

# Birthday Candle Hand-stitched Greeting Card Pattern & Tutorial



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## 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: Candle Base = Pink DMC 603, Flame = Yellow DMC 743 - 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](http://www.thestitchingbarn.com)

- **Flame:** Starting with the very top 2 holes, stitch from hole 1 to 2. Then stitch a loop from hole 3 and up under the stitch from hole 1 & 2 for the flame. Look at “pattern example” above for help.
- **Candle Base:** Start with the top right hole and stitch diagonals from the upper the left hole to next lower right hole. (note: Top right hole and bottom left hole will not be stitched here.) When the eight diagonals are done, backstitch a long rectangle to cover the spaces. Stitch only through the 4 cornered holes, not each hole. Look at “pattern example” above for help.

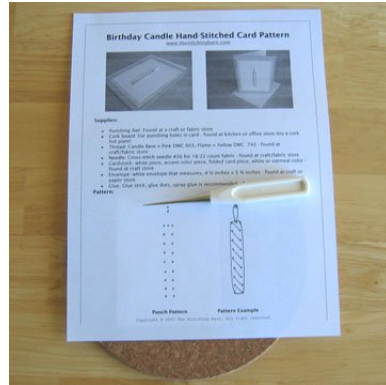
### Gluing:

- 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)

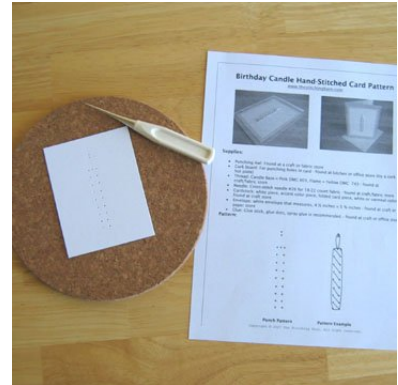
## Step by Step Photos:



1. Cutting Punch Card Piece



2. Ready to Punch



3. Punching with Pattern



4. Ready to Stitch



5. Stitching First Step



6. Completed First Step



7. Stitching Second Step



8. Completed Second Step



9. Stitching "Loop" Stitch



10. Stitching Complete



11. Cut Accent Piece



12. Greeting Card Complete