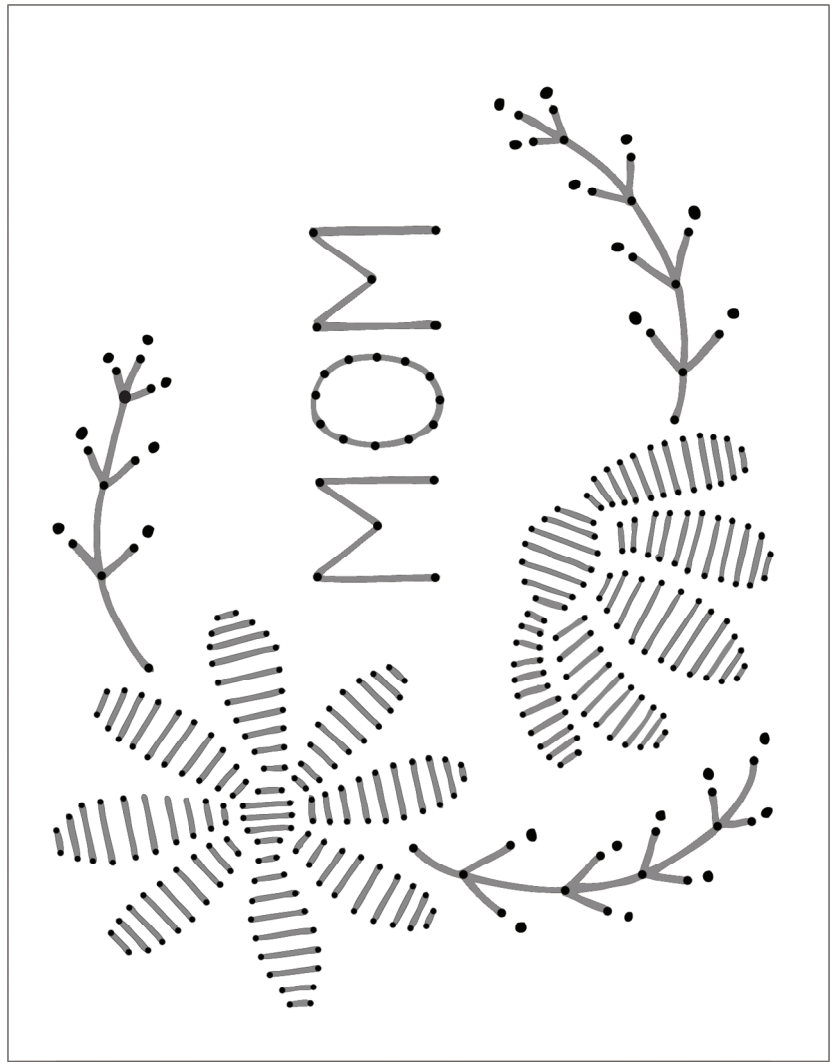


**DIY Stitched Mother's Day Card** ~ make a beautiful embroidered card that's a gift in itself. Makes a great last minute DIY gift! Instructions by Jessica Marquez & stitch images from *Stitched Gifts on Chronicle books*.

**MATERIALS**

- Embroidered Cards Template
- Scissors
- Paper clips
- 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" standard A2 folded card
- Cardboard sheets
- Awl or safety pin
- Embroidery thread
- Size 5 embroidery needle
- 4" x 5" paper (optional, to cover the working stitches inside the card)
- Glue stick (optional, to glue paper over the stitches inside the card)
- Thread conditioner (optional, but recommended)

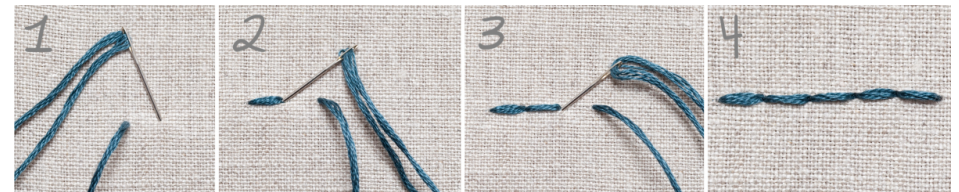
TIME: 30 to 45 minutes



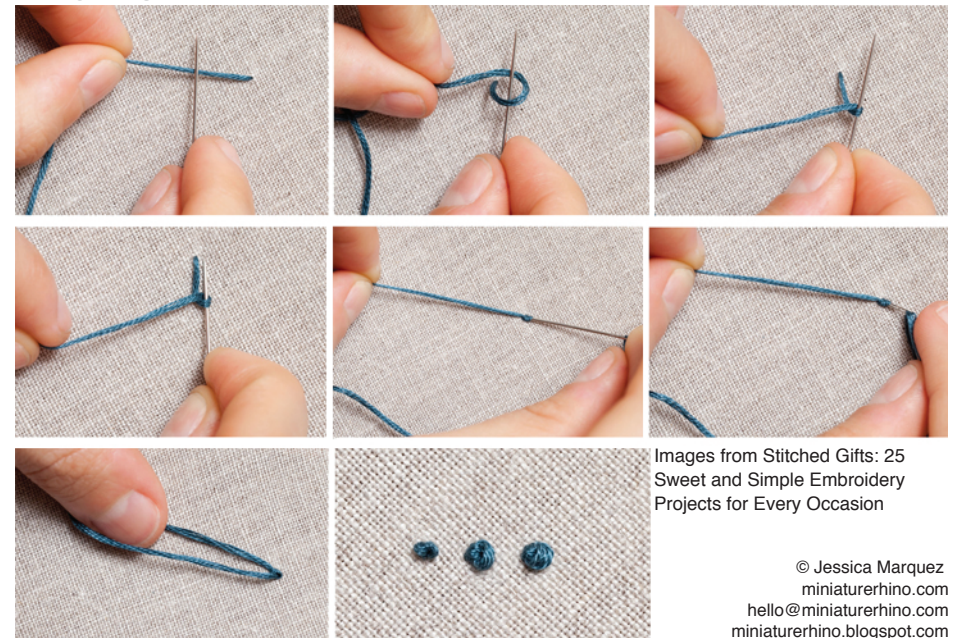
**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1** Cut out the template and place it over the front of an open card. Attach paper clips to keep it in place. Then place the card on several thicknesses of cardboard.
- 2** Punch a hole in each black dot on the template using an awl, or in a pinch, a safety pin. Keep the holes small: don't punch your awl all the way through the paper. Remember, when you are punching the holes, the card should be face up and not folded.
- 3** Make sure you punched all the holes before removing the template. It can be easy to miss a few. To be sure, hold the template and card to a light source. Check to see that light passes through each black dot of the template. Then place the card on several thicknesses of cardboard.
- 4** Stitch your card. Start and end 16-18 in. thread lengths in a knot with a .5 in tail. Use simple straight stitches for the flowers (3 ply thread), the backstitch for the text and branches (3-6 ply), and french knots (3-6 ply, with two wraps around the needle) for the dots.
- 5** Once you've stitched your card, you can paste in a paper backing to cover your stitches, or let all your hard work show—it's kind of pretty and impressive to see all those stitches. Your mom will be so proud of you! Happy Mother's Day!!

**BACKSTITCH**



**FRENCH KNOT**



Images from *Stitched Gifts: 25 Sweet and Simple Embroidery Projects for Every Occasion*