

Greeting Cards Project by Mary Jane Allen  
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Supplies:

Card stock (heavy paper)  
Designs from Perfect Little Stitches  
Lightweight cut-away stabilizer  
Embroidery threads

Start by designing the inside of the card and background elements on the front of the card, using a desktop publishing program such as Microsoft Publisher. If you have a color printer, select colors that will complement the embroidery. Print the card. Do not fold.

Hoop the stabilizer. Use a pencil to mark where the card stock will be placed on the stabilizer. It is helpful to take one sheet of card stock, cut into quarters, and use one quarter as a guide and as a straight-edge for drawing the placement lines.

Use a glue stick or double-stick tape or spray adhesive to affix the card stock to the stabilizer. Be careful not to stick beyond the area of the front of the card because you will later be trimming the stabilizer behind the card front.

Take a good look at your design. Delete any extra stitches that may puncture the card stock outside the design. In my candy heart designs, these extra stitches give you a better chance to clip between letters. If you leave these stitches in place, stop stitching before each jump, then advance to the next stitch (clipping the thread) to avoid the extra stitch.

Use a slow speed to avoid thread breaks and use your fingers to keep the card stock from flapping while stitching (but do not stitch your fingers!).

When done, remove stabilizer from hoop. Clip long jump stitches on the stabilizer side because these might pull. Trim the stabilizer so it will be behind the card front. Fold the card.

The following messages are inside the cards shown:

40th Birthday design - Happy Birthday and Welcome to the Club

Candy Hearts - I miss your scintillating conversation.

Ikebana - Thinking of you...

Pine Tree - I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy.

"For my daughter" - Happy Birthday!

Have fun designing your own cards, but let me warn you -- it is addictive!!

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