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To get started:

- Most of our patterns are suitable for a beginner. Before you know you will get addicted ³. If you need any further help after reading our tips, you can find help online. We can also recommend spending some time watching DIY movies about cross stitching on you-tube.
- To ensure you create a beautiful item, wash your hands before you get started and avoid using oily hand creams.
- Some fabrics have raw edges and may start fraying, so take the small effort to zig-zag stich all the sides on your sewing machine.



When you are stitching:

• Start your work in the centre of your fabric. It will be easier, and also help to ensure you have enough room for the piece. Just fold your fabric and mark the centre. The arrow in the pattern shows you where the centre is.





- Most embroidery threat comes in strings of 6 threats. You can split those threats for a finer result. For Aida 14 we advise to embroider with two strings.
- A simple advice to ensure you get the most beautiful result: be consistent in your stitching. So the first line of your cross always leaning in the same way.



Finishing your work:

- When you have finished with stitching your work, iron with steam or water spray the nice side facing down.
- Trim your fabric to the desired size to fit your frame or hang it in your embroidery hoop.
- Please do share a picture of your finished work with us. We are always very happy to see how your work turned out.
- Check <u>www.alphabetcrossstitch.etsy.com</u> regularly for new patterns