



# TAKE AND MAKE KITS

## Cross Stitch Animal Cards

### Supplies

The supplies included in this kit are:

- Animal cards
- Blunt sewing needle (taped to index card)
- Embroidery floss
- Printed animal card templates

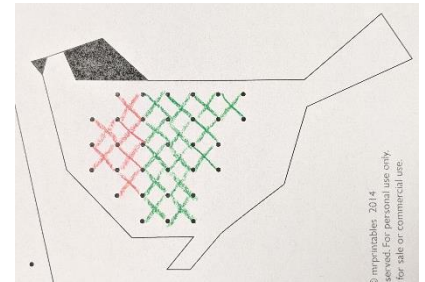
The supplies you may need to provide are:

- Scissors
- Colored pencils or crayons to plan your design

### Activities

Cross stitch is made by sewing lots of little crosses, or Xs, in your material. Most often, cross stitch is sewn in fabric, but these cards are an easy way to start. We'll be sewing lots of crosses between the holes on the cards.

To start, you can use the printed templates to plan your design. Find the template that matches the card you want to sew, and gather colored pencils or crayons that match the colors of embroidery floss you want to use. Draw Xs between the holes using the colors you want to use so you can see how the design will look.



Once you have your design planned, you can start sewing. To learn how to sew cross stitch, you can watch this lesson on Creativebug, especially the "cross stitching basics" and "cross stitching" videos: <https://tinyurl.com/y36a7zza>.

If you'd like to see a different way of explaining it, these sites also have instructions on how to sew cross stitch:

- <https://tinyurl.com/y53ve8eu>
- <https://tinyurl.com/y2zpnw>
- <https://tinyurl.com/yxsp8hp>

### What next?

These cards come from the website Mr. Printables. If you'd like to make more of them, you can print them from this site: <https://mrprintables.com/animal-cross-stitch-for-kids.html>. Print them out on cardstock, cut along the outlines of the animals using scissors or a craft knife, then punch the holes using a push pin or a nail.

If you'd like to try a different sort of cross stitch project, Creativebug also has an easy Cross Stitched Wall Art project: <https://tinyurl.com/yysffpkw>.

You could also purchase cross stitch kits with most everything you need to make a cross stitch project, including a special fabric used for cross stitching called Aida cloth, embroidery floss, and a printed pattern. Try looking in craft stores for cross stitch kits.