

Sparkle Stitch Card

General Instructions

Additional Items you will need.

In addition to the items provided in the kit you will also need double sided tape and clear drying glue.
A Piercing Mat will protect your work surface and help you pierce the card evenly.

Step One - Pierce your Card.

First you need to protect your work surface. A proper Piercing Mat is the best thing to use, and will enable you to pierce your card cleanly and accurately.

Open up the card, and with the front facing up lay it on the mat, then centre the piercing template (with the dots on) in the middle of the card.

Holding the template in place use the large pin and pierce each dot on the template, making sure the pin goes through the card. The template must not move during the piercing or your design could distort.

Step Two - Prepare to Stitch.

Now choose which colour you want to start with, and cut a piece of thread about 2 feet (60cm) long. It is better to use several short pieces of thread rather than one long piece as it is easier to work with, and sometimes the holes in the card can wear the thread if you use too long a piece. Thread the needle and secure the end of the thread to the back of the design with a small piece of double sided tape (leave the backing on the tape for now) near your starting point, making sure you don't cover any holes. You are now ready to stitch your design.

Step Three - Stitch your card.

Using the Design pictures as a guide follow the numbered instructions on the Piercing Template. You need to start by bringing the needle up from the back to the front of the card, then down to the back at the next numbered hole.

For instance, if the Piercing Template states 1 - 5, you bring the thread up at the first hole (1) then down the fifth hole along (5). To save wasting thread, if you then come up at the sixth hole and back down the second, then up at the third and down the seventh etc., you will still keep the 1 - 5 ratio of stitches. Try to keep the thread fairly tight as you go to keep the crisp lines on the design. Although this sounds complicated, once you try it you will see how simple it really is, and once you master the basic technique, it applies to even the most complex designs. When you either reach the end of your thread or the section of design you are working on, simply secure the end of the thread to the back of the card with double sided tape (again leave the backing on).

Step Four - Sparkles.

When you have finished all the stitching, you can attach the embellishments using small amounts of clear drying glue.

When the glue is dry, secure the card using double sided tape (you can also peel the backing off the pieces holding the threads). Now sit back and admire your handiwork.

Helpful Hints

- ★ If this is the first time you have tried this, why not practise the technique on a spare piece of card.
- ★ If you want to secure the Piercing Template to your card to stop it moving, why not use extra pins in the outermost holes, and leave them in whilst you pierce the rest.
- ★ A proper piercing tool can make piercing the holes easier.

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Accessories

Piercing Mats, Piercing Tools, different colour Cards and envelopes, more design Templates and more thread colours are also available from Add Some Sparkle.