



MINI CHALLENGE 2026
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ICE CREAM

This week we're feeling nostalgic with ice cream vans, soft serve and memories of summer! It's up to you whether you stitch the lettering before or after stitching the red.



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

Background

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

Top section

3830 split back stitch

Edgings

318 split back stitch

Right side sign

All satin stitch
3760 background
316 ice lolly
435 & BLANC ice cream

Display ice creams

All satin stitch
435 cones
BLANC ice cream

Front windows

3753 satin stitch

Stars

972 satin stitch

Lights

739 & 3830 satin stitch

Wheels

844 wheels: split back stitch
739 hubcaps: satin stitch

Bottom section

3760 split back stitch

Window sign

BLANC shapes: satin stitch
739 background: split back stitch

Middle section

739 split back stitch

Ice cream man

Use satin/split back stitch
BLANC hat, apron, ice cream
435 ice cream cone
951 skin
520 shirt
3753 background

Girl

Use satin/split back stitch
3830 dress
435 skin
3031 hair
972 hair ties
BLANC shoes

DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 3830 (red)
- DMC 3760 (blue)
- DMC 3753 (pale blue)
- DMC 316 (pink)
- DMC 739 (cream)
- DMC 435 (brown)
- DMC 3031 (dark brown)

- DMC 951 (pale peach)
- DMC 520 (green)
- DMC 844 (grey)
- DMC 972 (yellow)
- DMC BLANC (white)

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!

