

INTERGALACTIC EMBROIDERY

**Create your own embroidered
Millennium Falcon:
Punch it, Chewie!**

Kit includes: Embroidery hoop, needle (be careful!), cloth, thread, pattern, and instructions



Instructions

- Place the paper with the image behind your piece of linen. Iron the cloth if needed.
- Trace the image onto the cloth with your pencil. Do it lightly but dark enough to follow along. If you have trouble tracing, tape the pattern to a window, and then tape the cloth on top to trace. Now is the time to change any part of the pattern (such as the words).
- Place the inside of the hoop on a flat surface, center the cloth on top, push the outside of the hoop down over the Aida, and tighten the screw. The fabric should be taut.
- Thread the needle with the provided black thread, which is 2 strands of embroidery floss together. Cut the thread to a manageable length.
- Use a backstitch for this project: Start by pushing the needle up through the fabric and going one stitch forward, poking the needle back down again. Next, poke the needle up, about one stitch length in front of the first stitch. Pull the needle up and then go back towards the first stitch (backstitch!) and poke the needle through the end of the previous stitch.
- This is what creates that solid line of stitches. Continue moving up one stitch length for as long as you need to create your shape.
- When you run out of thread, make a simple knot on the back to secure your stitches before starting again.

Instructions (cont)

- Once you complete the shape of the Falcon and the words, all using backstitch, it's time to use a different stitch for the dots. These are optional, so you can skip them if you like the look of the Falcon as it is.
- French knots: First, bring the needle up through the fabric.
- Next, wrap the floss 1-3 times around the needle (depending on what size of a knot you'd like to create).
- Holding the floss taut, push the needle back down immediately next to the first hole and push all the way through.
- Add as many knots as you wish for the desired effect!
- You could also add simple stitches in different colors (maybe yellow or blue) all around the Falcon to show speed marks!
- The final step in finishing your project is to finish the backside by neatly trimming and securing the excess material. Trim excess fabric to about 1" per side. Fold it in towards the back and either tape it in place, or use simple stitches to stitch the folded fabric together.
- Alternatively, you can remove the fabric from the hoop, tape the edges, and frame the project. Enjoy!

**Watch the video on YouTube on the
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