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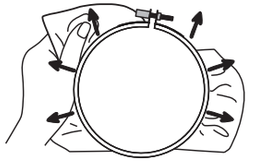
THE SULFUR-CRESTED COCKATOO, UMBRELLA COCKATOO OR CACATUA GALERITA IS A SPECIES OF PARROT.

THE SULFUR-CRESTED COCKATOO IS MAINLY WHITE WITH YELLOW FEATHERS UNDER IT'S WINGS AND A DISTINCTIVE YELLOW CREST, WHICH IT EXTENDS WHEN SURPRISED, EXCITED OR ANGRY. IT IS THE MOST COMMON VARIETY OF COCKATOO IN AUSTRALIA.

COCKATOOS FEED MAINLY ON NUTS, SEEDS AND FRUITS AND CAN BE FOUND IN NORTHERN AND EASTERN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA, WITH A LOCAL POPULATION IN PERTH. THEY LIVE IN GROUPS, IN A VARIETY OF TIMBERED HABITATS AND ARE COMMON IN URBAN AREAS.

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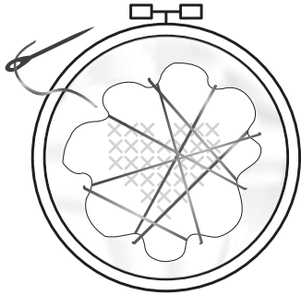
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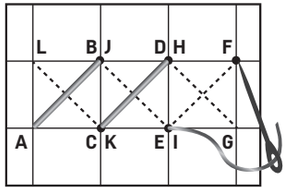
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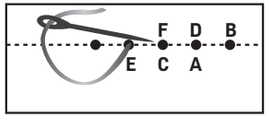
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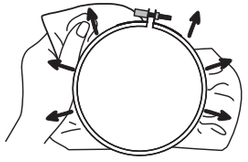
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KOALA

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KOALAS ARE INDIGENOUS TO AUSTRALIA AND CAN BE FOUND PERCHED HIGH UP IN THE EUCALYPTUS TREES OF THE BUSHLANDS AND FORESTS OF SOUTHEASTERN AND EASTERN AUSTRALIA. THEY ARE HERBIVORES, WITH A VERY LIMITED DIET, EATING ONLY EUCALYPTUS LEAVES. KOALAS CAN SLEEP FOR UP TO 18 HOURS A DAY, AND THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEIR DIET IS SO LOW IN NUTRIENTS - THEY SLEEP TO CONSERVE ENERGY.

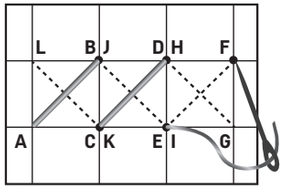
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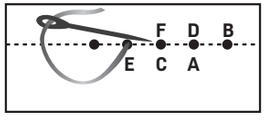
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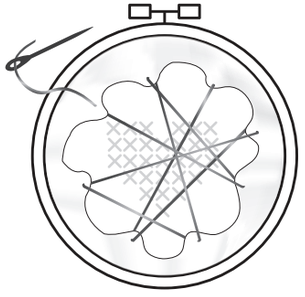
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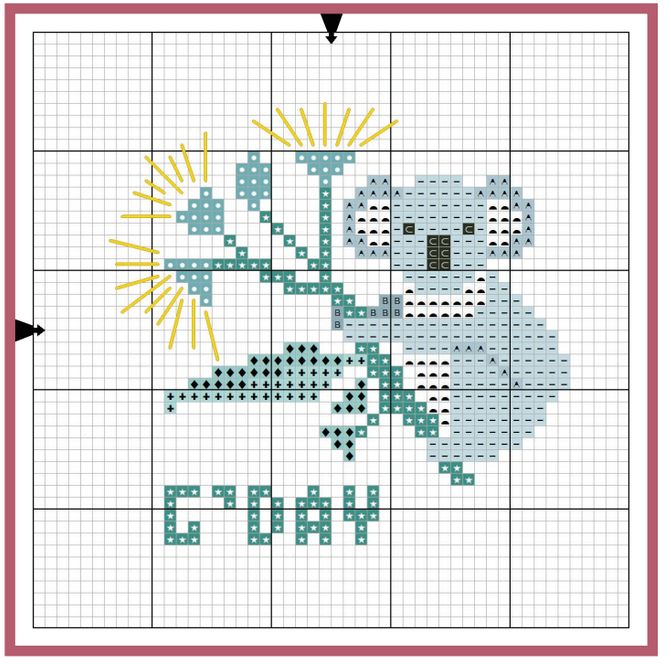
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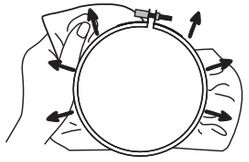
KANGAROOS ARE HERBIVORES AND ARE SOCIAL ANIMALS, LIVING IN GROUPS, KNOWN AS 'MOBS'. THEY CAN BE FOUND IN DESERTS AND GRASSLANDS, THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.

THERE ARE 4 SPECIES OF KANGAROO; THE RED, ANTILOPINE, EASTERN GREY AND WESTERN GREY. RED KANGAROOS CAN GROW UP TO 2M HIGH AND UP TO 2.8M IN LENGTH.

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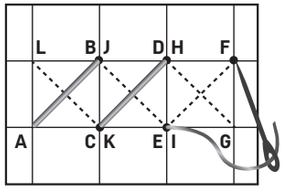


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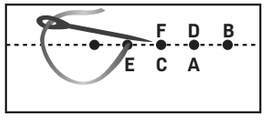
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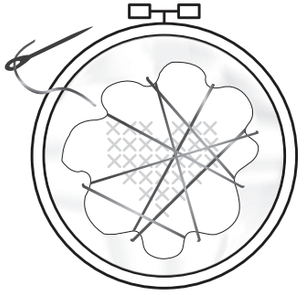
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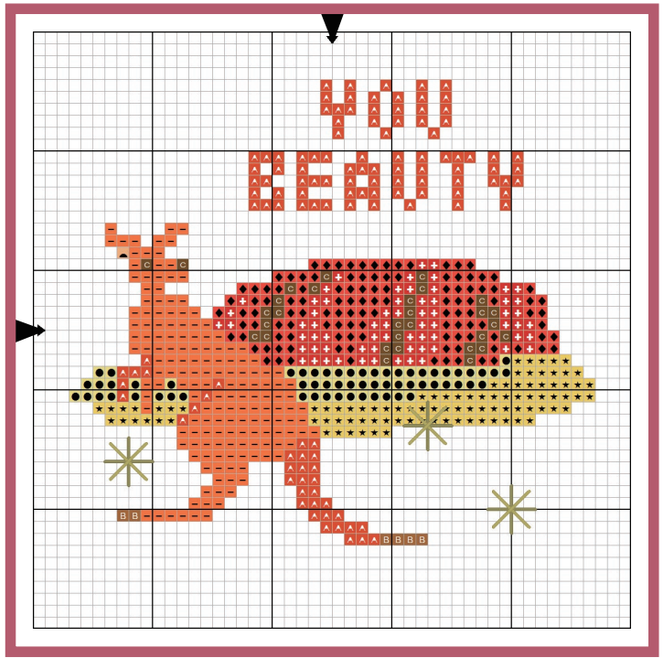
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