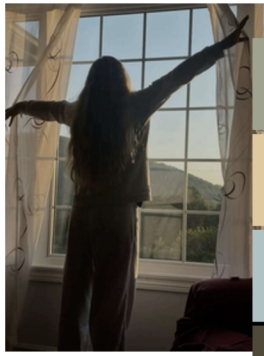




MINI CHALLENGE 2026
by Penny Dowdell

EARLY MORNING

Morning magic. Daily rituals: a cup of coffee, journalling, opening curtains. Sunshine on surfaces. Quiet moments at the start of the day. This week's design is a love-letter to the early morning.



THE PATTERN

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

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

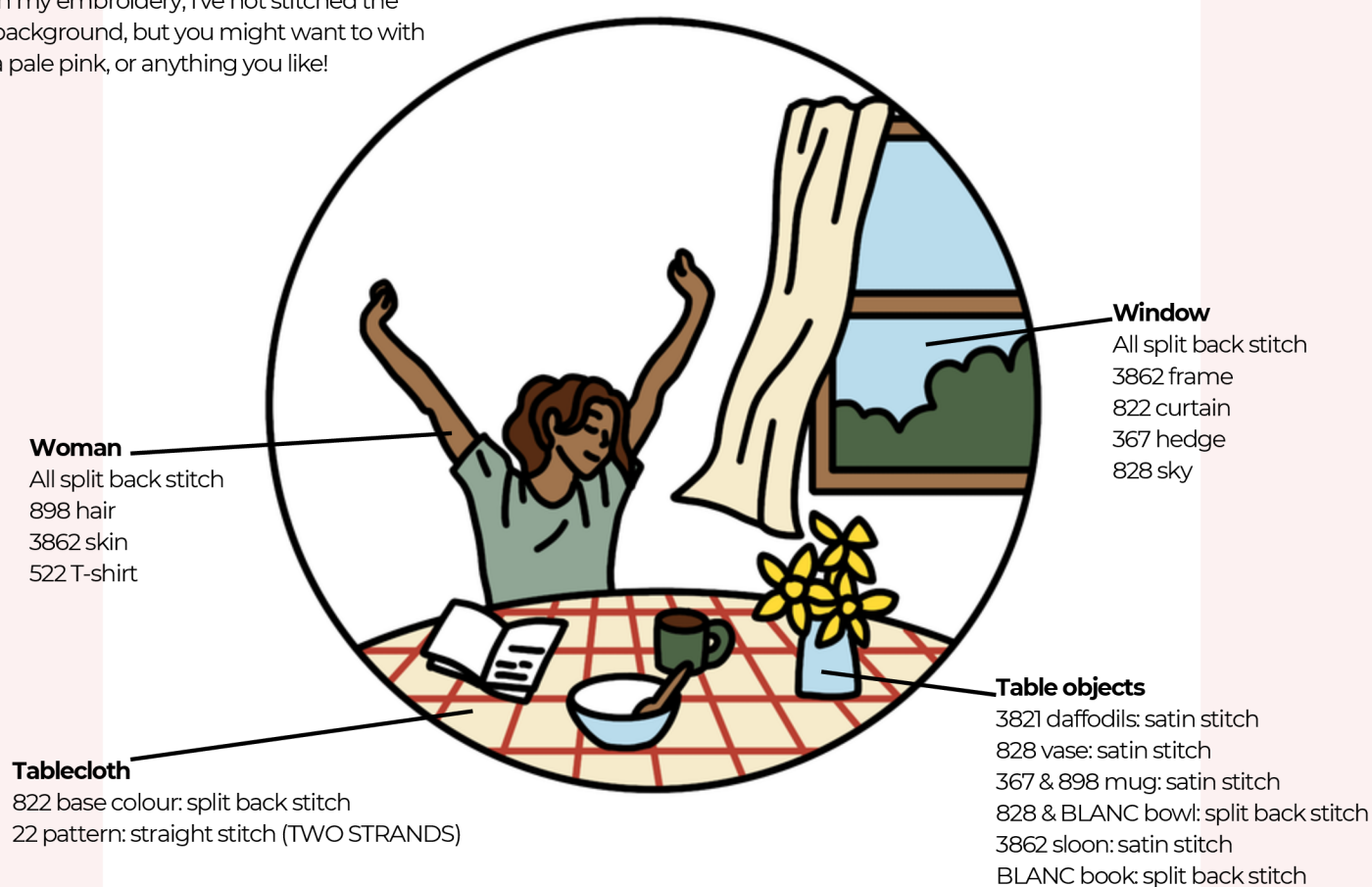
Stitch the grey lines in WHITE embroidery thread, two strands.



STITCH GUIDE

Background

In my embroidery, I've not stitched the background, but you might want to with a pale pink, or anything you like!



DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 898 (dark brown)
- DMC 3862 (brown)
- DMC 367 (dark green)
- DMC 522 (soft green)
- DMC 22 (red)
- DMC 828 (pale blue)
- DMC 3821 (yellow)
- DMC 3848 (pale beige)
- DMC BLANC (white)

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.

STITCH TIPS



For the tablecloth, stitch the base colour first. Then, add straight stitches vertically and horizontally. Try to keep the lines parallel but don't worry too much.



Add a tiny anchor stitch at every place the horizontal and vertical lines intersect.



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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!