

HOW TO FRAME A CROSS STITCH IN THE HOOP

A TUTORIAL ON FRAMING A FINISHED CROSS STITCH - FROM ADAMKONIESKA.COM



I finished up a couple more stitches and was looking for a way to frame them in the hoop that actually looked, well, *good*.

I gathered a few ideas from the internet and some friends, and I've put them together here as part of a tutorial on how to frame a cross stitch in the hoop. Check it out the

full article here: <http://www.adamkonieska.com/archives/how-to-frame-a-cross-stitch-in-the-hoop/>

MATERIALS NEEDED

Here is a list of what you'll need. Most can be obtained from a fabric store, but I got mine from Amazon.com.

Materials Needed

Finished cross stitch

Embroidery hoop (I really like [these from Darice](#))

Scissors, thread, needle

Fleece ([similar to this](#))

Background Fabric

Mounting board or cardboard

Two sided tape ([this kind works excellently for fabric](#))



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STEP #1, IRONING THE FINISHED CROSS STITCH



Start by cleaning and preparing your cross stitch, wash any dirty areas with safe dish soap and let dry. Then iron out any wrinkles. Be sure not to use too much heat or apply heat directly to the stitches.

STEP #2, CUT THE MOUNTING BOARD

The backing I'm using is from a shoebox, but mounting board also works well. You don't want anything too thick, like a regular cardboard box, but it should be firm enough that it doesn't easily fold.

Start by tracing the inside of the hoop, then cut out the circle on the *inside* of the line. The closer the size of the cardboard is to the size of the hoop, the better the fit you'll get.



STEP #3, CUT THE FLEECE AND FABRIC



Trace the outside of the hoop on the fleece. When cutting, cut a bit generously on the outside of the line you've traced. Make sure to leave enough material so it can be sewn to the backing.

Once you're finished with the fleece, repeat the same process for the fabric. Remember, trace on the

back side of the fabric so your line doesn't show!

STEP #4, SEW THE FLEECE AND FABRIC TO THE BACKING



Layer the fleece and fabric onto the backing, and begin sewing them together.



STEP #5, MOUNTING AND TAPING THE FINISHED CROSS STITCH IN THE HOOP

Position the cross stitch in the hoop where you'd like it. Tighten the hoop as far as it will go to crease the fabric. *Off Topic: The Darice hoops are excellent to work with. They mount very securely, and don't flex or shift. I recommend using them.*



With the fabric creased, remove the hoop and trim away the excess. Make sure to leave enough material so that it will fold over onto the inside of the hoop. It doesn't hurt to leave a bit extra, as we can trim again later.



Once the fabric is trimmed, mount the piece back in the hoop. Trim away any excess leaving just enough left to fold into the hoop.

Place two sided tape on the inside ring of the hoop and peel away the backing. Finally, fold over the fabric and secure it to the tape.



STEP #6, PLACE THE SEWN BACKING INTO THE HOOP



For the last step, place the sewn backing into the framed cross stitch. Friction will hold it in place, and the tighter you cut the cardboard from step #2 the better your fit will be.

FINAL THOUGHTS

I'm really happy with the results for this method. It was low cost and not very complicated, and really looks nice framed up. Hope you enjoyed the tutorial! Check out more cross stitch patterns and info at my website <http://www.adamkonieska.com/tags/cross-stitch/>

