

Easter Cross

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Materials Required:

7 HPI Plastic canvas.

Sharp scissors or craft knife.

3mm wide Blue ribbon: 1.4 metres.

Ribbon needle.

Blue Parch Marque paper 11cm x 16cm.

Paper Shapes: PPS10 Flower Ivory and PPS21 Assortment Lavender.

Peel off: PE151 Happy Easter Gold.

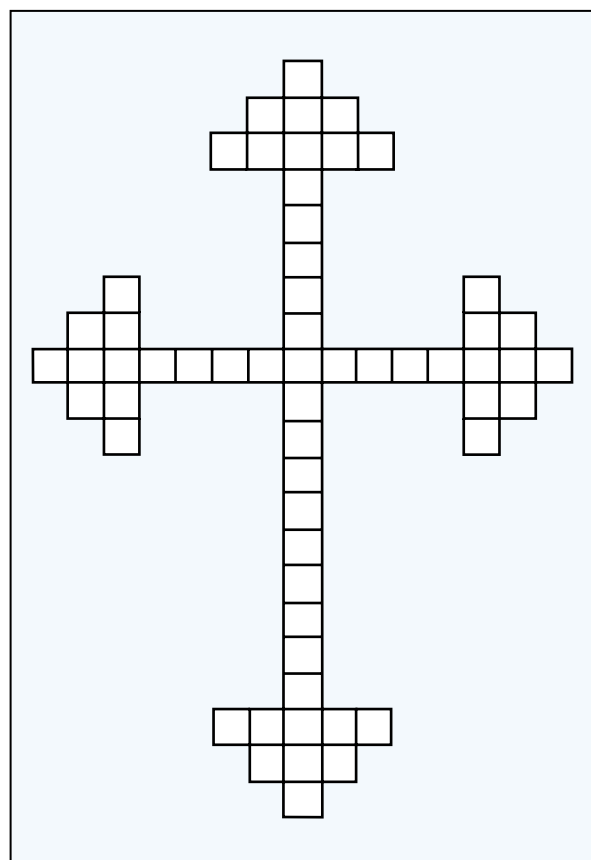
Ribbon Bow in Pale Yellow.

P.V.A. Craft Adhesive and sticky tape.

Card mount: DE01U Lavender.

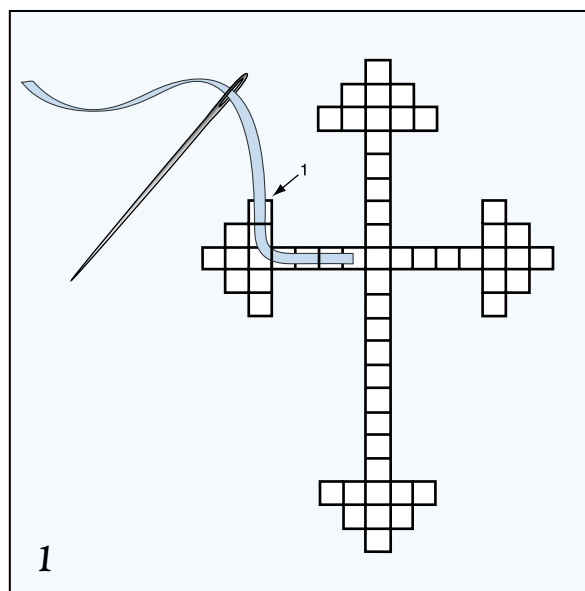
To Make The Card:

Cut a rectangle measuring 21 holes by 15 holes from the plastic canvas. Snip into the mesh with scissors or use a craft knife to make the shape of the cross, see the diagram below.

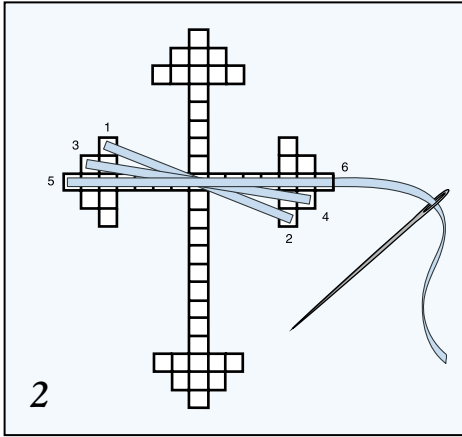


Thread the needle with the ribbon, work with the complete length. Always keep the ribbon flat and untwisted on the cross.

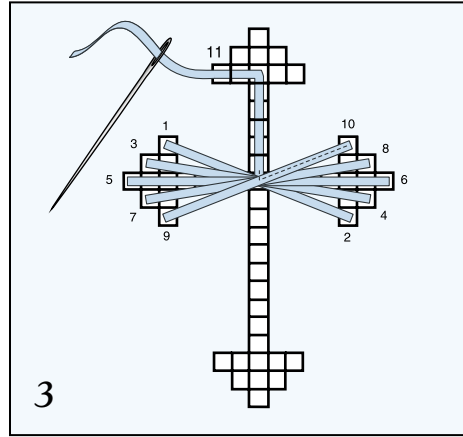
1. Working the horizontal arms of the cross first, pull the ribbon through a few holes to hold the end firmly and come up



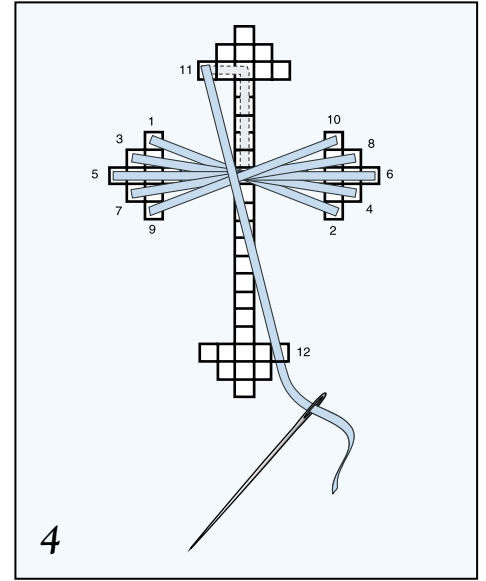
hand side ready for the first stitch through hole 1 on the left



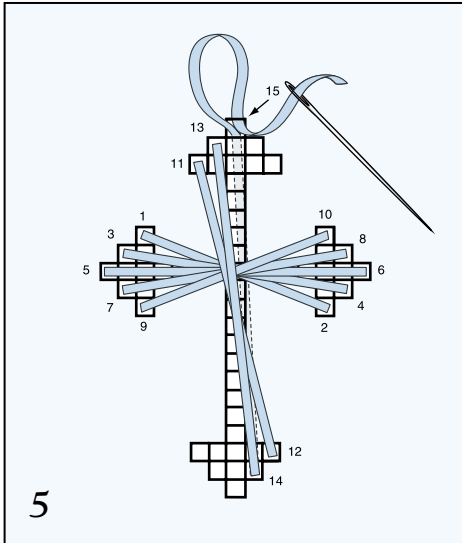
2. Keeping the ribbon flat take it across the front of the cross to the opposite side and into hole 2, then take the ribbon across the back of the cross, come up at hole 3, down at hole 4, up at 5 and down at 6.



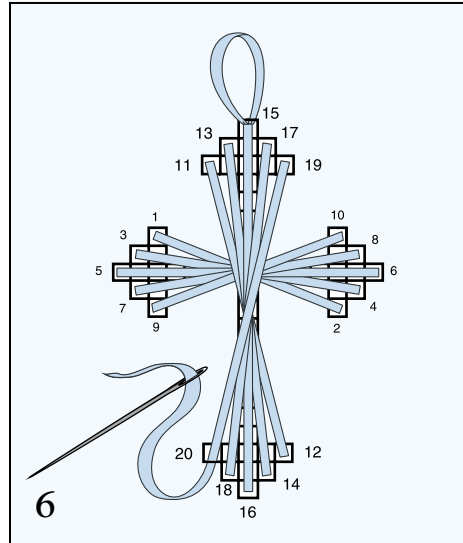
3. Continue in this way until the arms are fully covered finishing at hole 10. Take the ribbon behind the work as shown by the dotted line and weave into the upright of the cross as shown coming out at hole 11.



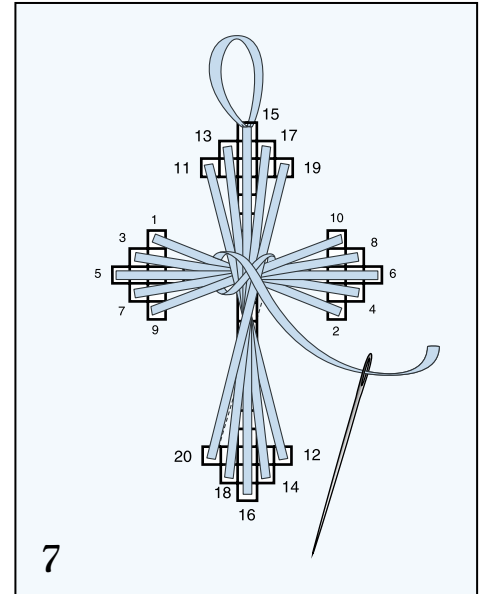
4. Bring the ribbon diagonally down across the front of the cross and go in at hole 12.



5. Work the stitches in exactly the same way as before following the numbers on the diagram. When you reach hole 15 thread the ribbon into the hole from the back, then re-thread the ribbon back into the same hole leaving a loop.



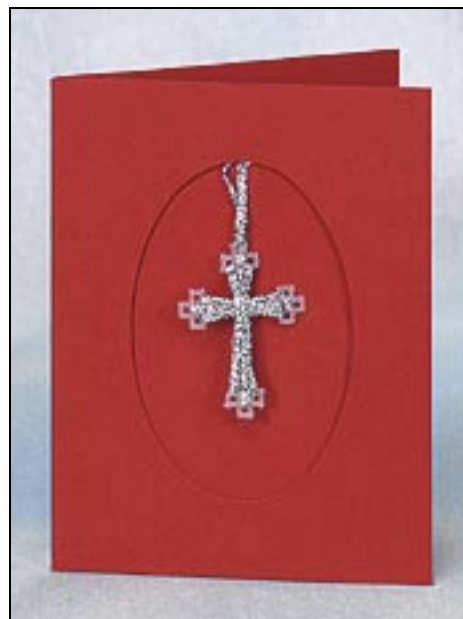
6. Continue as before finishing at hole 20.



7. Take the ribbon behind the work, bring it up over the right hand side of the horizontal bar close to the centre and wrap it around in an 'X'. This will pull the strands of ribbon in to fit the shape of the cross. Thread the end of the ribbon into the back of the work to fasten and cut off the excess.

To Finish The Card

Stick the blue paper behind the aperture. Sticky tape the cross to the top centre of the aperture. Glue the card closed using a line of glue around the edges of the flap. Glue the paper shapes onto the card. Add the peel off greeting and the ribbon bow to finish.



Right: This cross is made in the same way but is worked on a smaller canvas mesh and is mounted into a completely plain card.

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