

# Stitch It

## INTRODUCTION

Our Stitch It cutting dies allow you to mix paper crafting with embroidery to create stunning stitched backgrounds, toppers, tags, borders and more! To help you get started we've put together some helpful hints, tips and inspiration in this useful guide.

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- One or more of our Stitch It Die Sets
- Die-cutting machine
- Low-Tack Tape
- Cardstock of choice
- Your choice of stitching material - we recommend thread, wool or ribbon
- Needle or small wool needle

## DIE SETS AVAILABLE



MSTONE253



MSTONE254



MSTONE255



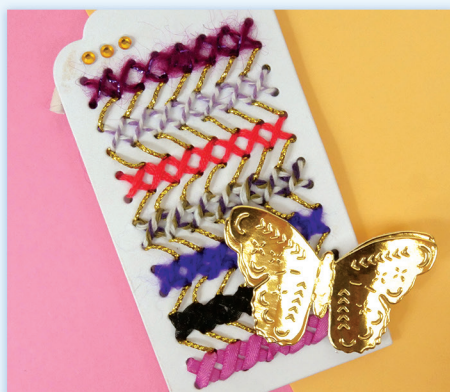
MSTONE256



MSTONE257

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## CHOOSING THE RIGHT MATERIALS

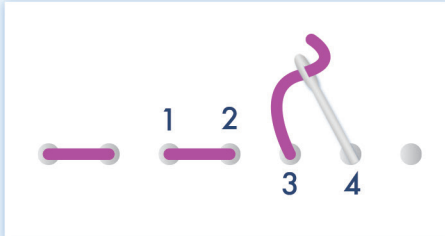


Our Stitch It dies have holes approx. 2mm in size, allowing you to use a wide range of materials that you are likely to already have in your crafty stash. We've tried and tested some materials and these are our favourites:

- Embroidery Floss
- Cotton thread
- Wool (Double knit or lighter)
- 2-3mm ribbon
- Twine

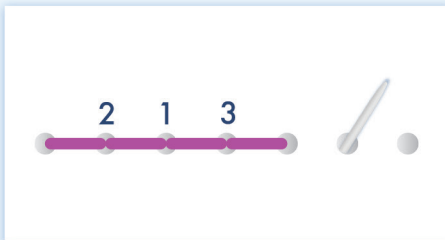
## GET STARTED WITH BASIC STITCHES

Why not try more advanced stitches such as blanket, stem or feather stitches?

**Running Stitch**

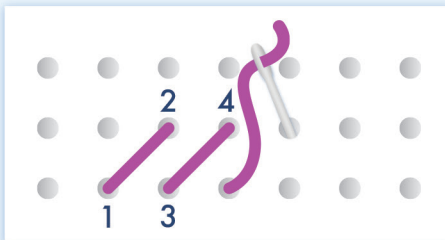
A simple stitch which creates a broken line.

Start by bringing your needle up at point 1 and then go down at 2. Come back up at 3 and then down at 4.

**Back Stitch**

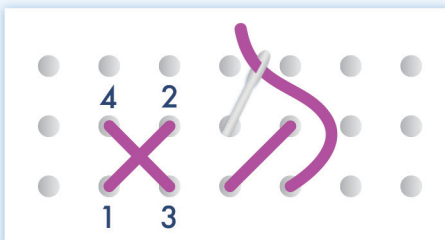
A great stitch for outlines, borders and simple patterns.

Bring your needle up at point 1 and then go down at 2. Come back up at 3 and then back down at 1.

**Half Cross Stitch**

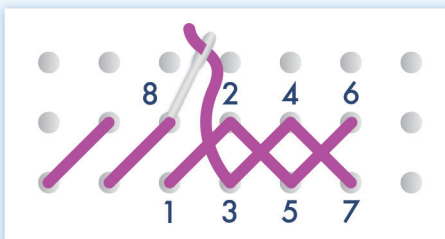
Perfect for simple patterns or curves on an outline.

Bring your needle up at point 1, then go down at 2. Come back up at 3 and down at 4.

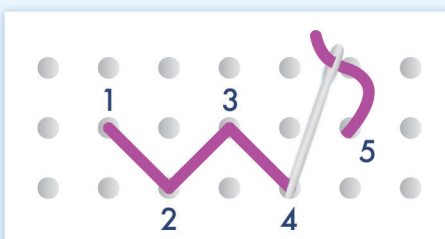
**Cross Stitch**

A simple but effective stitch to start creating larger areas of colour and texture.

To create one complete stitch, begin by bringing your needle up at point 1, then go down at 2. Come back up at 3, then down at 4.

**For larger areas of Cross Stitch, try this technique:**

Bring your needle up at point 1, then down at 2. Bring it back up at 3, down at 4, up at 5 and finally down at 6. This completes the first section. You now need to work backwards to complete the row of stitches. Bring your needle up at 7, down at 4, up at 5, down at 2, up at 3 and finally down at 8.

**Chevron Stitch**

Great for simple and striking zig-zag patterns.

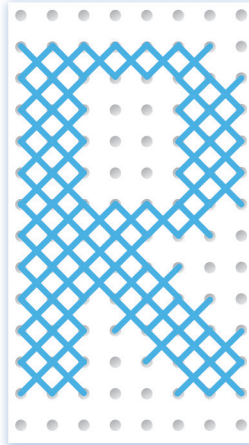
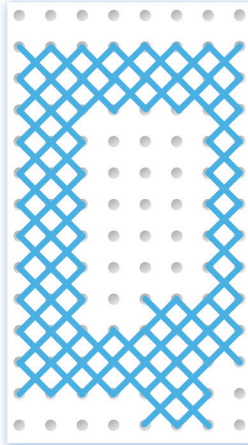
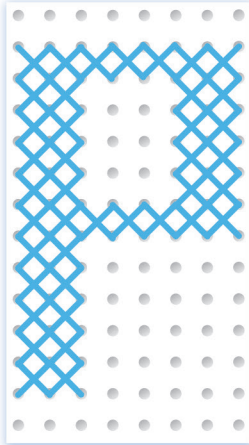
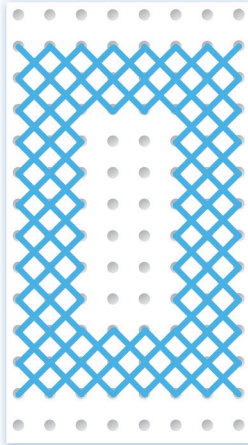
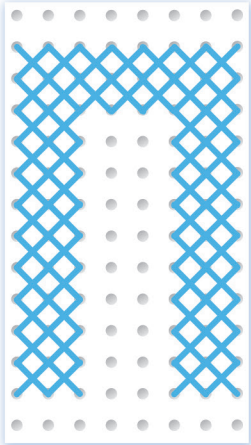
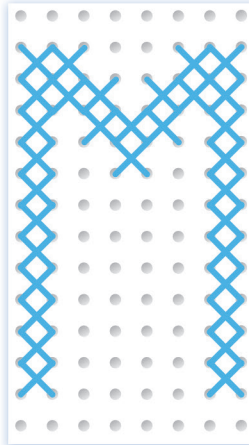
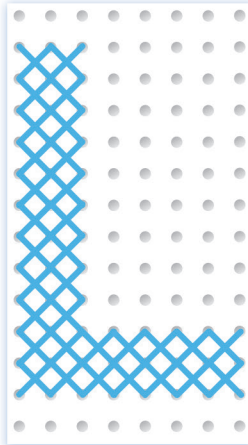
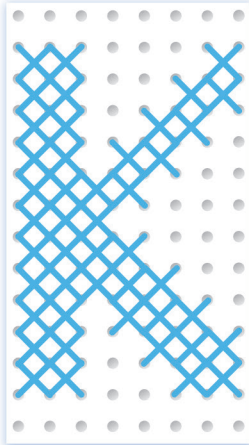
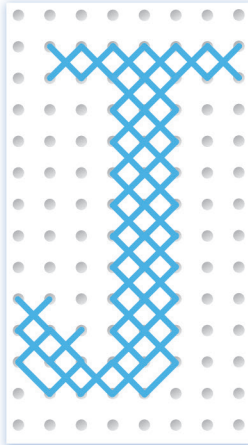
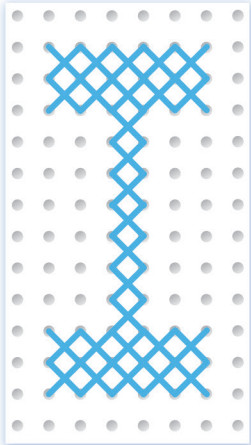
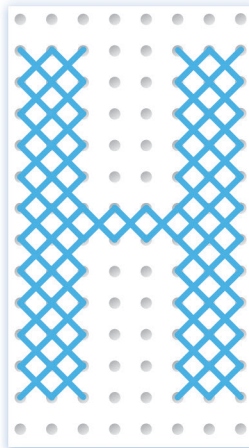
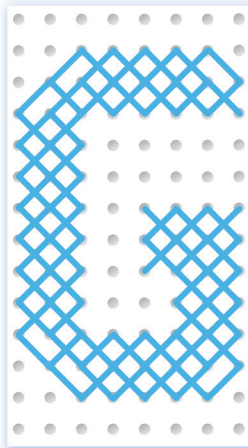
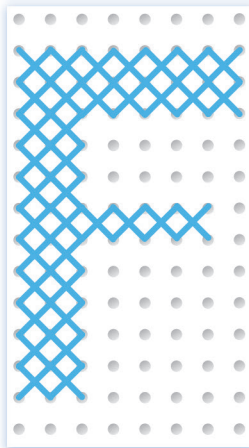
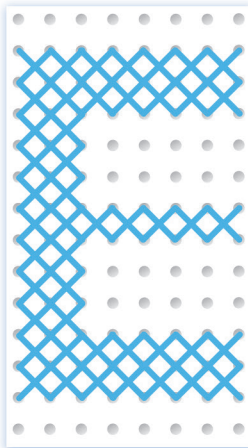
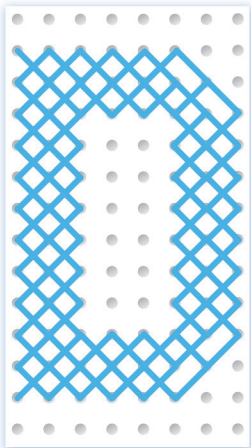
Bring your needle up at point 1, down at 2, up at 3 and then back down at 2. Come up at 3, down at 4, up at 5 and finally back down at 4.



\*Templates shown at 75%

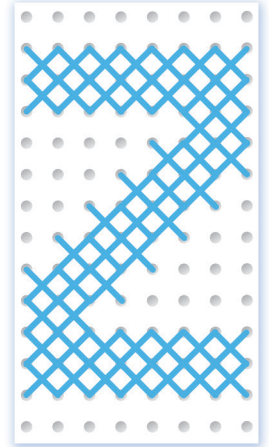
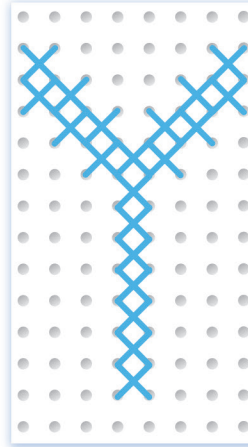
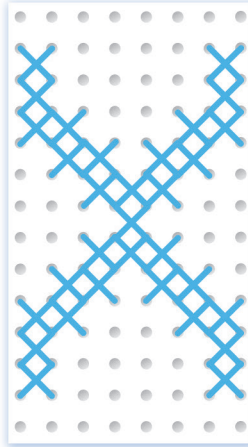
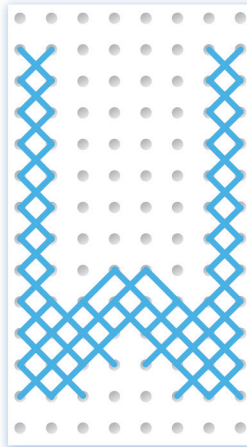
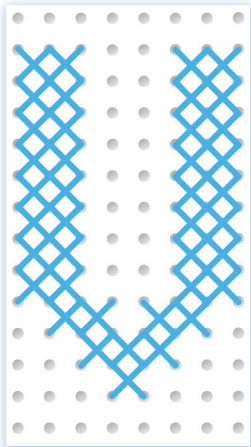
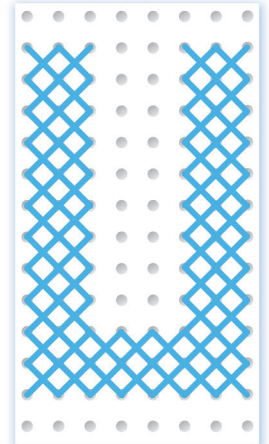
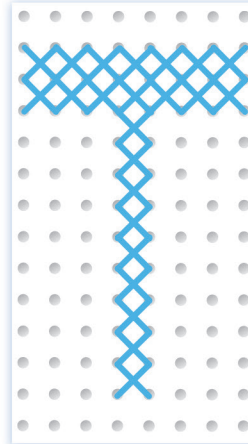
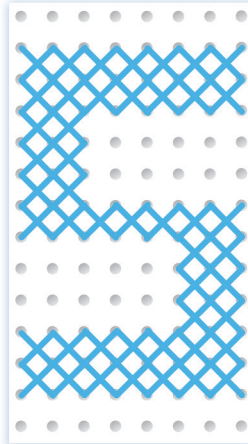
## CROSS-STITCH INITIALS

The following templates allow you to personalise your rectangular tag from the 'Trim-a-Tag' die set. Each initial is made up of half and full cross-stitches. We've used one colour for ease, but experiment with multiple colours or even add an outline with Back Stitch.



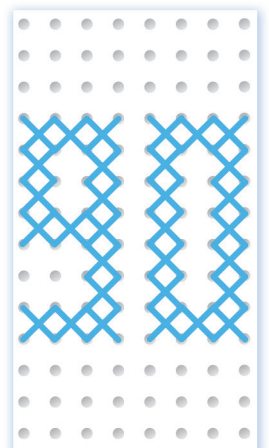
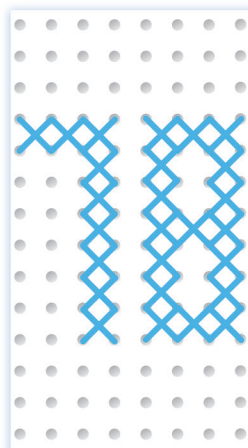
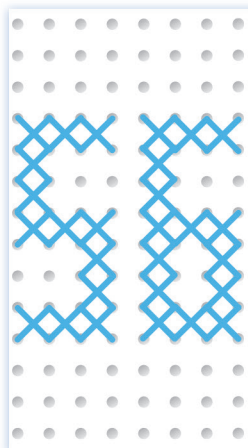
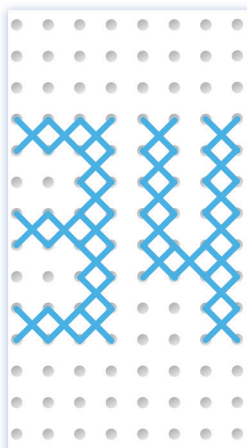
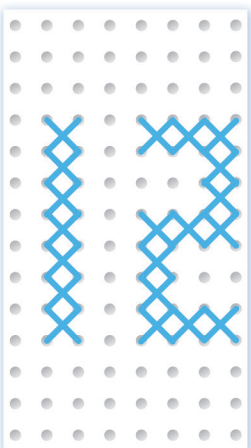
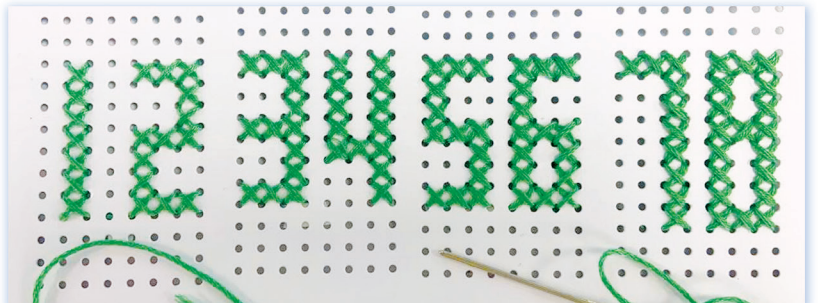


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### CROSS-STITCH NUMBERS

We've also included some mini number templates so you can personalise your cards, tags and projects with ages or dates.

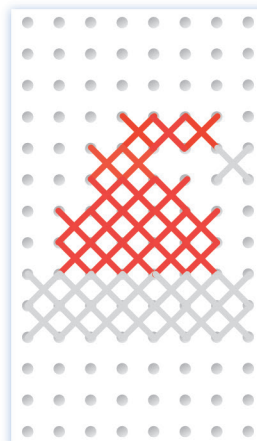
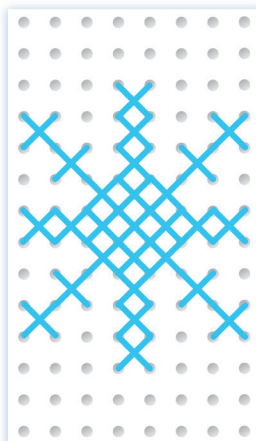
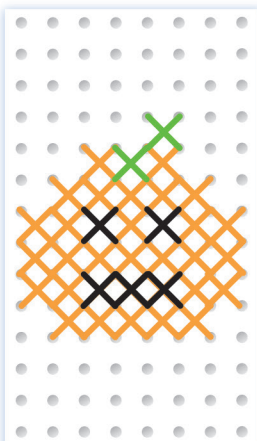
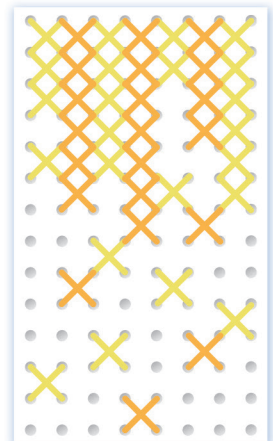
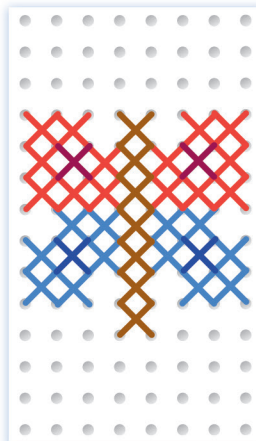
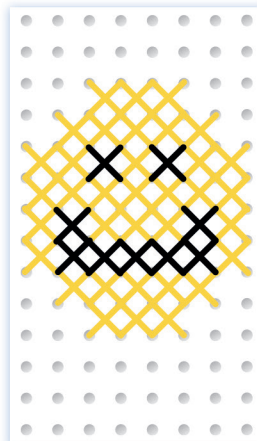
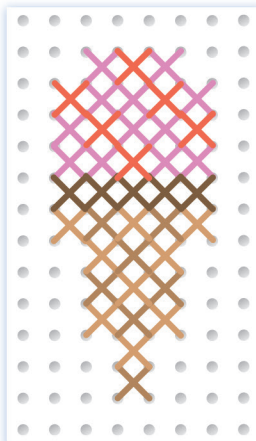
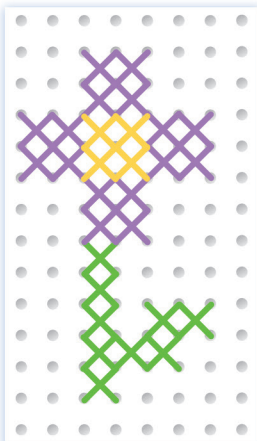
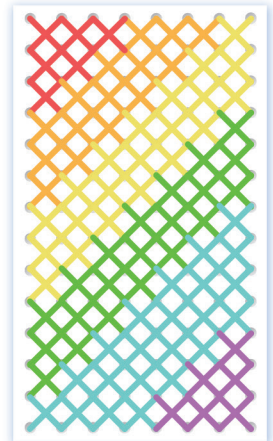
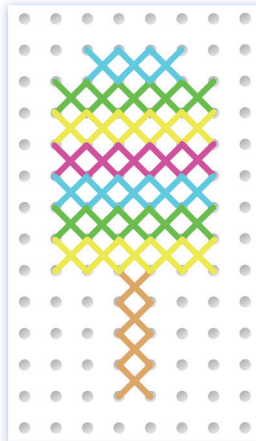
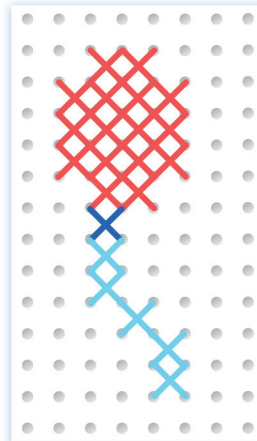
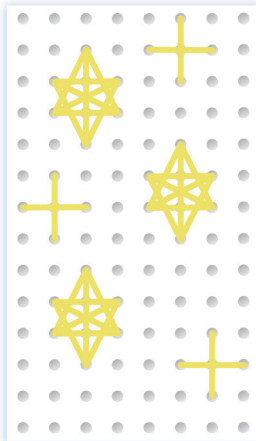
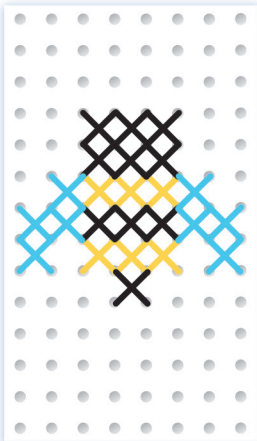
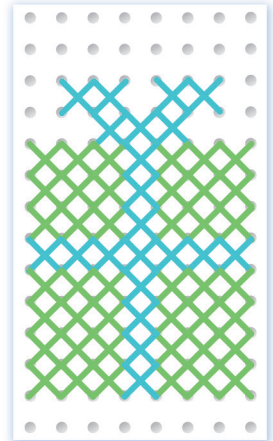
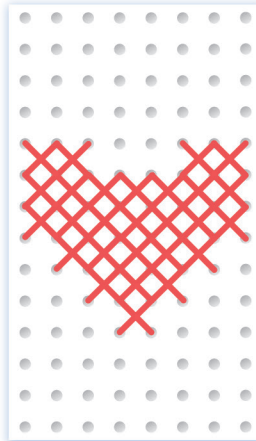
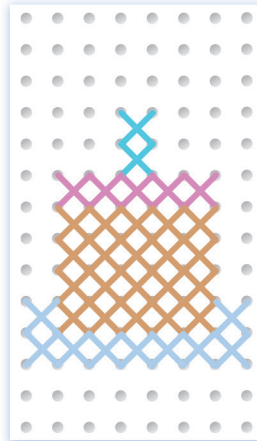




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## CROSS-STITCH ICONS

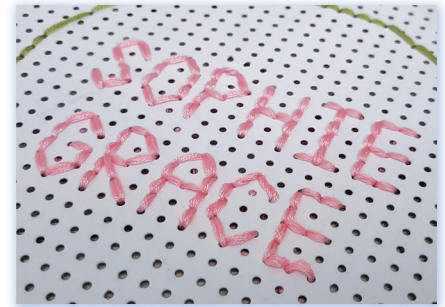
We've put together some templates of simple images and backgrounds to help you get started. Each one uses a range of colours in Cross Stitch. These can be stitched onto your rectangular tags or on the Creative Canvas. Why not try different colours or create your own icons and backgrounds?



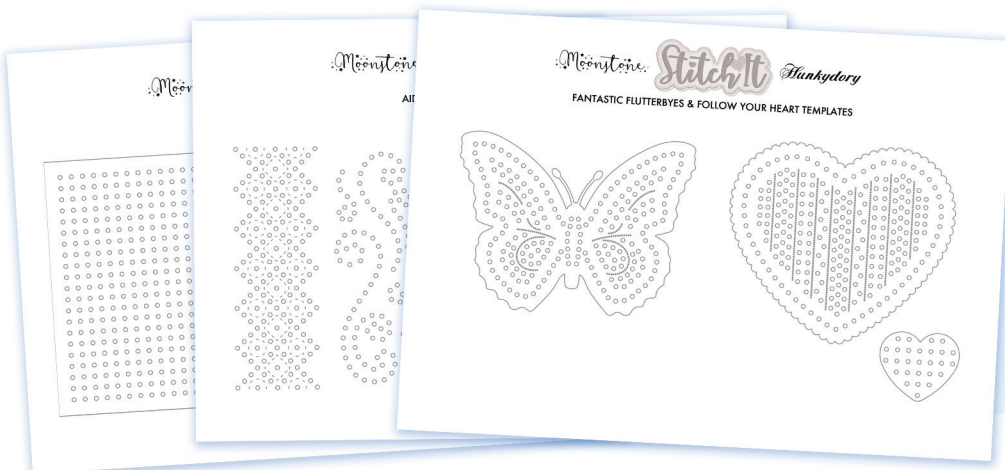


## MINI ALPHABET

Personalise cards and home decor with our mini alphabet and numbers. Shown actual size, these cute letters have been designed to work with the Creative Canvas die set, allowing you to write names, dates, ages and more! Each letter and number is made using the simple back stitch, making it quick and easy to stitch. If you want a bolder letter, try doubling up your thread or using multiple colours.



\*Templates shown actual size



Design your own patterns and borders with ease. Simply download the free templates and sketch your ideas before stitching. A great way to experiment, try new designs and get creative!



STITCH IT PROJECT 1 - THANKS



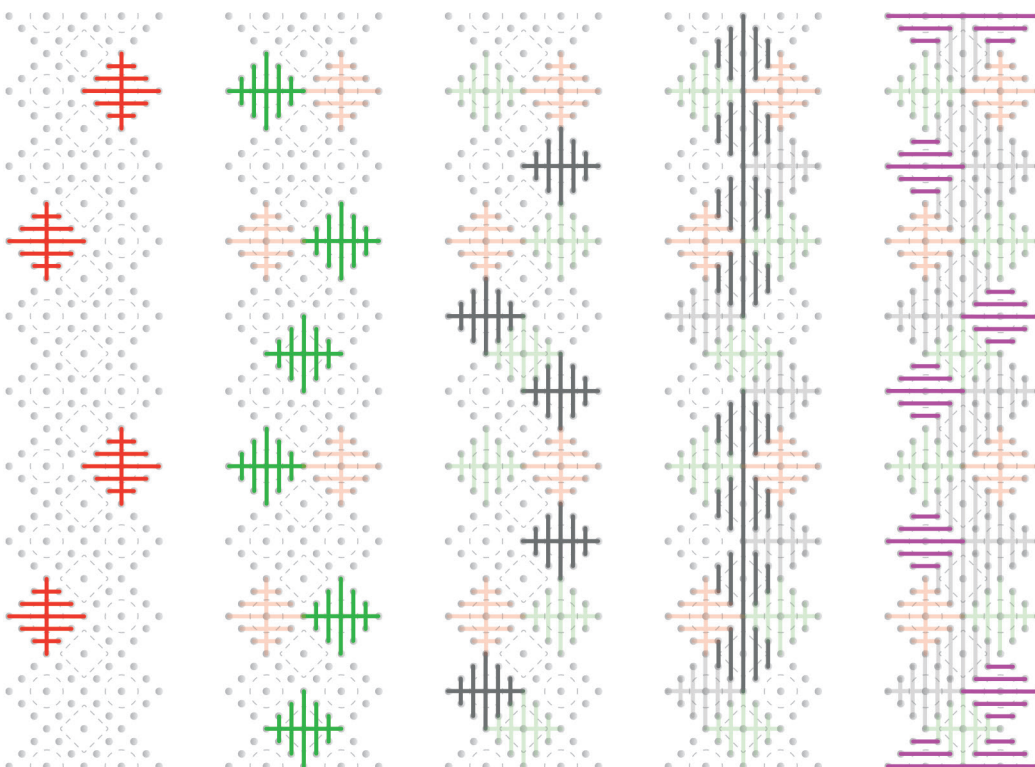
YOU WILL NEED:

- MSTONE253 - Aida Edges Die Set
- MSTONE144 - Essential Words - Thanks
- Embroidery Floss in Red, Green, Lilac, Grey
- Needle or small wool needle
- A4 Ink Me! Cardstock
- Matt-tastic Adorable Scorable Cardstock - Pebble Grey
- 7" x 5" Ink Me! Card Blank
- Prism Ink Pad - Peacock Green
- Die-cutting machine
- Low-Tack Tape
- Foam Pads

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut a piece of Ink Me! Cardstock to 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>". Secure the border die using Low-Tack Tape, slightly off centre and hanging off the top edge, and pass through your die-cutting machine.
2. Move the border die down, lining up the pattern. The die should slot into the already cut holes ensuring perfect alignment. Pass through die-cutting machine.
3. Stitch the border using the stitching guide below and your coloured Embroidery Floss.
4. Stamp the 'for being wonderful' sentiment onto your Ink Me! Cardstock using Peacock Green.
5. Attach this to your card front using foam pads.
6. Cut the 'Thanks' sentiment out of Pebble Grey Matt-tastic Adorable Scorable and attach using small foam pads.

STITCHING GUIDE - SHOWN AT 50%



Note: The first 3 colours have a single line going across all the stitches. The floss has also been doubled up to create a heavier area of colour

The last two colours don't have the additional line and only use one strand to create lighter areas of colour



## STITCH IT PROJECT 2 - WINGS



## YOU WILL NEED:

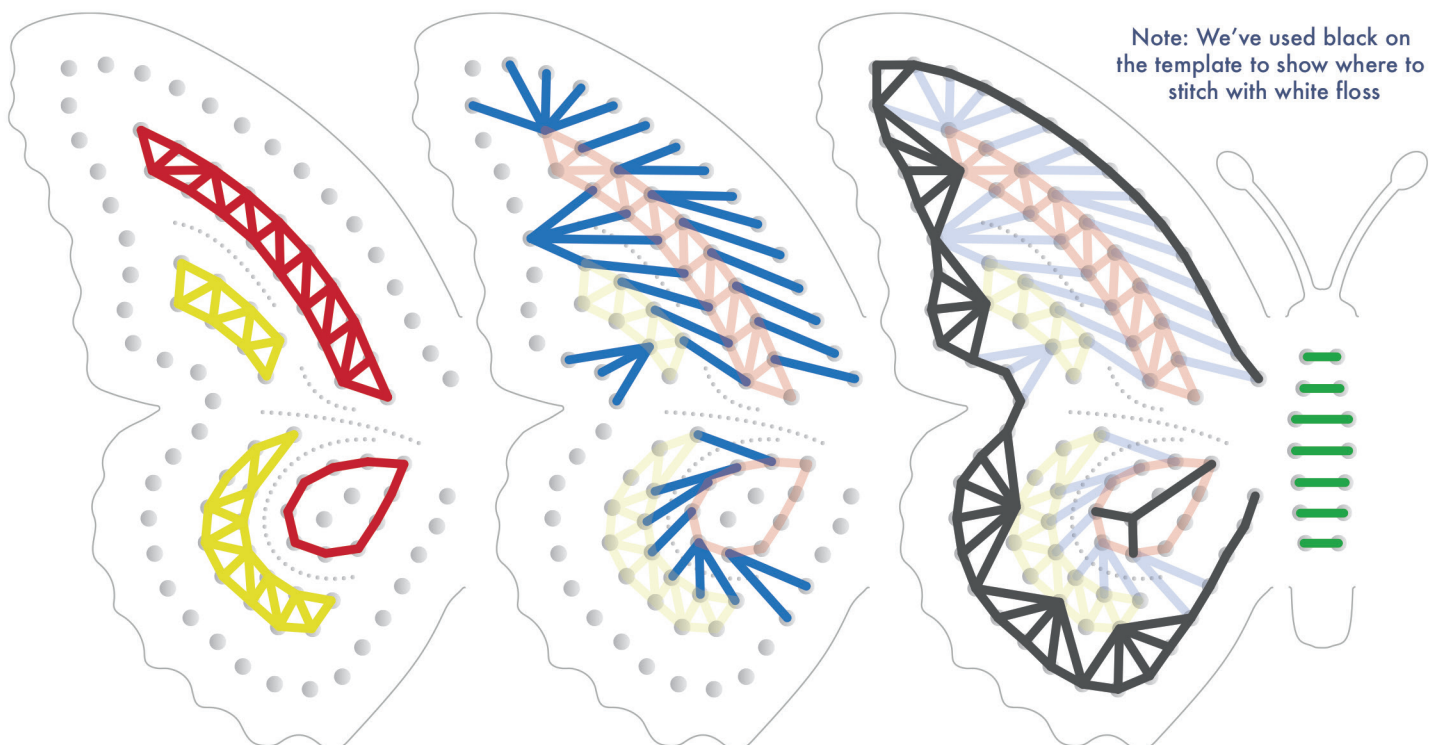
- MSTONE255 - Fantastic Flutterbyes
- MSTONE253 - Aida Edges Die Set
- Embroidery Floss in Red, Blue, Yellow, White, Green
- Needle or small wool needle
- Superior Stamping Card - Midnight Black
- A4 Ink Me! Cardstock
- 6" x 4" Ink Me! Card Blank
- Prism Ink Pad - French Navy
- Die-cutting machine
- Low-Tack Tape
- Construction Glue

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Use Low-Tack Tape to secure all 4 dies that make up the large butterfly topper onto Midnight Black Stamping Card. Pass through your die-cutting machine. Cut a second butterfly using the 2 outline dies only.
2. Stitch the butterfly wings using the stitching guide below and your coloured Embroidery Floss. Both wings are the same.
3. Put the second butterfly underneath and stitch the body through both layers using green Embroidery Floss. For a thicker body, use 2 or even 3 strands of floss. Secure the two wing layers together using construction glue.
4. Create a watercolour background on Ink Me! Cardstock using Prism Ink - French Navy and cut your border die into the centre.
5. Layer Black Cardstock and the inked background onto a 6" x 4" card blank. Add the butterfly using construction glue.

## STITCHING GUIDE - SHOWN AT 110%

Use back stitch throughout





## STITCH IT PROJECT 3 - SEW LOVELY



## YOU WILL NEED:

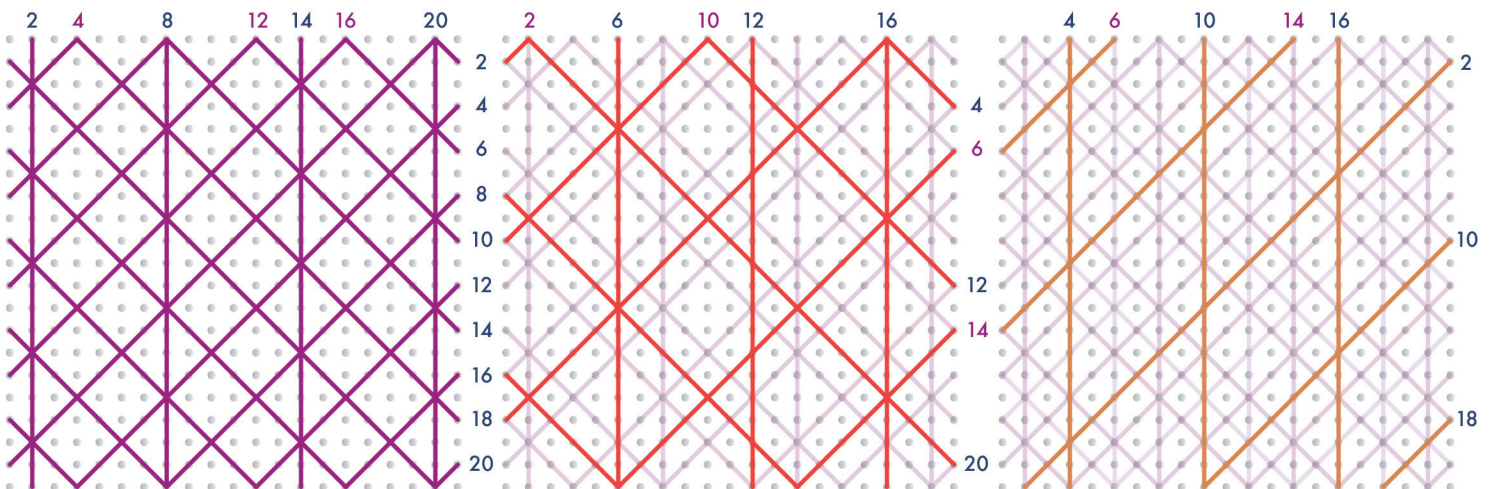
- MSTONE254 - Creative Canvas
- MSTONE256 - Follow Your Heart
- Embroidery Floss in Maroon, Peach, Pink
- Needle or small wool needle
- A4 Ink Me! Cardstock
- 5" x 5" Ink Me! Card Blank
- Prism Ink Pad - Purple Velvet
- Die-cutting machine
- Low-Tack Tape
- Construction Glue
- Foam Pads

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Use Low-Tack Tape to secure the inner Creative Canvas die to a piece of Ink Me! Cardstock measuring 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Pass through your die-cutting machine.
2. Stitch the background pattern using the stitching guide below and your coloured Embroidery Floss.
3. Cut the scalloped heart and sentiment die out of Ink Me! Cardstock. Ink the scalloped heart with Prism Ink - Purple Velvet.
4. Ink around the edges of a 5" x 5" card blank with Prism Ink - Purple Velvet and then layer your stitched background on top using construction glue.
5. Attach the scalloped heart to the bottom right corner of your background using foam pads for added dimension. Add your sentiment using construction glue.

## STITCHING GUIDE - SHOWN AT 53%

Use back stitch throughout



Note: We've added numbers to the guide to help identify where to stitch

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## IDEAS & INSPIRATION

Try stitching with ribbon, wool, twine and more!



Add more colour and try weaving for a different look



Mix and match with papercraft collections



Create personalised home decor and gifts



Combine stitching with stamping for a textured card



Get messy with inks, pens, pencils and glitter

For more projects and inspiration for the Stitch It Collection and other Moonstone Die Collections, take a look at our **Crafting With Hunkydory Magazine**