

Light Stitch Card Instructions

Items you will need:

Cut-away stabilizer

Thread that coordinates with the cardstock

Precut heavy weight 5" X 7" cards or 3½" X 4" cards

Watercolor paper

Envelopes

Cardstock to cover the back of the embroidery

Embellishments

Double-sided tape to hold the card in place for embroidery

Choose a design of your choice with card outline.

Hint: If you use your printer for the greeting inside the card, we strongly recommend doing that before the embroidery.

1. Hoop cut-away stabilizer (use two pieces of lighter weight stabilizer).
2. Embroider first color, this is the area to place the card. Put one piece of double-sided tape in the center of the rectangle on the cut-away stabilizer.
3. Lay the cardstock matching sides and top and bottom to the embroidered rectangle or open the card, lay the card in the rectangle front side up and the folded side of the card to the left.
4. Embroider design.
5. Remove from hoop. Gently trim cut-away from the back of the card.
6. Cover the back of the embroidery on the card with a piece of cardstock cut ¼" smaller than the card front. Layer the embroidered cardstock onto a card or scrapbook page.
7. Add embellishments.

Watercolor Instruction

There are many different watercolor techniques. Our favorites are watercolor pencils and watercolor crayons. We prefer to use the water brushes. You will have the best blending and less color bleed using watercolor paper.

Use the outline designs for the watercolor projects.

1. Cut watercolor paper into 5" X 7" or 3½" X 4" or use pre-cut watercolor cards.
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4. Lay the cardstock matching sides and top and bottom to the embroidered rectangle or open the card, lay the card in the rectangle front side up and the folded side of the card to the left.
5. Embroider the design outline (2nd color change).
6. Remove from hoop. Gently trim cut-away from the back of the card.
7. Watercolor the design.
8. Let dry.
9. Add to card or frame.
10. Add embellishments.

Embellishment ideas

Brads-if you are having a hard time finding a brad that will coordinate with your paper, paint a plain silver or gold brad that you can find at your local office store.

Ribbon

Lace

Buttons

Embellish cardstock with coordinating stickers.

Stamp cardstock with coordinating images and lettering.

Emboss cardstock with coordinating images and lettering.

Cut envelopes from lightweight cardstock with or without a pattern. Envelope templates come in a variety of sizes.

The items listed above are available at most craft stores.

Precut cards, cardstock and envelopes may be available at your local print shop.

