

HOW TO CROSS STITCH

STEP 1: Split the DMC thread up into 6 single strands and only **make use of 1 strand to stitch** at a time. Approx length for stitches (40cm = +/- 10 stitches / 100cm = +/- 20 stitches)

Single Strand →



STEP 2: Fold your strand in half and thread both ends through the needle provided

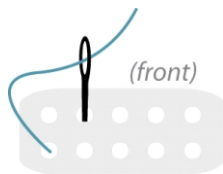


Threading the needle

STEP 3: Now it's time to stitch. Look at your pattern and pick a starting point. Each square in the pattern represents a stitch. I recommend starting near the edge of the pattern so you won't have to count as many holes.

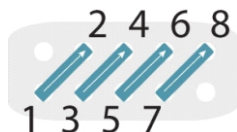
STEP 4: Starting from the back side, bring your needle up through a hole towards the front, leaving a about a cm of thread at the back. Because you doubled it, the thread will make a loop in the back.

STEP 5: Next pass your needle through a hole diagonally across from where you started, bringing it through the loop of thread you left in the back. Give it a little tug to secure the thread.



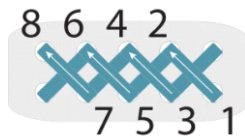
Make your first half stitch

STEP 6: Follow the diagram to complete a row of half stitches, going up at 1 down at 2, up at 3 and down at 4, and so on.



Make a row of half stitches

STEP 7: Now return making a row of half stitches in the other direction.



Make a row of half stitches in the other direction

Tip: It doesn't matter which direction you stitch in - that is, whether you start with half stitches that slant to the right (//) or to the left (\\), but pick one and be consistent. All your X's should be crossed in the same direction.

STEP 8: Keep stitching until you reach the end of the thread (or until you run out of stitches in your pattern). On the back side, pass the needle through at least three complete stitches to secure the thread.

FINISHING YOUR WORK

If you don't want the reverse side of your stitching to be visible on the back side when you flip it over, cut a piece of felt (keyring) or use the first page (book) and carefully glue it to the back.