

Cross Stitch pendant



DIY jewelry is always in style!

Make this stylish necklace pendant just in time
for the new fall fashions!

Supplies:

- One (1) square of Aida cloth, approximately two square inches (2"x2")
- Twelve inches (12") of embroidery floss, any color
- One (1) cabochon backing
- One (1) needle
- One (1) pattern
- One (1) square of cardboard, approximately two square inches (2"x2")
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pen/pencil
- Iron (optional)
- Necklace chain



Instructions:

1. Choose one (1) pattern to work with.
2. Thread your needle with two (2) strands of the embroidery floss (**Fig. 1**). Do not tie a knot.
3. Find the middle of both the pattern and Aida cloth. To find the middle of an Aida cloth, fold length-wise, then fold width-wise. Unfold. The middle will be at the intersection of the two folds (**Fig. 2**). You will begin stitching at the middle of the pattern.
4. In the middle of the fabric, push your threaded needle through a hole in the Aida cloth from the bottom, up. (**Fig. 3**). Leave about one half inch (1/2") of embroidery floss trailing. Hold the trailing end to the back of the fabric until you have secured it with stitches (**Fig. 4**).
5. To secure a trailing end, as you stitch, make sure your stitches cover the thread (**Fig. 5**). It usually only takes one (1) stitch to secure a tail, but several (3-4) covering stitches are a good idea.
6. Working from left to right, stitch from the bottom left hand corner to the top right hand corner of each square (**Fig. 6**). Stitch until, according to your chosen pattern, the row is completed.



7. Occasionally it will be easier to work top to bottom instead of right to left, like in the Music Note Pattern. If this is the case, ensure that your stitches are all going in the same direction.
8. When your row is completed, cross your stitches. Meaning, working from right to left, stitch from the bottom right hand corner to the top left corner of each square (**Fig. 7**).
9. Continue stitching one row at a time, per your selected pattern.
10. When you are running short on thread or have reached the end of your pattern, it is time to end this thread. To end a thread, leave enough embroidery floss to pass the needle through the back of your stitches as in **Fig. 8**. Cut away any excess thread.
11. When you have finished stitching, iron your piece if necessary. Always iron the back side of the fabric to protect the stitches.
12. Using the cabochon backing, trace a circle onto the cardboard (**Fig. 9**). Cut on the inside of the line (**Fig. 10**), so the cutout circle will fit into the cabochon backing as in **Fig. 11**.
13. Glue the cardboard onto the back the Aida cloth, centering the cross stitch design (**Fig. 12**). Let dry.
14. Leaving approximately one quarter inch (1/4") of fabric past the cardboard, cut excess Aida cloth away. See **Fig. 13**.
15. Cut the remaining Aida cloth with vertical slits to assist in folding (**Fig. 14**).
16. Fold the remaining Aida cloth over the cardboard and secure with glue. Let dry. Your result should resemble **Fig. 15**.
17. Glue the cross stich into the cabochon backing (**Fig. 16**). Let dry.
18. Thread the pendant onto a necklace chain.

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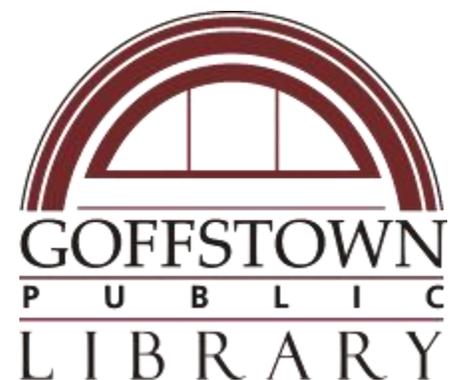




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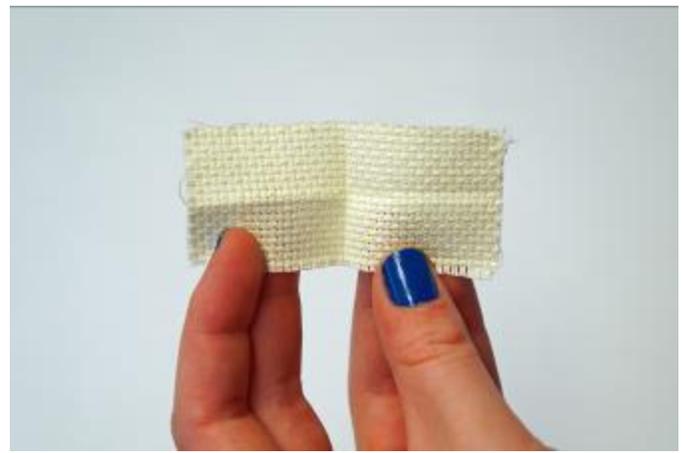


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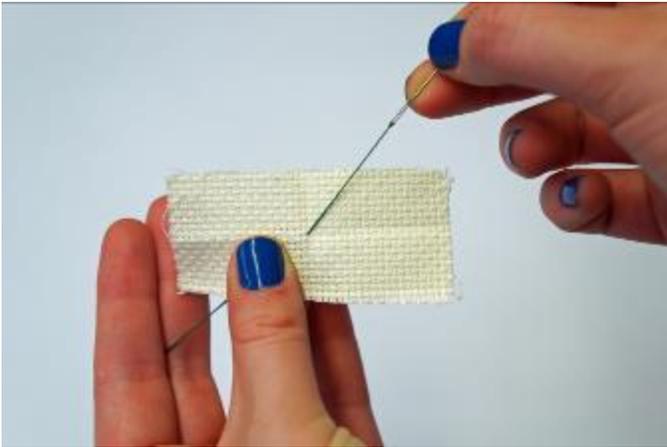


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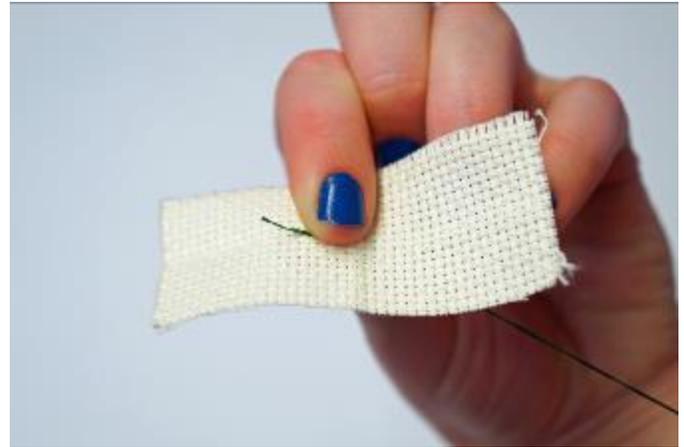


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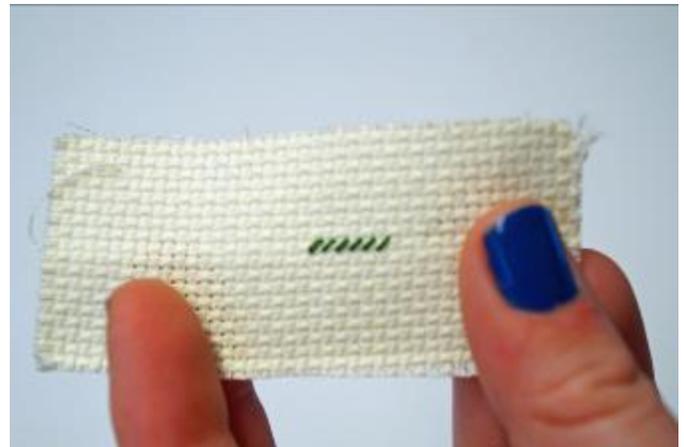


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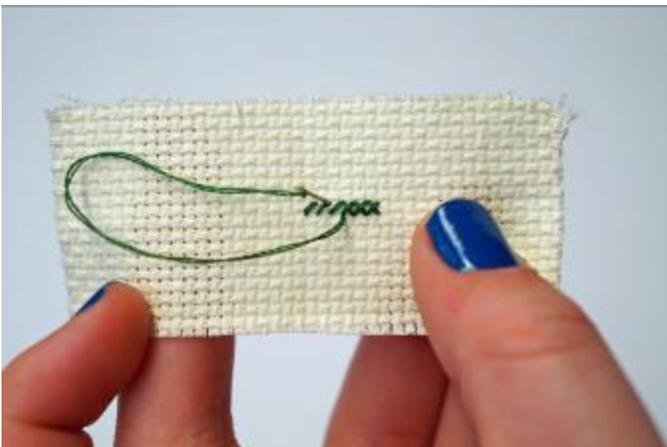


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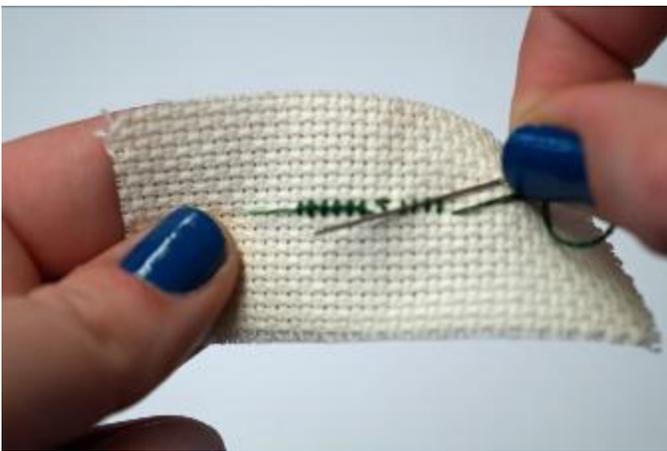


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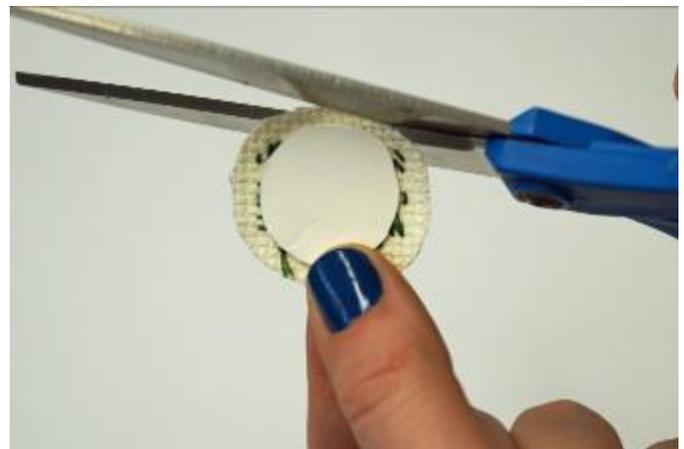


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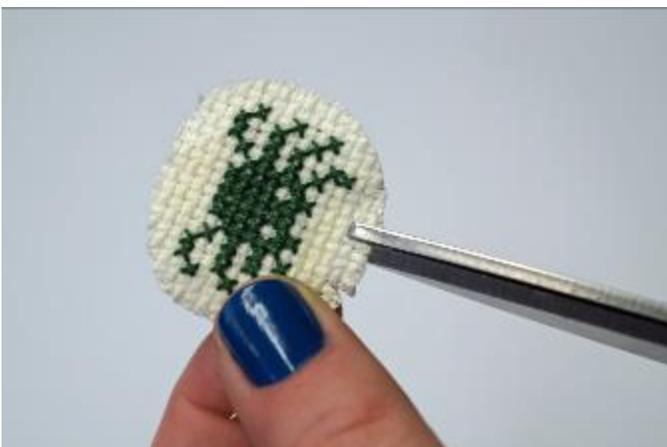


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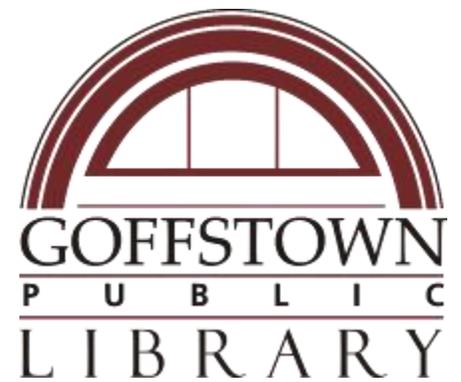




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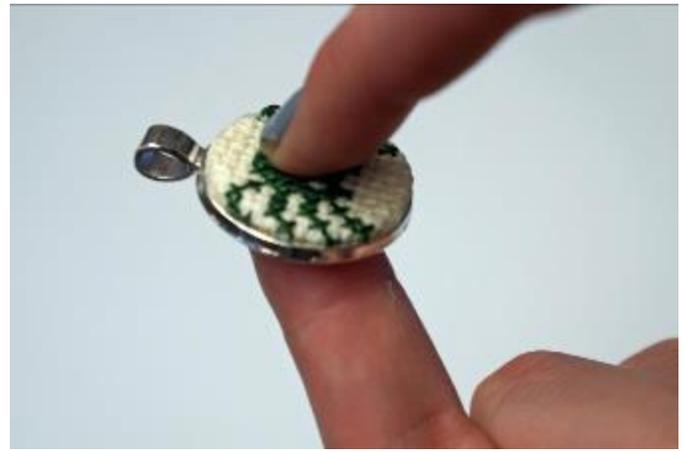
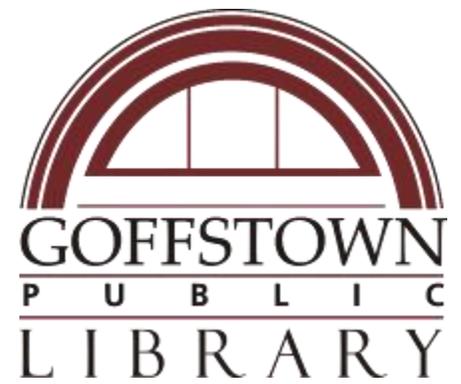


Figure 16



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