

# Pattern Instructions for Acacia Crafts

The following information is supplied in an effort to assist those who are attempting to piece together a pattern for the first time.

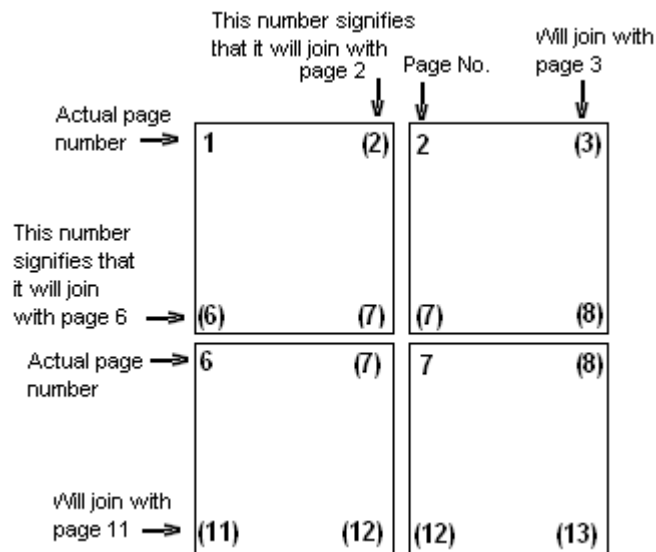
The actual page number always appears in the top left hand corner of the page, while the number in the top right hand corner ( in brackets ) signifies the page number that this page will join with.

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Column and row numbers appear at the top and side of the printed pattern.

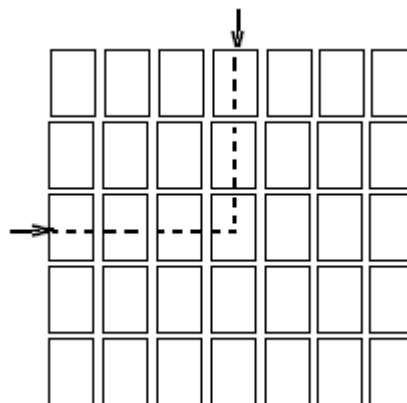
It is generally accepted that the best place to start is at the center of the pattern and this is ascertained in the following manner.

Firstly, lay out your pattern pages in the sequence as described above.



Locate the arrows that appear at the top and side of the pattern.

Where an imaginary line drawn from these two arrows would meet is the center of your pattern.



I sincerely hope that the above information will assist in making this pattern an enjoyable experience.

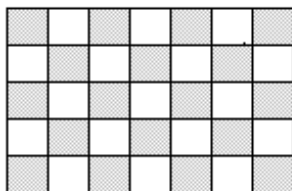
Good luck and happy stitching  
**Acacia Crafts**

## Tips

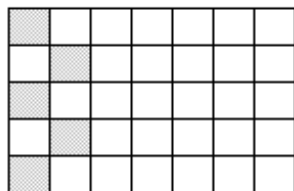
This pattern can be worked on any fabric type, colour or count you prefer. Remember the higher the fabric count the smaller the completed project will be.

Most people start multi page patterns in the upper left corner. You can stitch one full page at a time but please remember to keep your tension as even as you can or you could end up seeing 10 x 10 gridlines on your work. Often your last and starting stitch can be slightly tighter than the rest of your stitches. This is particularly true when you re-thread your needle.

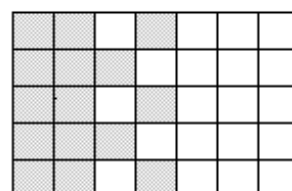
One way to avoid the gridlines being noticeable is to stitch your 10 x 10 or 20 x 20 grid diagonally. Stitching diagonally will mean it takes longer for you to be able to see your pattern picture coming together. The benefits of stitching diagonally means you won't see gridlines in your work because you are not starting and ending on the same 10 x 10 gridline. The image below shows the dark area as being stitch diagonally. You don't have to stitch the whole page diagonally, you can stitch 20 x 20 down the page, then go back to the top and stitch the unstitched 20 x 20 blocks.



**Whole page**



**20 x 20**



**Start at top, continue diagonally**

I suggest you leave at least three inches of fabric right around the pattern to give you enough extra fabric for framing.

### **Washing Instructions**

If you have used DMC, Anchor or Madeira threads these are colourfast up to 95 degrees Celsius. However if you have used cheaper threads these can run.

Test before you wash, slightly dampen a paper towel and place onto your stitched work. If colours come off than it would not be colourfast so it would be best not to wash your cross stitch.

If your work is colour fast wash your finished work in lukewarm water with a little mild soap. Don't leave it to soak but swish it through the water then rinse it well in warm water. The final rinse should be under running cold water. Always was by hand.

Roll the washed project between two towels and pat gently. Do not allow your finished work to touch upon itself. Unroll and lay flat, then let it dry naturally.

When ironing to avoid flattening the stitches place the work face down onto a clean fluffy towel on your ironing board. Iron from the back on a medium setting. You can also place a tea towel or handkerchief over the back of the stitching to iron if you are worried about marking the fabric. Use steam if necessary on the creases.

### **Lost or damaged pattern pages.**

If you spill something on your pattern pages and are unable to read the pattern or if you lose some of the pattern pages, you can send an email to [support@acaciacrafts.com](mailto:support@acaciacrafts.com) let me know which pattern you are stitching and your downloads for that pattern will be re-enabled.