

Christmas Tree Cross Stitch Card



Skill level: Beginner

You will need:

- Cross Stitch Pattern <insert link to chart image>
- 18-count ivory aida 20cm x 20cm (this will allow excess to use the hoop)
- Dark green 6-strand cotton embroidery thread (separate and use 2 strands)
- Light green 6-strand cotton embroidery thread (separate and use 2 strands)
- Brown 6-strand embroidery thread (separate and use 2 strands)
- Gold 6-strand embroidery thread (separate and use 3 strands)
- 17.5cm x 12.5cm kraft card blank and appropriate envelope
- 2 pieces of 0.75cm x 12.5cm gold washi tape
- Embroidery needle
- Embroidery hoop (minimum 12cm)
- Scissors
- Double-sided tape
- Ruler

Finished stitched design – 8.5cm x 5.5cm

To make:

1. Place the aida into the embroidery hoop ensuring it is tightly in the frame.



2. Using the cross-stitch chart provided, stitch the pattern on to the aida.

To stitch:

- Start stitching from the midpoint of the chart (marked on the chart with an x).
Ensure where you start stitching on the aida allows enough space for all of the stitches on the chart.
- Tie two knots at the bottom of the two strands of thread, tying them together. At the opposite end of the strands, thread the needle, leaving a few cm for a tail.
- Always stitch the crosses in the same direction – for example, on this chart, each stitch was stitched bottom left to top right, followed by bottom right to top left – this will keep the stitches looking neat and tidy.
- When you are at the end of stitching with your thread, on the back of the piece, carefully thread the strands under a couple of stitches and tie a small knot.



3. Thread your needle with 3 strands of the gold thread, tie a knot at one end of the strands, leaving a few cm for a tail.

Where you desire, add French knots to the tree to add 'lights'.

To create a French knot -

Pull your needle and thread through to the front of the aida, take the thread and wrap it around the pointed end of the needle two times.

Place the needle back into the aida 1mm away from where the thread came through, holding on to the piece of thread as you do so. This should create a small knot on top of the aida.



4. On the back of the piece, carefully press any creases out of the aida. Ensuring the tree is in the centre, measure 2cm from each side of the design and cut the aida to size. Remove two rows of the strands of the aida along each side to create a ruffled edge.



5. Take the card and add one piece of the washi taper vertically along the top of the card, 0.5cm from the edge. Repeat along the bottom of the card.



6. On the back of the cross-stitch piece, add double sided tape along each edge. Place the sticky side of the cross stitch centrally on to the card.



Tips and ideas

- If you do not want to use the colours on the pattern, you could change the colour of the aida and threads to those of your choosing.
- French knots can sometimes be tricky – you could attach small glass seed beads instead.
- The card could be placed in frame and used as festive décor for future.

