American Flag

-The Stitching Barn-
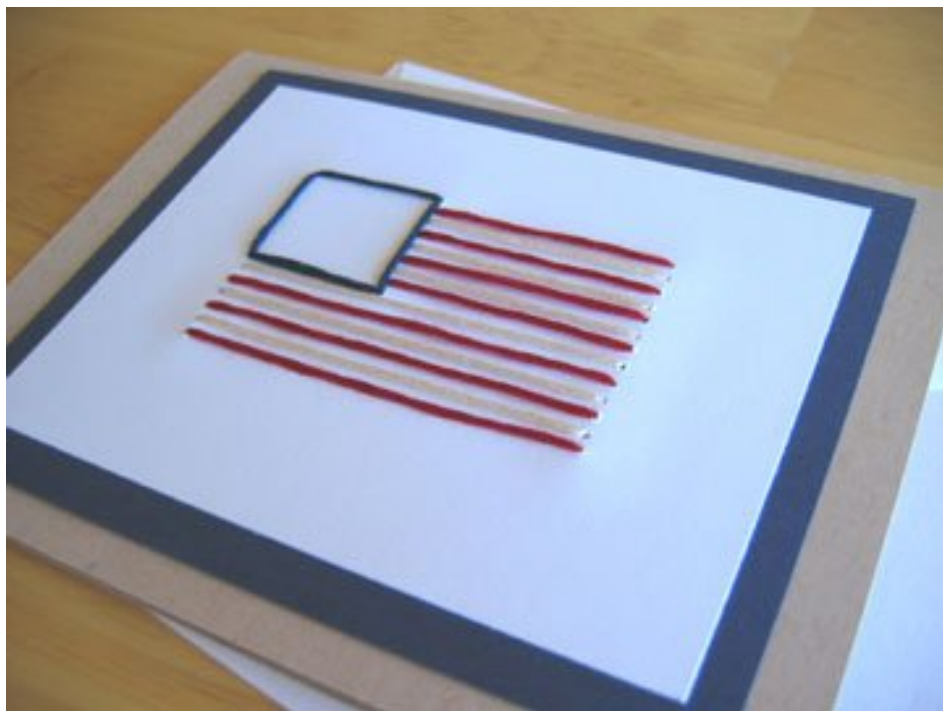
American Flag Hand-Stitched Card Pattern

Supplies:

- Punching Awl: Found at a craft or fabric store
- Cork board: For punching holes in card - found at kitchen or office store (try a cork hot plate)
- Thread: Blue Square = Dk. Blue DMC 3750, Stripes = Red DMC 498 & White DMC Blanc - found at craft/fabric store
- Needle: Cross-stitch needle #26 for 18-22 count fabric - found at craft/fabric store
- Cardstock: white piece, accent color piece, folded card piece, white or oatmeal color - found at craft store
- Envelope: white envelope that measures, 4 ½ inches x 5 ¾ inches - found at craft or paper store
- Glue: Glue stick, glue dots, spray glue is recommended – found at craft or office store

Pattern:

Punch Pattern
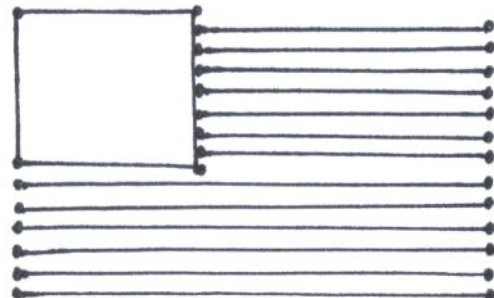
Pattern Example

Instructions:

Cutting Paper:

- Stitched piece: Start with heavy white cardstock. Measure each piece 3 ¼ inches x 4 ¼ inches. Then cut, or use a slide cutter for best results. (See Figure 1)

- Accent Color piece: Using cardstock, choose any color that will help the thread stand out. Cut the accent piece 3 ¾ inches x 4 ¾ inches. (See Figure 11)

- Card piece: Using white or oatmeal cardstock that is 8 ½ inches x 11 inches, cut the piece in half. Depending how you want your card to open, or how the stitched piece is facing, cut it vertically or horizontally. Then fold the card in half for a fold, using a bone folder can really help the crease. (See Figure 12)

Punching:

- Line the pattern over the cut cardstock piece. Punch the dots with an awl or a pushpin through the pattern and the cardstock. Only punch holes where the dots are shown on the pattern. Look at "pattern example" above for help. (See Figure 2 & 3)

Stitching:

Please Note: At the beginning and end of each new stitch, tie a knot underneath and trim any excess. Use all 6 strands of embroidery floss. For complete instructions on stitches, visit www.thestitchingbarn.com

- Red Stripe: Stitch a horizontal line starting at the top two holes (#2 on the left and #1 on the far right, not the blue square hole). Stitch every other set of holes with a horizontal line. The last line will be red too. There should be 7 red stripes. Look at "pattern example" above for help.

- White Stripe: Start with the second set of holes after the top red stripe and stitch a horizontal line. Stitch 6 white stripes with every other set of holes in between each red stripe. Look at "pattern example" above for help.

- Square: Backstitch a square with the four corner holes, starting at any point. The right side of the square will cover the stripe holes. On the right side of the square, use hole #1 and #9 to make the right side of the square. Look at "pattern example" above for help.
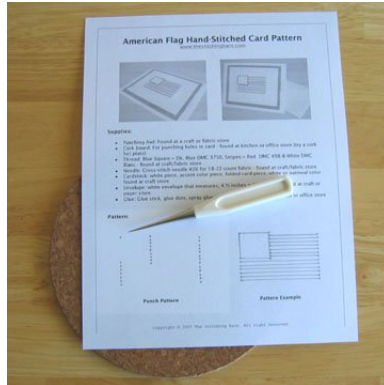
Gluing:

- When the stitching is complete, center and glue the stitched piece to the color accent piece. Then center and glue the two glued pieces to the front of the folded card. The card is ready for an envelope. Any glue may be used. Heavy-duty spray glue is recommended. (See Figure 11 & 12)
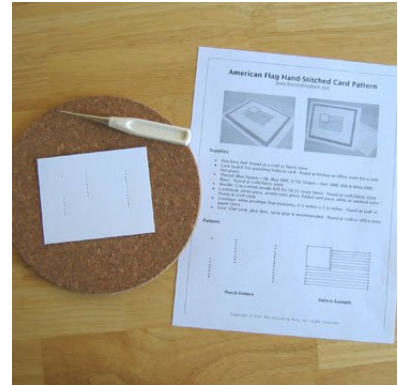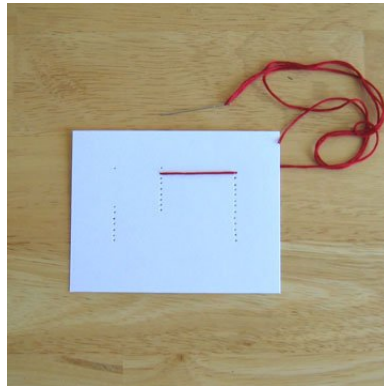
Step by Step Photos:

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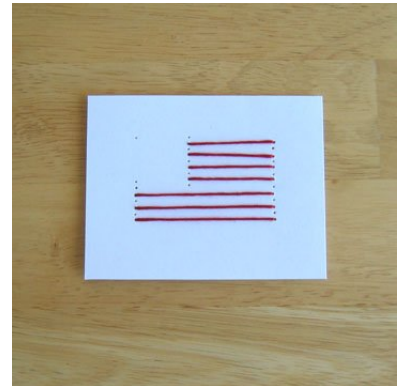
2. Ready to Punch

3. Punching with Pattern
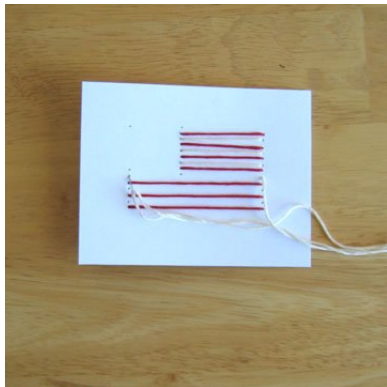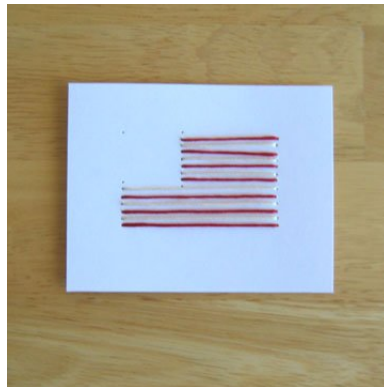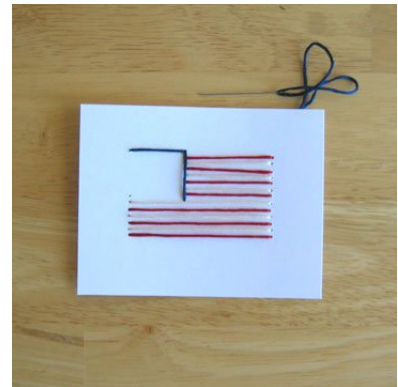
4. Ready to Stitch

5. Stitching First Step
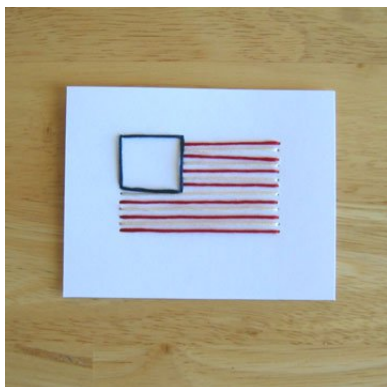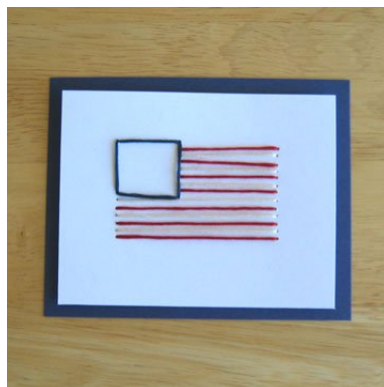
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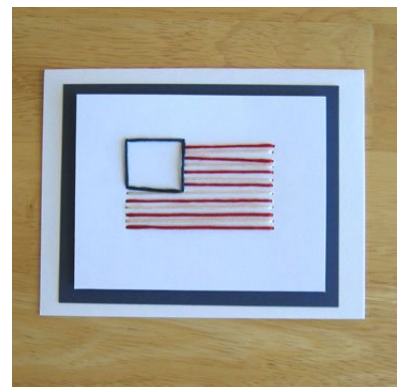7. Stitching Second Step

8. Completed Second Step

9. Stitching Third Step

10. Stitching Complete

11. Cut Accent Piece

12. Greeting Card Complete