# ABOUT THE KITS

Welcome to the latest edition of my miniature needlepoint kit catalogue. This is the 20th edition - I can hardly believe that I've been creating miniature designs in needlepoint for almost 20 years, now! There are over 250 kits in this catalogue for you to choose from, giving you hours of stitching fun.

New for this edition are table runners and placemat kits - see pages 16-17, plus some carpets and clutch bags. If you are new to miniature stitching, see page 29, where the basics are explained. Details of what each type of kit contains can be found on page 30. And don't forget to visit the website **www.janetgranger.co.uk** regularly, too, to see what's new, to check out the free tutorials, and to see the dozens of images of mini stitching sent in by other stitchers - the website is huge, and really inspirational!

## Handbag kits

The series of designs covers twelfth scale day bags and evening bags, for several different historical eras. There's even an Art Deco one called 'Jazz Age'.

Each miniature handbag kit contains a piece of silk gauze (32 or 40 count - see the pictures, below, for details), Anchor stranded cotton threads, a colour block chart (the design is not printed on the fabric), detailed instructions, suitable needles, a tiny bead to simulate the 'closure', beading thread, and fine gold thread for the handle. All the bags have a different motif on the back.



# 2 See our FREE online tutorials at www.janetgranger.co.uk/tutorials/

## Fabrics

The fabric used for all carpet and wallhanging kits is white canvas. It is very smooth and pliable, and helps produce a very flat finished item. The carpets are worked on 18 count and the wallhanging kits on 22 count canvas. Both types of kit contain a piece of canvas large enough to attach to a 12" (30 cm) rectangular tapestry frame. We recommend using a frame, as it will greatly reduce distortion of the canvas. The sampler kits are worked on 28 and 32 count evenweave fabric, and the cushion kits on 22 count canvas. These smaller pieces of fabric can be worked in the hand, without the need for a frame. The stocking kits, needlework stand kits and some handbags are worked on 40 count silk gauze. All other kits are worked on 32 count silk gauze. Silk gauze is best fixed in a card mount. Instructions for how to do this are included in the kit.

gives a very realistic look to your finished kit. Muted shades have been deliberately chosen so that when placed in your doll's house or room setting, the design doesn't 'jump out' at you visually. Stocking kits contain Rayon silk thread. All other kits (apart from carpets) contain stranded cotton. Each kit contains generous amounts of each colour, but if you run out due to mis-counting and needing to unpick a section, contact us for further supplies of thread, which we will be happy to supply free of charge.

#### **Carpet measurements**

Near each carpet photograph in this catalogue, the dimensions are given in inches and centimetres. These measurements are of the stitched area of the pattern only, before it is hemmed or fringed in any way. For instance, when finishing a carpet, hemming in the way suggested adds an eighth of an inch (3 mm) to the total width and length of a design. Fringing adds about 3/4 inch (15 mm) to the total length.

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### Threads

The carpet kits contain 2-ply crewel wool, which

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Kit type	Fabric	Thread	*Components included
Bellpulls	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	Cast metal bellpull end
Bolster cushions	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	Wadding
Carpets (inc. stair)	18 ct. canvas	2-ply crewel wool	Thread for fringe if suitable
Chairs	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	Wooden chair kit
Christmas stockings	40 ct. silk gauze	Rayon art silk	Backing fabric
Clutch bags	40 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	-
Cushions	22 ct. canvas	Stranded cotton	Wadding & backing
Firescreens	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	White metal stand kit
Footstools	28 ct evenweave	Stranded cotton	Mahogany footstool kit
Handbags	32/40 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	Gold thread + 2 beads
Needlework stands	40 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	Mahogany stand kit
Placemats	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	-
Rectangular stools	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	Wooden stool kit
Samplers	28 ct. & 32 ct. fabric	Stranded cotton	Finished wooden frame
Table runners	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	-
Teacosies	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	-
Tray cloths	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	Mahogany tea tray kit
Wallhangings	22 ct. canvas	Stranded cotton	Wooden hanging pole
Xmas tree mats	32 ct. silk gauze	Stranded cotton	-