Essential Requirements

Before you embark on embroidery cross stitch, good preparation is essential. You have purchase one of the most valuable embroidery cross stitch starter kit which is your journey to make your cross stich fun and enjoyable.

50 Colored Threads in random colors,

5 natural bamboo embroidery hoop(diameter:13cm+18cm+20cm+23cm+26cm),

2 pieces of 30*30cm white cross-stitch fabrics,

1 pair of scissors,

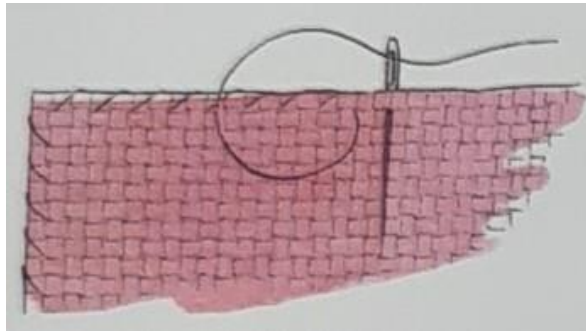10 wire-wrap board in random colors, 1 seam ripper,

 2 needle-threaders,

1 x thimble,

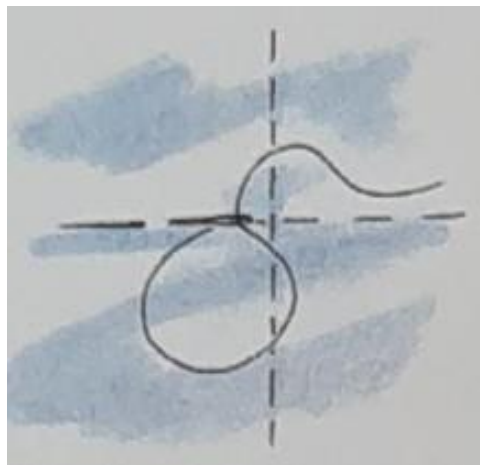30 pieces embroidery needles in 3 sizes,

2 plate needle-threaders,

Preparing the Fabric

1. Cut the fabric at least 2 in. (5 cm) larger than the design. Overcast or machine zigzag stitch around the raw edges.
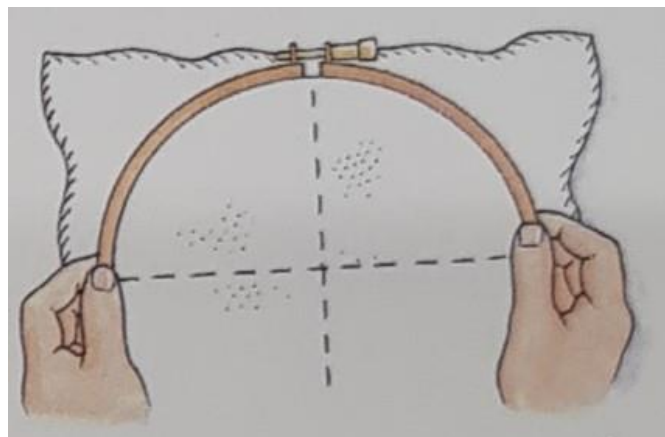

2. Find the midpoint of all fabric edges and baste across. The cross marks the middle of the design area.

Mounting the fabric in a hoop

Place the fabric over the smaller ring. Ease the larger ring in place so that the fabric is taut. Tighten the outer ring.

Threads

Threads have different colours and finishes. The most popular type of embroidery thread for cross-stitch because stranded cotton has a soft sheen. Flower threads, have an attractive matte finish. The metallic and lame threads have glitter and gleam. But the glossy, brilliant shades of Anchor Marlitt and DMC Rayon thread are the most commonest used in cross stitch. Overdyed threads give a variegated finish to a design.

Before commencemet of a new type of thread, ensure it's the right thickness. Divisible

threads can be separated and recombined to make thinner or thicker threads. You may combine lengths of some threads that are not divisible.

Before you start stitching, always divide stranded threads into separate strands, even if you are using all four or six strands. Then recombine the number of strands you need.

Anchor Lamé is a smooth, very shiny, 12-stranded divisible thread.

DMC Flower Thread has a matte finish and is not divisible.

DMC Cotton à Broder has a matte finish and is not divisible.

Anchor Marlitt has a high-gloss finish and is a six-stranded divisible thread.

DMC Rayon is a six-stranded divisible thread and has a high-gloss surface.

DMC Metallic Thread is stranded, with a textured metallic finish.

Danish Flower Thread has a matte finish and is not divisible.

Needle Necessities Floss Overdyed is a six-stranded divisible variegated thread with a slight sheen.

DMC Perle (or "pearl") Cotton has an attractive sheen and is not divisible.

Stranded cottons, for example Anchor and DMC, are six-stranded divisible threads with a subtle sheen.

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