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CREATING CROSS STITCHED BOOKMARKS

There are several ways to finish a cross stitched bookmark. In this instruction we will a way of finishing bookmarks with reinforcing them with a stiff card.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Piece of fabric with stitched bookmark design
- Piece of stiff paper in the desired size of your bookmark, preferably in the color of your fabric
- Thread and needle
- Scissors
- Iron

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTION

- **Stitch your design on the fabric.**
- **Cut your fabric so that the stitch remains in the center of it.**
To determine the width you should cut your fabric, use the width of your finished bookmark, and then cut the fabric twice that, plus around 1" for borders.
The height of the fabric is the same as the desired bookmark height.



- **Clip any stray floss ends from the back of the stitching.**
- **Place the paper in the center under the fabric, fold the fabric and iron it .**

Fold the extra fabric on each side of the bookmark to cover the back and overlap a small amount. Make sure that you center the design and the paper exactly when folding the fabric. An easy way to do this is to count the Aida squares on each side of the design to be sure they match. After you fold the sides in, iron the fabric to form the bookmark shape.

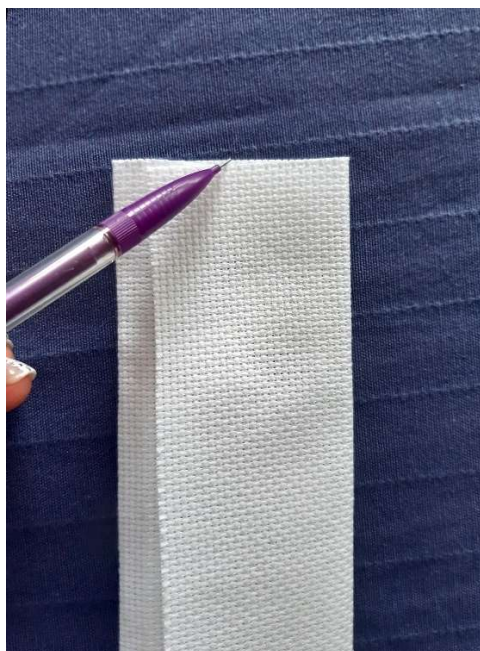


- **If you like, fringe the bookmark top and bottom ends.**

Create a fringed edge for your bookmark by removing as many rows of woven threads from the Aida fabric as you'd like.

You can also stay with a straight-edged bookmark (like shown on the photos).

- **Now, we will create a sleeve from our piece of fabric by making a straight seam in the center of the backing.**



- **Mark the line of the seam on the wrong side of the fabric with a pencil.**



- **Make a straight seam on the wrong side of the fabric (manually, or on the sewing machine) .**
Please make sure the seam ends are well fixed.



- **Iron the seam.**



- **Carefully turn the fabric inside out to the right side.**



- **Put the stiff paper inside.**
Adjust the paper size in case it doesn't fit perfectly.

- **Do the final ironing and finishing your piece.**

Iron your bookmark putting a damp cloth over it. Then put it some heavy books on top for some time to keep it flat.



Here's how the back side looks like :



Your bookmark is ready! ☺

In case the bookmark gets a little dirty with time, you can take out the paper, wash the bookmark, iron it with a damp cloth and put the paper inside again. It'll be like new again.

