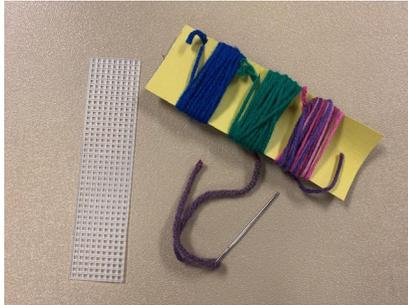


Plastic Canvas Bookmark



Supplies needed:

- Plastic canvas rectangle
- Yarn needle
- Yarn



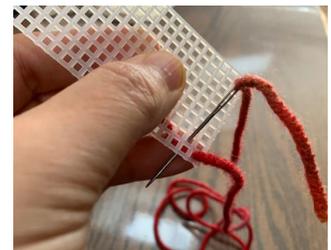
Start

Thread the needle. When you start stitching, pull the needle through one corner hole, holding a tail on the back. As you stitch, the yarn will cover this tail and lock it into place, no knot needed.



Stitch

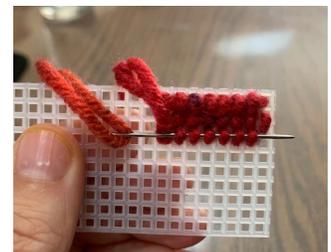
To make basic diagonal stitches, bring your needle up through one hole, then count one hole to the right and one hole up and go down through that hole. You just made one stitch!



Find more stitching help on the back of this sheet.

Fill it in and end

Fill the canvas with stitches. Use the basic stitch, or look up other stitch patterns online. Change colors whenever you want, and make a cool pattern. To end the yarn, run your needle behind several stitches on the back and pull through, no knot needed.



Finish the edge

When you have your canvas all filled in, finish the edge (the photo shows just one small part finished). Finish the edges by stitching around the edge as shown. At the corner, take two to three stitches through the same hole to cover all sides of the corner.



More stitching help

- Need more help figuring out how to do the basic stitch? Use the diagram and photos below, or go to our website and view a video tutorial.
- <https://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/kids/stitch-a-bookmark-in-march/>



Basic stitch diagram

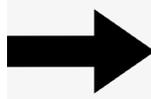
Below is a diagram of the plastic canvas.

- Each step is numbered, 1-30. Read each as “step 1 up, step 2 down, step 3 up, step 4 down” The up and down refer to the direction your needle is traveling. Up means pull your needle up through the canvas. Down means push your needle down through the canvas.
- Start with step 1, and come up with your needle. Then count over one and up one hole and go down with your needle (labeled “2 down”).
- Continue following each step, following the step numbers (step 3 come up in the hole indicated, step 4 go down in the hole indicated.)
- It’s important to always have your stitches slanted in the same direction. For this project, all our stitches slant to the right.
- You will go through some holes more than once in order to fill the canvas completely. For example, when you come down in step 12, you will be going down through the same hole as you used in step 8. That is why two steps are listed in the same hole on the diagram.

This diagram shows you how to complete one small rectangle of stitches. You can make many small rectangles of color to fill your whole canvas, or make your rectangle larger to fill as much of the canvas as you wish. Once you know the basic stitch, use that skill to be creative!

When you are ready to learn a more advanced stitch, search for “plastic canvas stitches” online and find some new ideas.

Start here!



	10 down	11 up	30 down
9 up	8 down 12 down	13 up 29 up	28 down
7 up	6 down 14 down	15 up 27 up	26 down
5 up	4 down 16 down	17 up 25 up	24 down
3 up	2 down 18 down	19 up 23 up	22 down
1 up	20 down	21 up	

