YOU WILL NEED
- Cross stitch fabric
- Cross stitch threads (orange, dark-brown, light-brown, blue, black, white)
- Embroidery hoop
- Sewing needle
- Alfie cross stitch pattern

1. Use two strands of thread for the cross-stitch element and one strand of thread for the backstitch. Secure your cross-stitch fabric in the embroidery hoop.

2. Start in the centre of the design (Alfie’s jumper).

3. Complete all the cross-stitch elements, changing colour as indicated by the colours on the pattern.

4. Backstitch the frames of Alfie’s glasses.

5. Backstitch around the design using matching colours (eg. orange for Alfie’s head and blue for Alfie’s jumper).

6. Display your finished work in the embroidery hoop.
   a) Fold any excess cross-stitch backing material down on the back of the design and stick with double-sided tape (if you have a lot of excess material you may need to trim it).
   b) To make the back look neater, cut a circle of card the same size as the embroidery hoop and stick with double-sided tape to the back to cover up the material.

Why not turn your cross stitch into a bookmark
Cut a piece of a card to your required size, fold your cross stitch fabric over the card and stick it on the back using double sided tape.

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Use this template to help you create your cross stitch Alfie.

To give an added touch, backstitch the black outline to Alfie’s glasses.

To give even more detail, backstitch around the outline of the figure like our finished example.