

► favourite flavour too, so it's easy to switch to a minty green or chocolate colour threads too. You can keep your fingers busy stitching though and keep the calorie count down!

Stitching the design

These designs are worked on DMC Impressions polka dot aida, which has a dot pattern printed lightly all over it. The ice cream cones picture is

worked on blue polka dot aida and the tall cone and sundae are both stitched on pink polka dot aida. Whichever design you choose to stitch, work it in the centre of the piece of aida. All the cross stitch is worked in two strands of stranded cotton over one thread of the aida fabric.

Adding the details

When you have finished working all the cross stitch you can add the backstitch details. These are all worked in one strand of stranded cotton: light fuchsia, very dark blue and medium tan for the ice cream details and dark brown for all the other outlines and details. The wafer and cone details are longer and need to stand out more, so are worked in one strand of light tan long stitch. Take care to keep your tension even and make sure that these don't sag across the fabric. Finally add the ice cream sprinkles as dark fuchsia French knots using one strand.

Making the picture

The three different flavoured ice cream cones make an ideal hanging board for tea towels, oven gloves or other kitchen items. Ask your framer to make a frame which is fairly wide and flat. Our frame is 2in (5cm) in width. Choose some small

Sweet summer

	Anchor	DMC	Madeira	Colour
Cross stitch in two strands				
◡◡	002	White	2402	White
♥♥	040	956	2707	Light fuchsia
☺☺	041	893	0611	Medium fuchsia
♥♥	042	309	0507	Dark fuchsia
△△	073	151	0607	Light pink
☺☺	074	3354	0606	Medium pink
▲▲	075	3733	0505	Dark pink
☆☆	158	747	1101	Light blue
☆☆	167	3766	1110	Dark blue
□□	275	746	0101	Pale yellow
++	300	745	0111	Dark yellow
◇◇	361	739	2013	Light tan
⊗⊗	362	437	2012	Medium tan
☺☺	386	3823	2512	Light yellow
☆☆	928	3761	1111	Medium blue
◆◆	1045	436	2011	Dark tan
□□	1046	435	2010	Light brown
■■	1086	839	2003	Dark brown

Backstitch in one strand

—	*040	956	2707	Light fuchsia
ice cream details				
—	168	807	1108	Very dark blue
ice cream details				
—	*362	437	2012	Medium tan
ice cream details				
—	*1086	839	2003	Dark brown
all other outlines and details				

Long stitch in one strand

—	*361	739	2013	Light tan
wafer and cone details				

French knots in one strand

●●	*042	309	0507	Dark fuchsia
ice cream sprinkles				

Stitched using Anchor threads on 14HPI aida

Picture stitch count 42x98

Design area 3x7in (8x18cm)

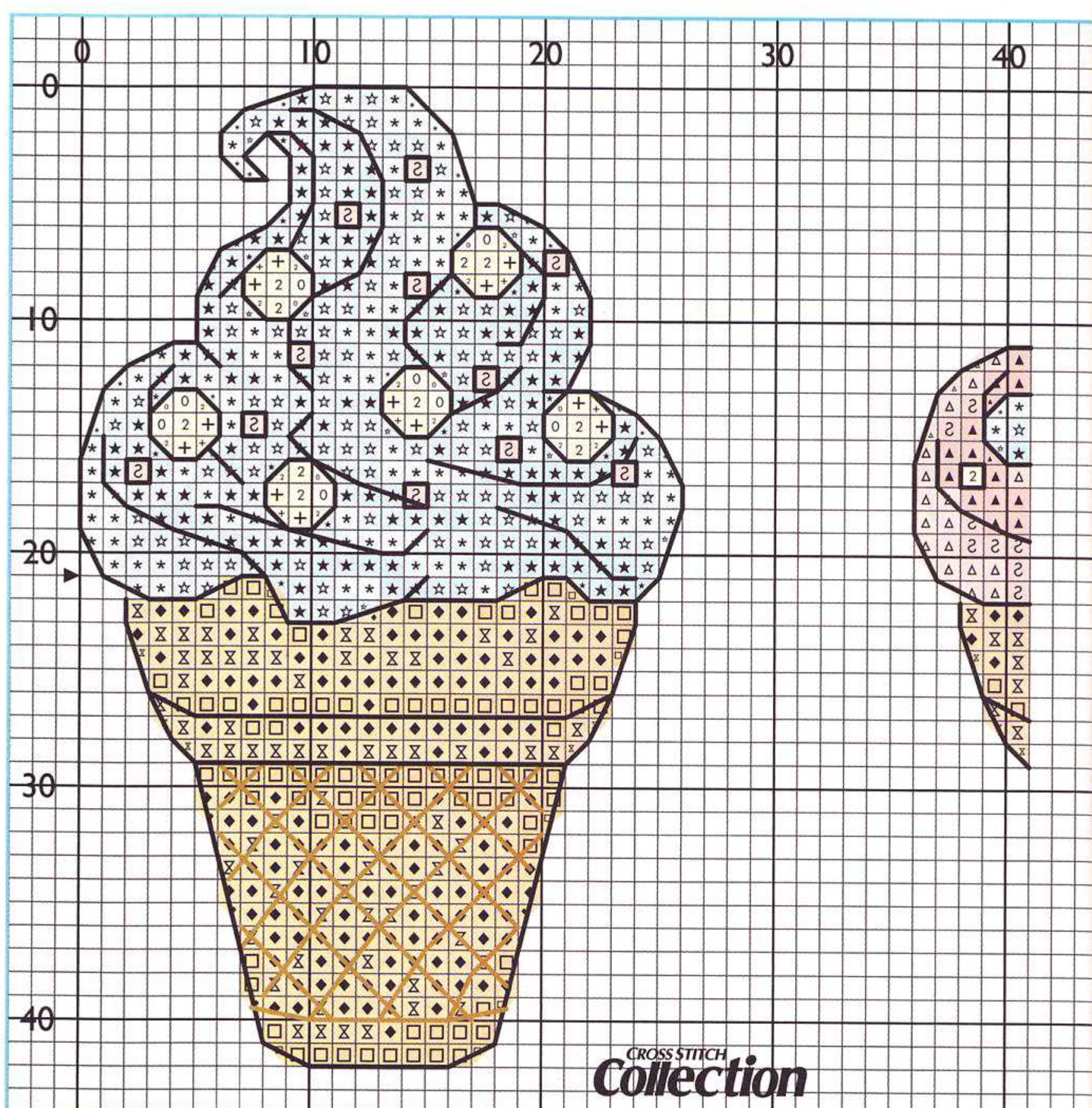
Tea towel stitch count 68x21

Design area 4¾x1½in (12x4cm)

*indicates colour is listed earlier in the key

Fractionals tip

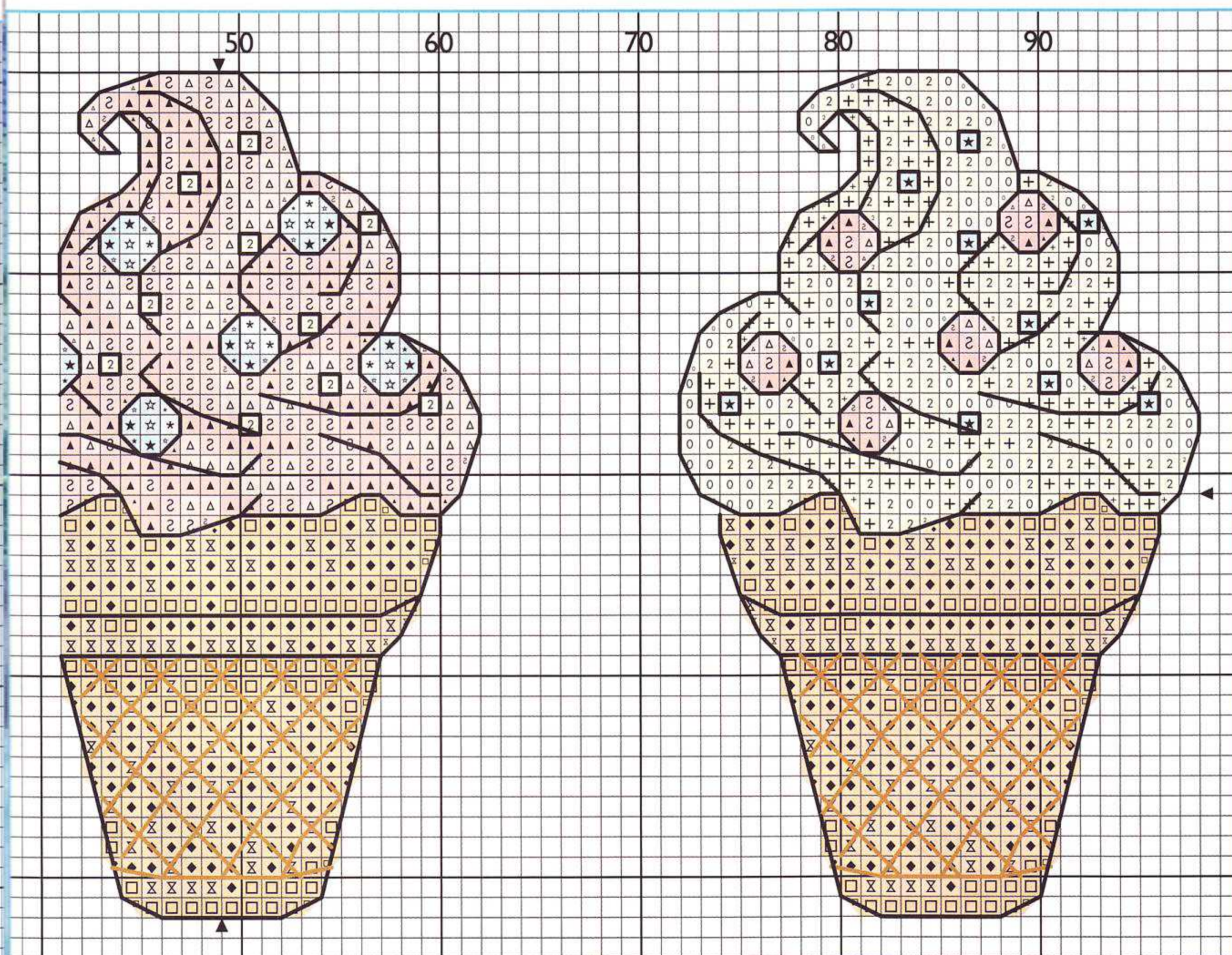
There are several fractional stitches in these designs. If you find it difficult to pierce the centre thread of the aida block to make your quarter stitch, then change to a sharp pointed crewel needle to help.





co-ordinating knobs from a DIY store – drawer or cupboard handles are ideal. Then, mark centrally where you want the knobs to go. We have lined ours up with the centre of each ice cream cone, but you could spread them evenly across the frame instead. Drill holes in the frame then screw the knobs into position and frame your finished cross stitch in the usual way. ➤

Pick your favourite flavour from our three mouthwatering cones and make them up into this picture that's good enough to eat



Turn over to complete your set of designs with this ice cream sundae overflowing with three scoops, sauce topping and a wafer

Shopping list...

☑ 14HPI aida, polka dots
DMC Impressions aida,
blue, ref DC27PP-bleu
and pink, ref
DC27PP-rose. Picture
11x15in (28x38cm), pot
holder 10x10in
(25x25cm), tea towel
10x5in (25x13cm)

☑ Stranded cotton as
listed in the key

Picture

+ Frame with a 5x9in
(13x23cm) aperture,
pine

+ Three small wooden
knobs, cream

Pot holder

+ Cotton fabric, 10x20in
(24x51cm)

+ 2oz wadding, 9x9in
(23x23cm)

Tea towel

+ Cotton fabric, 3x6in
(8x15cm)

+ Tea towel, to
co-ordinate

◆ Items marked ☑ are
included in materials
pack, items marked +
are not included.

◆ Turn to page 68 for
hints and help!

