

Counted Cross Stitch

Cross stitch is one of the family of popular and varied embroidery techniques known as counted thread work. It is found throughout the world and is a very versatile technique. It is well suited to pictorial and abstract images and on finer count fabrics it can produce fine detail. Basic cross stitch is simply a diagonal cross worked between four corners on a square. For added detail, especially in shaping, partial cross stitches can be used. Backstitch is used to give definition to shapes, as you can see in this sample where they delineate the various blocks of colour, as well as outline the entire bison. To reduce or enlarge the size of the stitches, choose finer or coarser fabrics and embroidery threads or work stitches over a different number of threads.