitch

Mug

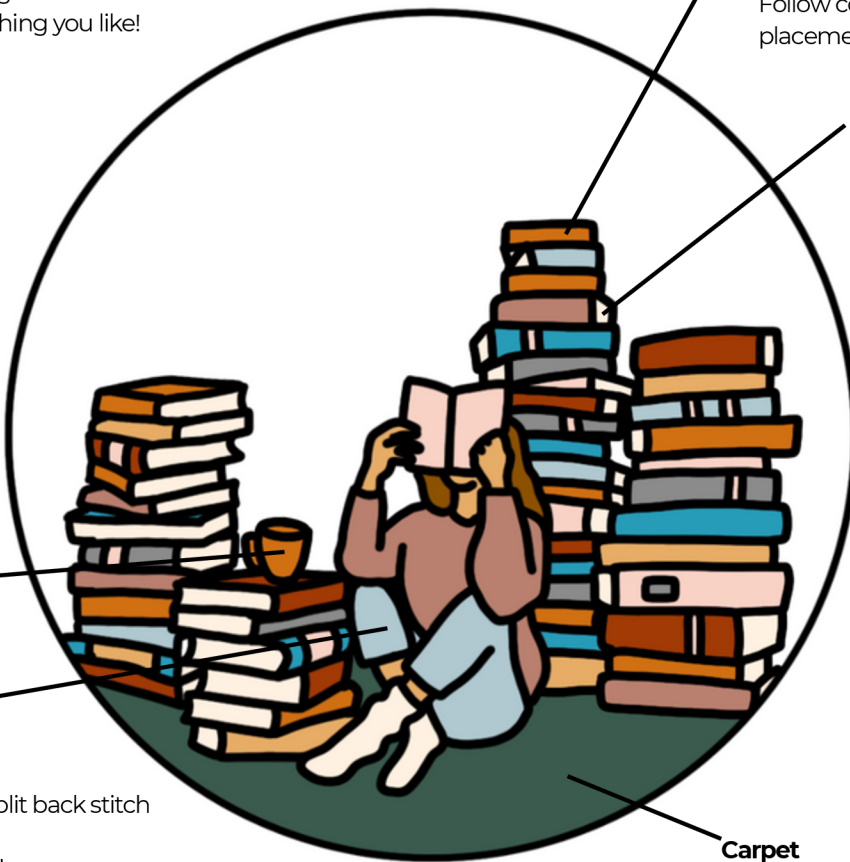
976 satin stitch

Woman

225 book: satin stitch
437 hands, neck & ankles: split back stitch
434 hair: split back stitch
407 sweater: split back stitch
3752 jeans: split back stitch
ECRU socks: split back stitch

Carpet

561 split back stitch



DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 561 (teal)
- DMC 407 (warm pink)
- DMC 225 (pale pink)
- DMC 434 (brown)
- DMC 437 (pale brown)
- DMC 3752 (pale blue)
- DMC 807 (blue)
- DMC 03 (grey)
- DMC 976 (orange)
- DMC 918 (red)
- DMC ECRU (pale beige)

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.



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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!

