Stitching Cards

Sweet violet

These pattern details should be used in conjunction with the Stitching Cards General Instructions.
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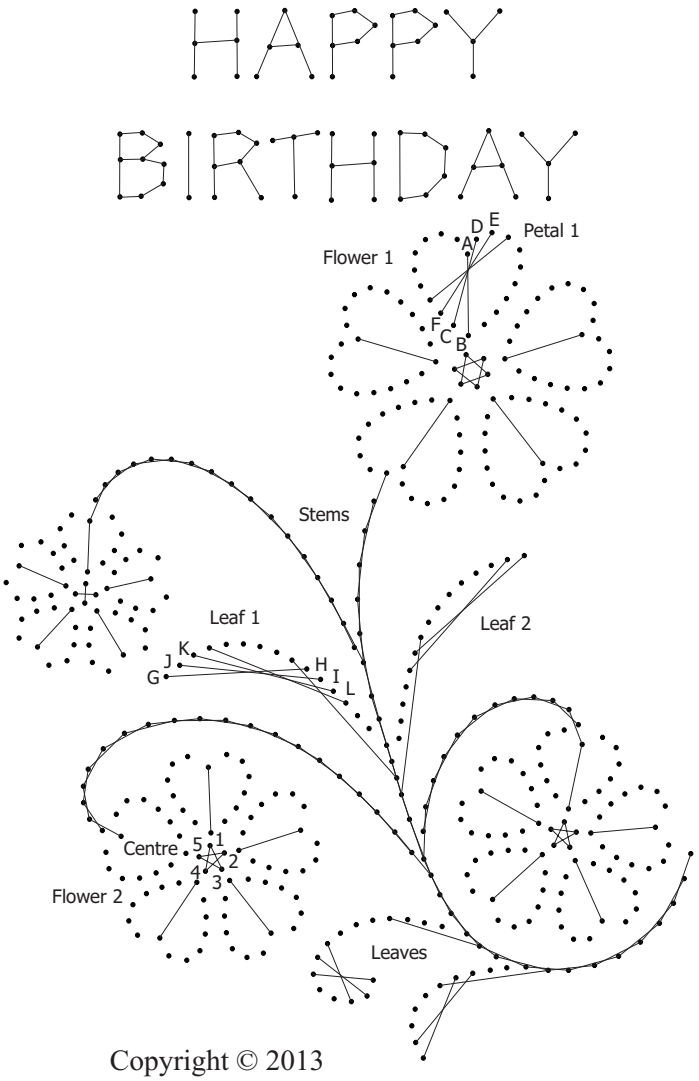
The sweet violet design is worked in green thread (Kreinik 1 ply polyester metallic cord 008C), purple (012C) and copper (021C) on white card.

Flower 1.
Purple thread.
Petal 1.
Out at A in at B.
Out at C in at D.
Out at E in at F.
Continue this sequence until petal 1 is complete using the finished illustration as a guide.
Stitch the other petals in a similar way using the finished illustration as a guide.
Centre.
Copper thread.
See flower 2.
Out at 1 in at 3.
Out at 2 in at 4.
Out at 3 in at 5.
Out at 4 in at 1.
Out at 5 in at 2.
Stitch the other flowers in a similar way using the finished illustration as a guide.
Note that the size of the petals and centres may vary from flower 1.
Leaf 1.
Green thread.
Out at G in at H.
Out at I in at J.
Out at K in at L.
Continue this sequence until leaf 1 is complete using the finished illustration as a guide.
Stitch the other leaves in a similar way using the finished illustration as a guide.
Stems.
Green thread.
Work the stems in stem stitch using the illustration as a guide.



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Words.
Copper thread.
Stitch the words using the illustration as a guide.

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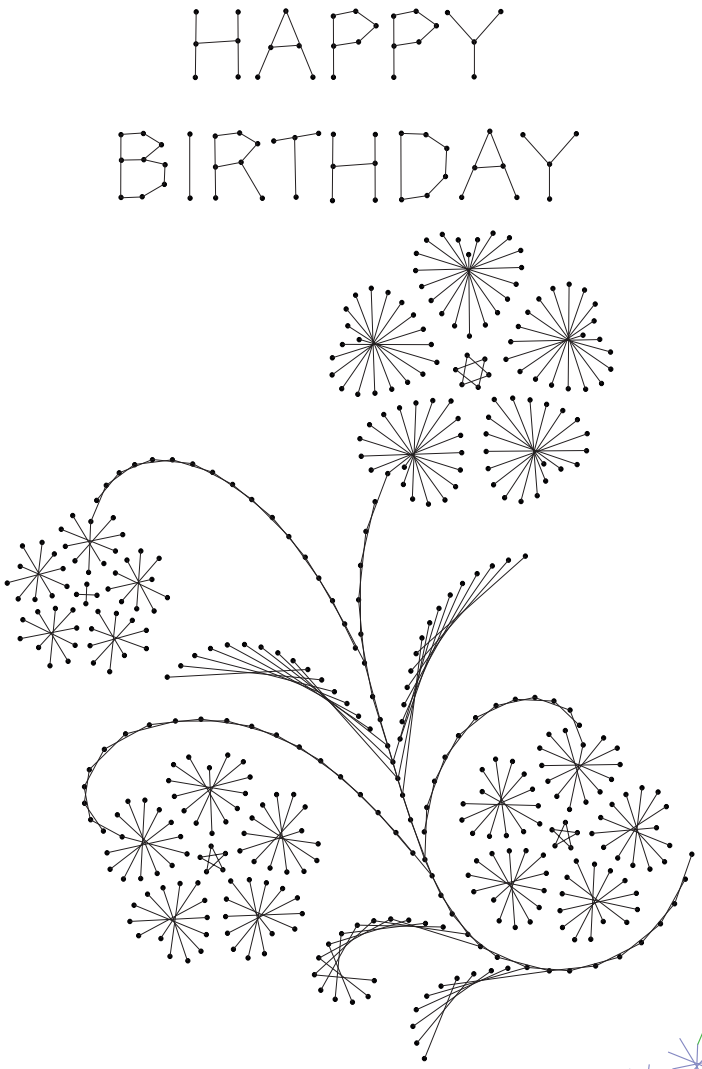

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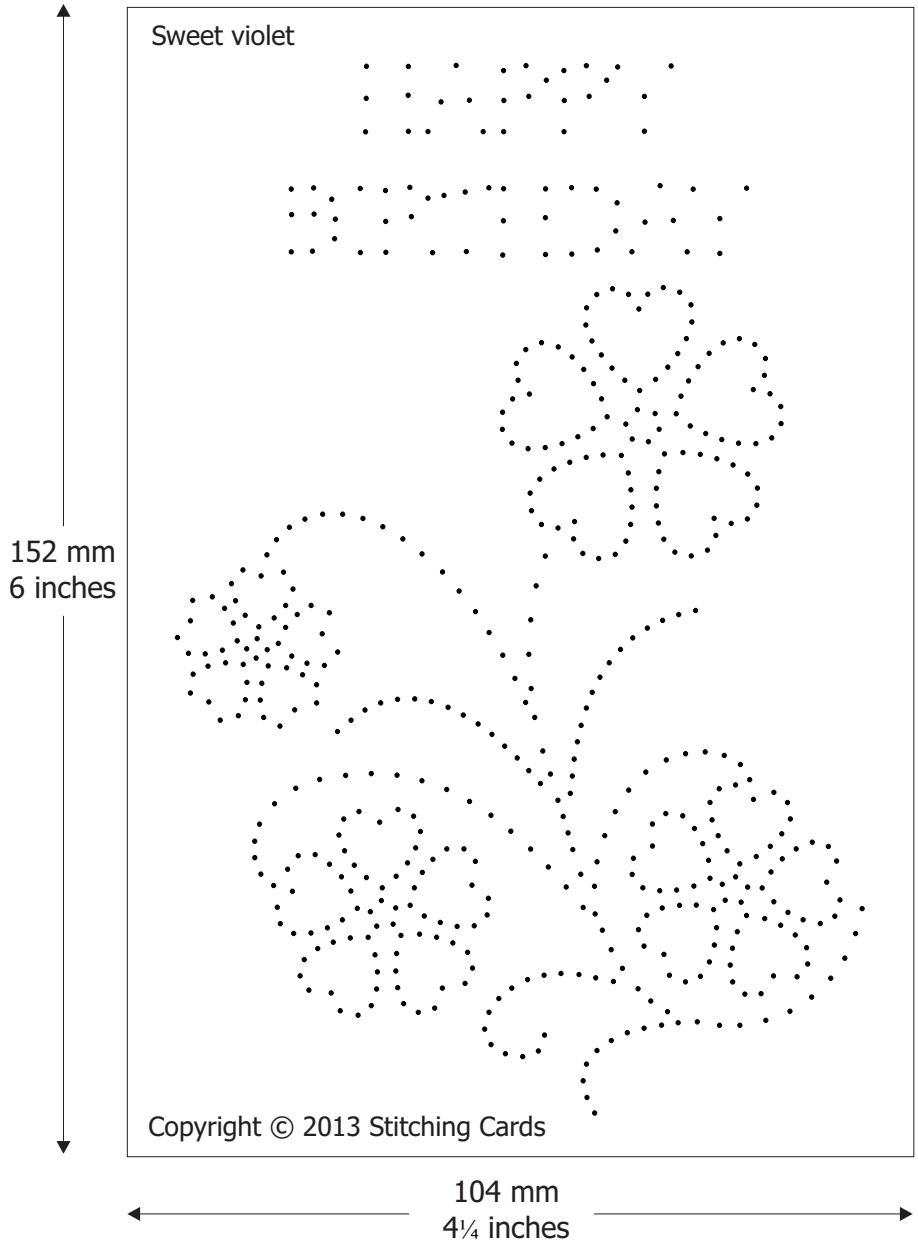

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Stitching Cards General Instructions

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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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