

waste canvas



Using waste canvas makes it easy to work your designs onto many fabrics.

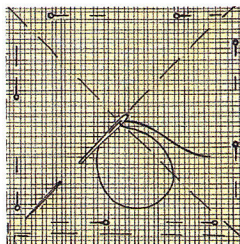
Waste canvas is an evenweave, meshlike fabric, woven from pairs of threads stiffened with starch. With this canvas you can cross-stitch on many fabrics. Simply work the design through the canvas onto the fabric, using the mesh as a stitching guide.

The canvas comes in a range of mesh sizes, from 8 to 16 pairs of threads per 1 in. (2.5 cm). Stitch with a crewel needle—its sharp point will penetrate the fabric weave more easily than the blunt point of a tapestry needle.

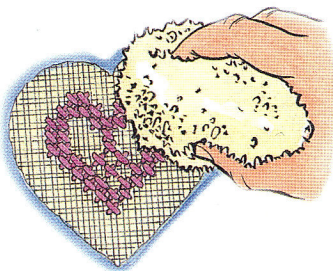
Work each stitch over a pair of threads, inserting the needle through the large holes where the pairs intersect. Then remove the threads, revealing the finished design.

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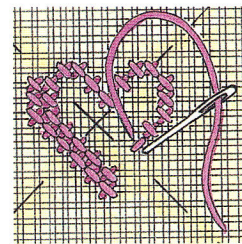
- 1 Pin the waste canvas in position on the right side of the fabric, making sure that the direction of the fabric threads lines up with the canvas mesh. Baste around the edge of the canvas and from corner to corner.



- 3 Remove the basting, and use embroidery scissors to trim the waste canvas close to the design. Using a damp sponge, moisten the work very slightly. Use only a little water because the starch in the canvas might glue it to the embroidery threads.



- 2 Stitch the design through the canvas and the fabric. Work each stitch over a pair of threads, and stitch through the exact middle of each hole with the needle at a right angle to the fabric surface.



- 4 Using tweezers, pull out the canvas threads one by one. Remove all of the threads lying in one direction first, then turn the work and pull out the remaining threads. Pull the threads out straight, holding the opposite edge of the fabric firmly.

