

# Bustle & Sew



Love to Sew and Sew with Love .....



And not just *the* night before Christmas but every night in December with this 25-pocket Advent Calendar featuring Santa and his reindeer (can you spot Rudolph).

Nice roomy pockets for those all-important treats – will make a lovely decorative addition to your home in the run-up to Christmas.

**You will need:**

15 x 8" cream linen or other fabric suitable for embroidery  
 48" cotton lace for border of embroidery picture  
 25 x 5" squares quilting weight fabric to make pockets (I used a Moda charm pack in Glace)  
 10 x 8" piece white cotton for printing numbers on to  
 Transfer paper suitable for your printer (if you don't want to print and transfer the numbers then you could stitch or stamp them onto suitable fabric)  
 36 x 20" linen or other suitable fabric for base  
 36 x 20" panel medium weight canvas for stiffening (or you could use heavy-weight interfacing)  
 3 ½ yards ½" bias binding  
 2 brass curtain rings  
 Non-permanent fabric marker

DMC stranded floss in colours: 224, 347, 826, 839, 840, 842, 906, 986, 3811, BLANC, E168, E3821, E436

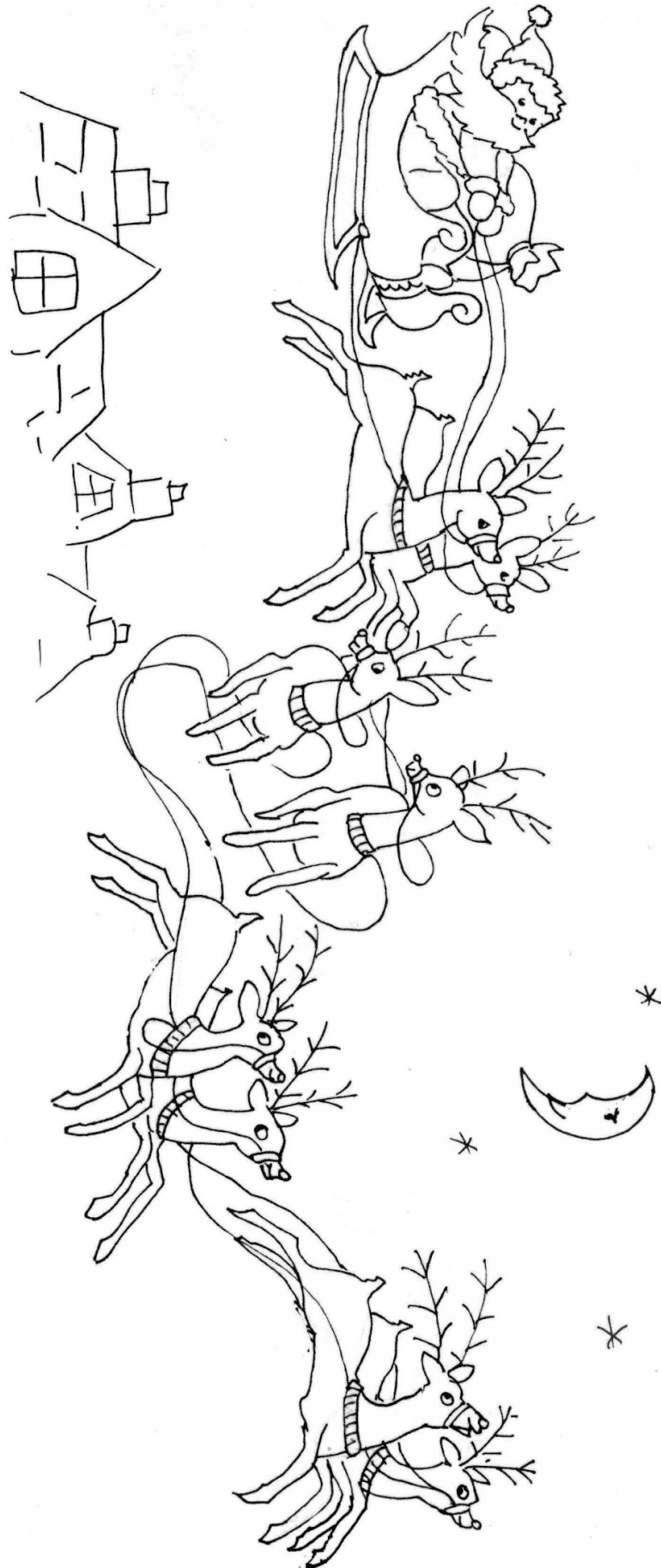
**Embroidery:**

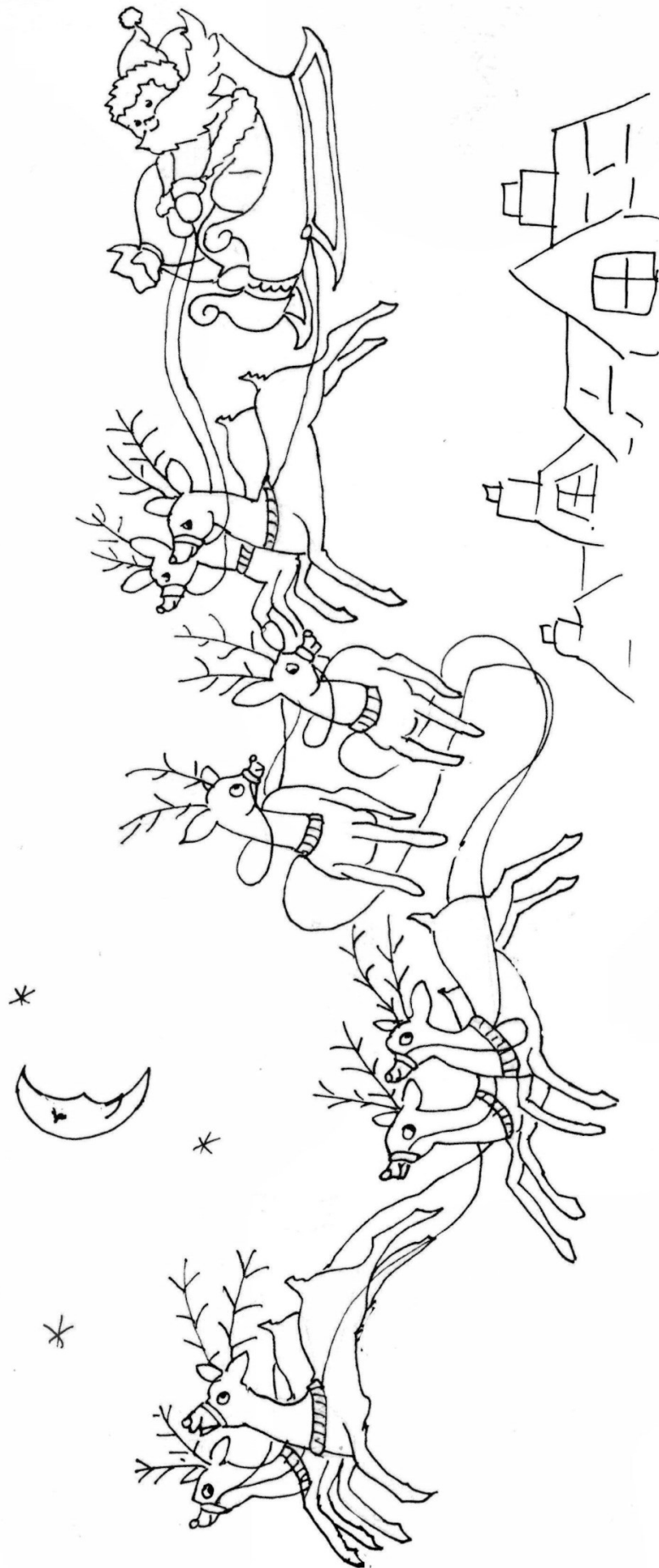
You will need to resize the transfer on the next page. Your finished embroidery should measure 13" wide x 6" tall.

It is worked in two strands of floss throughout except for the cloud around the moon which is a single strand of 826.

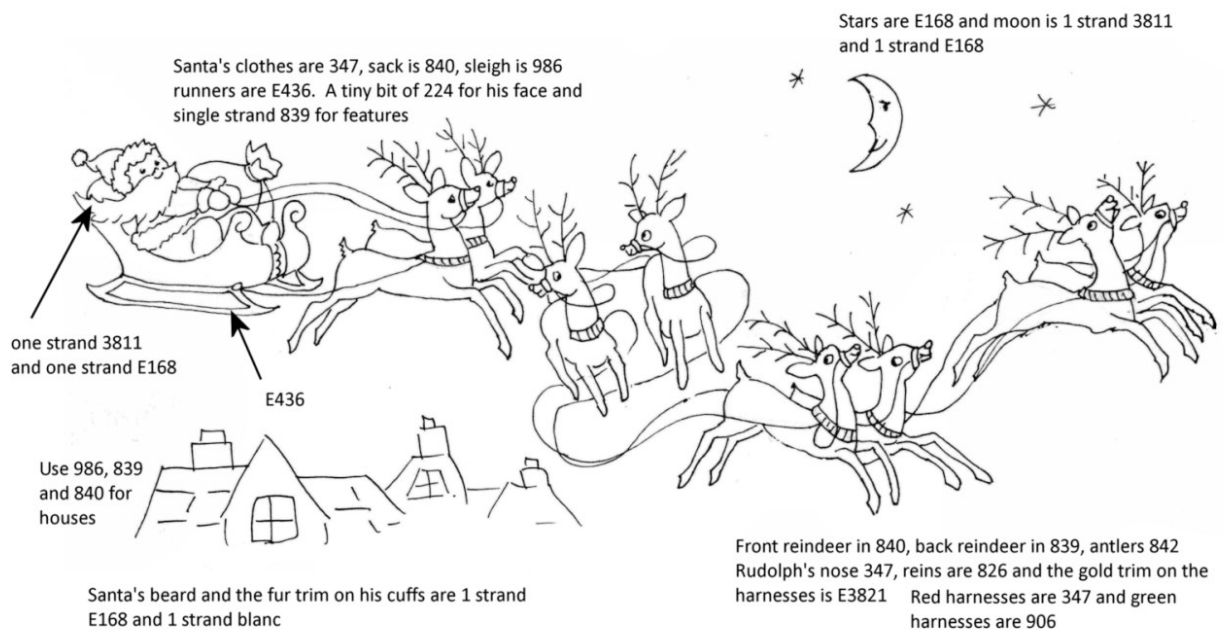
Stem stitch is used for the majority of the work, apart from the reindeers' legs which are back stitch (when they get thin), the fur on Santa's hat and his beard which are worked in long and short stitch at angles to the lines of the pattern to give a sort of rough effect.

NOTE: Remember Rudolph's red nose!!





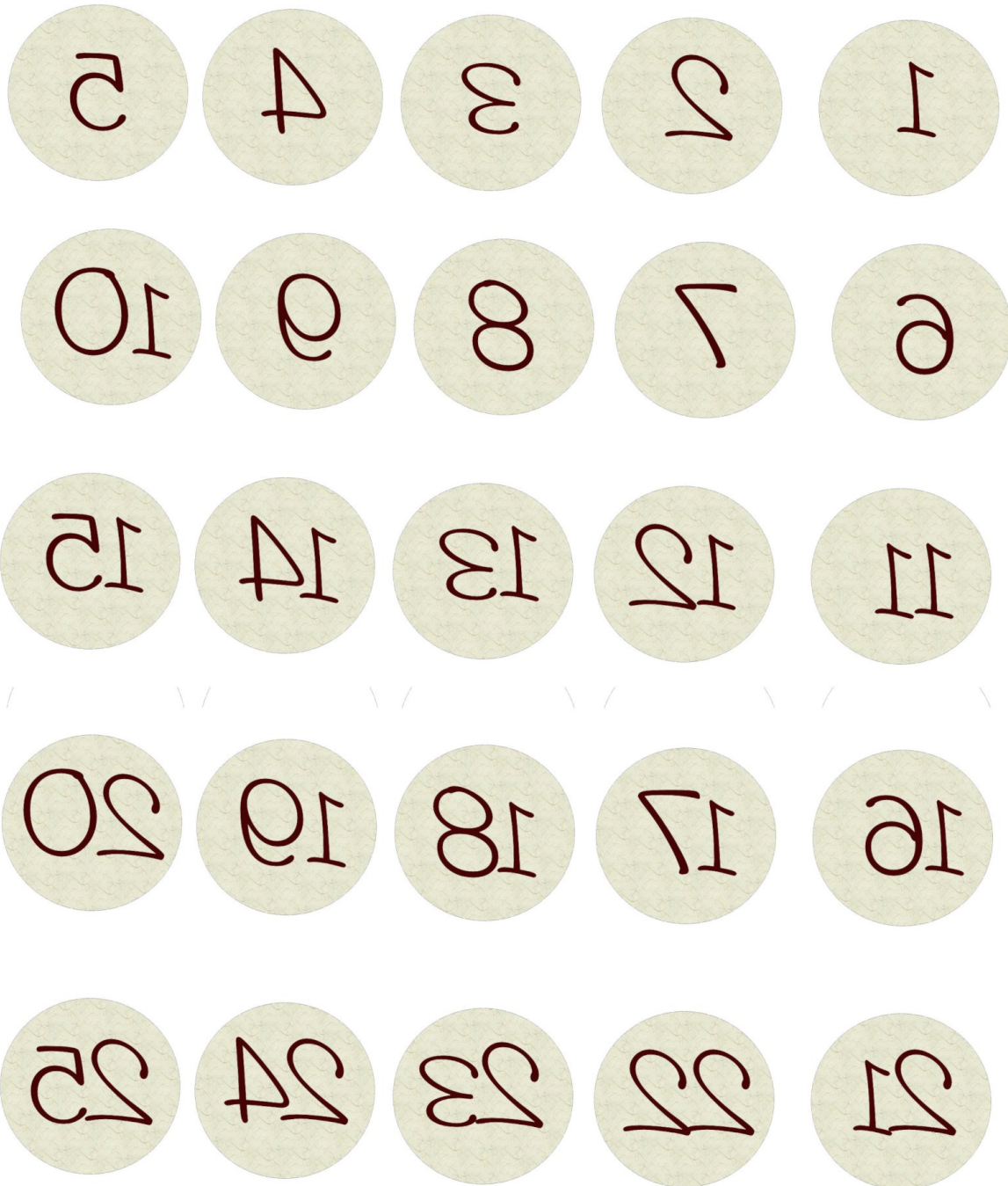




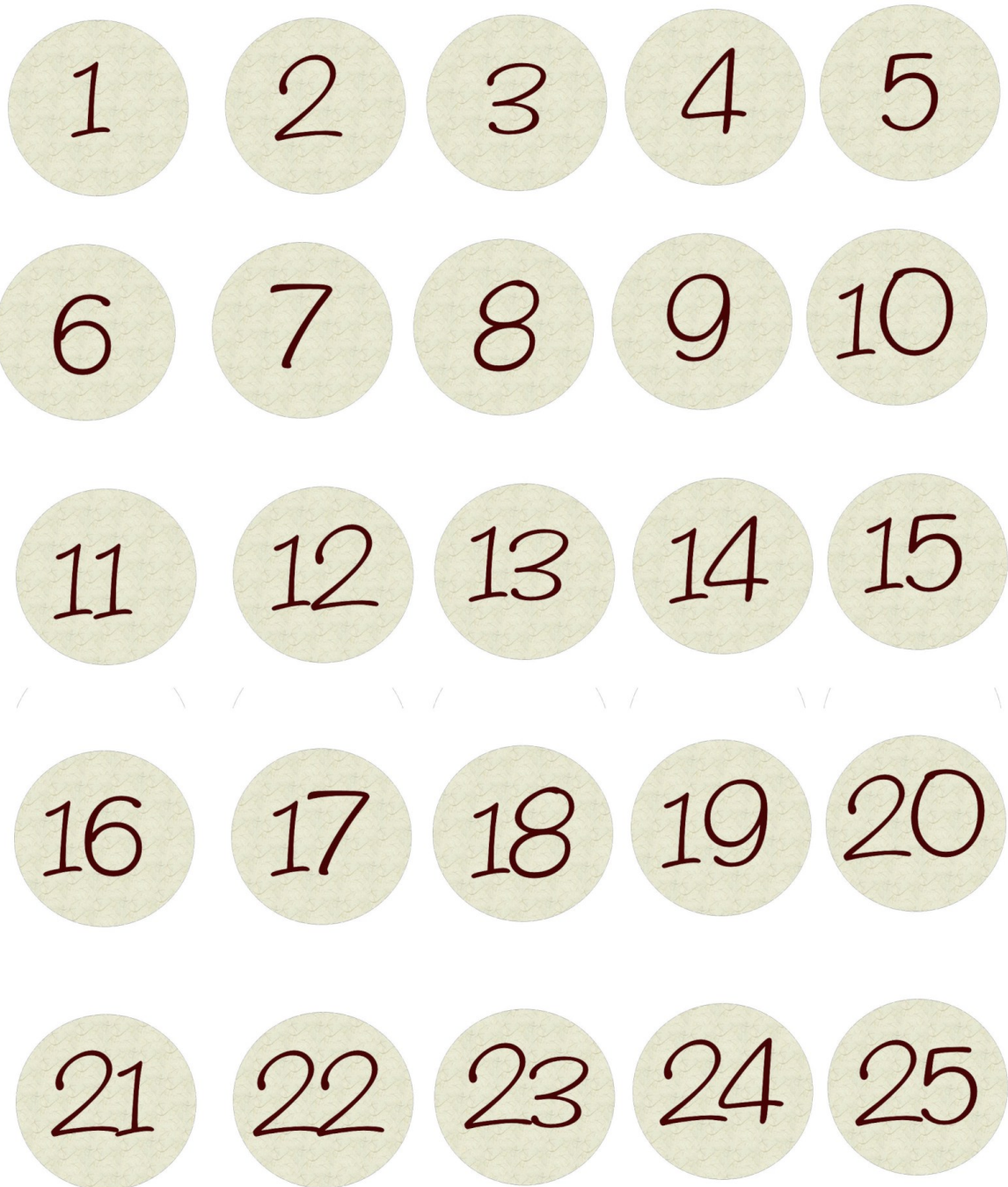
When your embroidery panel is finished, press gently on the reverse and put to one side.

**Make your pockets:**

Print the numbers given below onto your white cotton fabric, or stitch/stamp numbers onto suitable fabric. Cut around the circle lines and stitch one number onto each 5" square of quilting fabric, positioning your number in the centre vertically and 1" down from the top edge. To attach use 3 strands of E436 and straight stitches, worked at right angles to the edges of the circles.







Fold  $\frac{1}{4}$ " under along the top of each 5" square and press. Fold 1" under on each side and press. Fold  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " under at bottom of each 5" square and press. Make  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pinch pleat at the centre bottom of each pocket and tack into place.

Position your pockets on your main panel. This needs to be accurate as if they are wonky then your eye will be instantly drawn to this. It is easiest to draw a grid on your fabric panel using your erasable fabric marker.





Centre your middle pocket over the centre of the fabric, then draw your grid as shown above. The space for each pocket is 2 ½" wide x 3 ½" high and you should leave a ¼" gap between pockets horizontally and 1" gap between pockets vertically.

Position your pockets on the squares and pin or tack in place, then topstitch around the sides and bottom, leaving the top open.

Erase all visible grid lines.

### **Assemble your calendar:**

Turn under and press ½" on all sides of your embroidery. Position at top of calendar with lace below to form border, mitering corners. Tack, then machine in place.

With your erasable marker print "Twas the night before Christmas ..." at the bottom of your calendar, 1" below the bottom of the pockets. Embroider in chain stitch using 3 strands of 986.

Place front panel on top of canvas and machine stitch around the edges ¼" from the edge. Cover this stitching with bias binding.

Stitch 2 rings on the back for hanging.

Fill pockets and enjoy!!

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