

Stitching Cards

Stitch-a-Circle Puppy

These pattern details should be used in conjunction with the Stitching Cards General Instructions.

“Out at ...” means passing the needle through a hole from the back of the card to the front.

“In at ...” means passing the needle through a hole from the front of the card to the back.

This design is worked in antique copper (Kreminik polyester metallic cord 215C). Black beads are used as eyes.

We recommend using short lengths of thread. About 500 mm or 18 inches is a good length to work with.

Head

The head is made with a circle.

Antique copper thread.

Start by finding hole A. Fix one end of your thread on the back of the card near hole A using clear adhesive tape.

Pass your needle through hole A from the back of the card to come out at the front of the card.

Pull the thread through.

Find hole B at the opposite side of the circle.

There should be an equal number of holes on each side of the hole you are entering.

Go in to hole B from the front of the card to the back of the card. Pull the thread through until it forms a straight line on the front of the card. The thread should be tight without bending the card. Find hole C and pass the needle through to come out at the front.

Go across the circle and in at hole D.

Out at E in at F

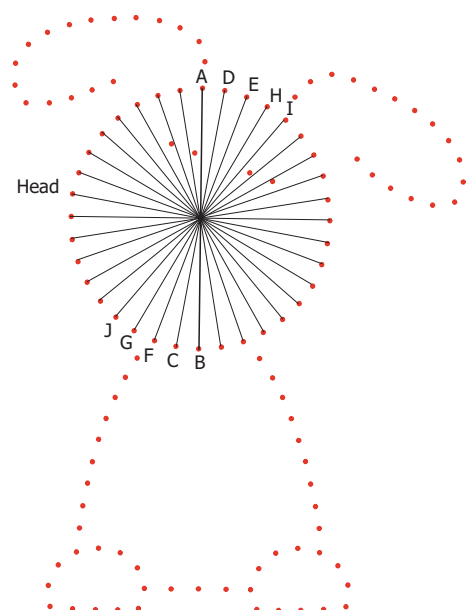
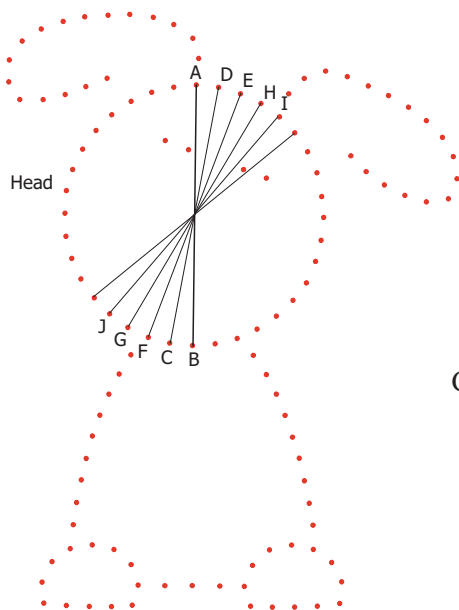
Out at G in at H

Out at I in at J

The rest of the holes on the circle do not have letters to guide you. This is because you can work out the way forward from the sequence stitched so far. When you go in a hole you come out of the next hole along. Then across the circle and in the next empty hole.

Keep working around the circle until all the holes have been used. Fix the thread with tape.

Your finished circle should look like the drawing below.



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Antique copper thread.

Feet

Foot 1

Start with out at A in at B
 Out at C in at D
 Out at E in at F
 Out at G in at H
 Out at I in at J
 Out at K in at L
 Work foot 2 in the same way.

Ears

Ear 1

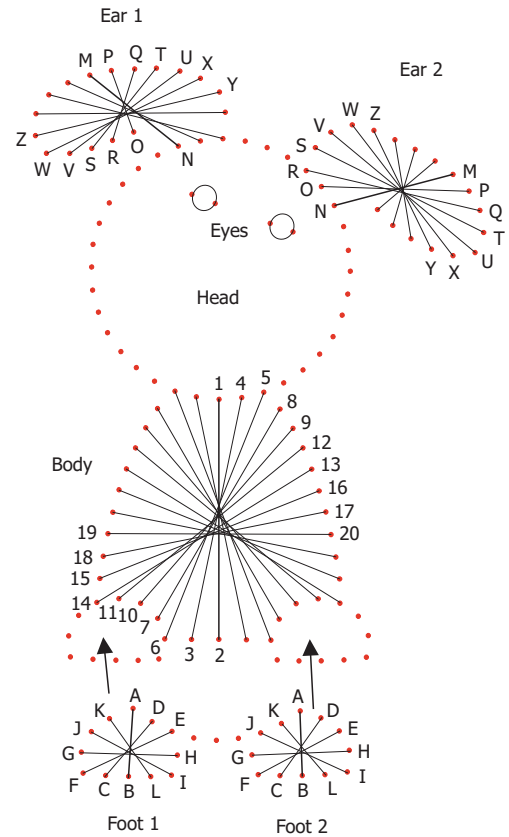
Start with out at M in at N
 Out at O in at P
 Out at Q in at R
 Out at S in at T
 Out at U in at V
 Out at W in at X
 Out at Y in at Z
 Continue with this sequence. Move forward by one hole each time until the ear is complete.
 Work ear 2 in a similar way.

Body

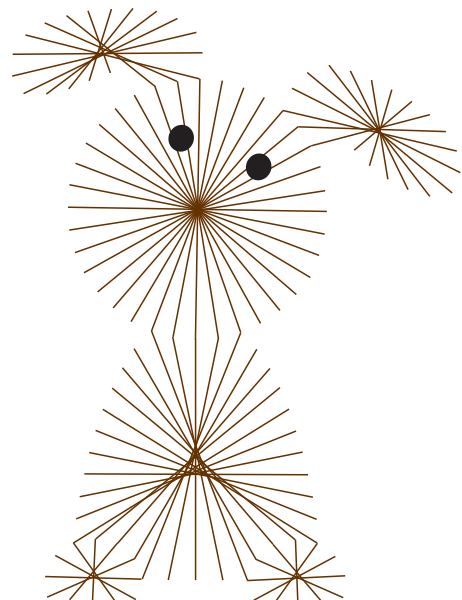
Out at 1 in at 2
 Out at 3 in at 4
 Out at 5 in at 6
 Out at 7 in at 8
 Out at 9 in at 10
 Out at 11 in at 12
 Out at 13 in at 14
 Out at 15 in at 16
 Out at 17 in at 18
 Out at 19 in at 20
 Continue with this sequence. Move forward by one hole each time until the body is complete.

Eyes

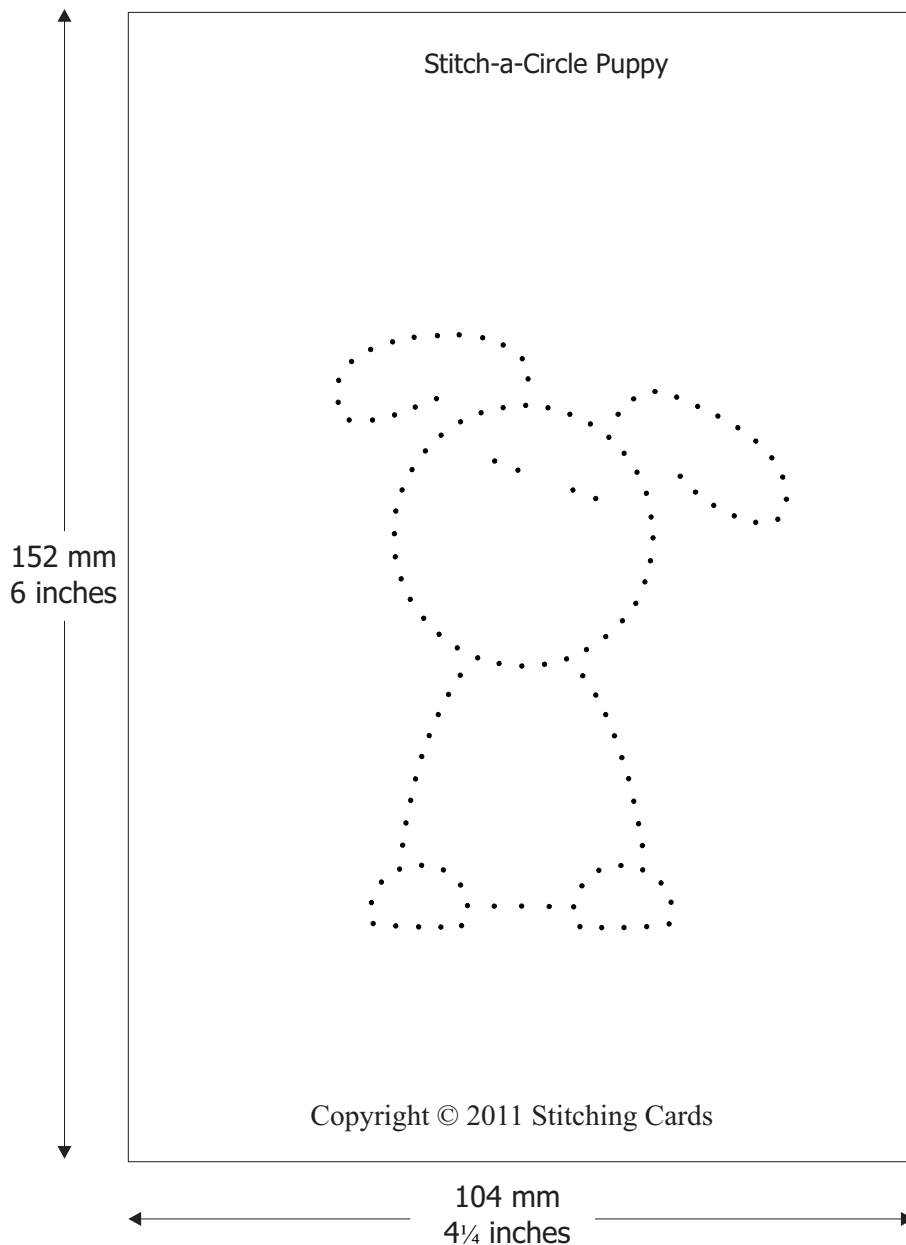
Stitch two black beads on the head as eyes. Alternatively use a black pencil or pen to draw the eyes using the pricked holes and picture as a guide.
 The puppy is now complete.



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Stitching Cards General Instructions

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You will need a suitable pricking mat. This could be foam or felt but should allow easy penetration of the pricking pin whilst protecting your work surface. Lay your blank card onto the pricking mat with the right side (outside) of the card facing upwards.

Place the pricking pattern on the card in the required position. Use a fine pricking tool to pierce through the pattern and the card. If you do not have a purpose made pricking tool then a hat pin or similar can be used.

Remove the pricking pattern. The pricked holes can be seen on the card.

Turn the card over so the wrong side (inside) is uppermost. Select a suitable thread such as Kreinik metallic cord. Use a Number 10 embroidery needle. Use a length of thread that you are comfortable with. We suggest using about a third of a metre (14 inches). Secure the end of the thread to the card with adhesive tape. Pass the needle through the start hole from the back to the front of the card.

Follow the instruction diagram. Refer to the finished diagram from time to time to see the complete stitching required.

When the thread on your needle runs out secure the end of the thread with adhesive tape on the back of the card and start a new thread.

Continue to follow the instructions a section at a time. Some patterns uses beads. These are held in place with stitching. You may need to use a beading needle if the bead holes are very fine.

If you are using a double fold card (a card with three panels) then place the completed card on your work surface with the right side facing downwards. Fold the left-hand panel across to cover and hide the back of the stitching work. Secure the panel in place with double-sided adhesive tape or card adhesive. The stitching of your card is now complete. You may choose to add a suitable greeting with stickers, stamping or handwriting.

Stitching Terminology.

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Where the design calls for back stitch this works as follows:

Out at 2 in at 1

Out at 3 in at 2

Out at 4 in at 3

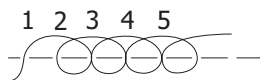


Where the design calls for stem stitch this works as follows:

Out at 1 in at 3

Out at 2 in at 4

Out at 3 in at 5



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