

Cross Stitch Celebrations **Graduation**

35+ patterns for cross stitching
unique graduation-themed
announcements and gifts



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GREETING CARD

Cross stitching a greeting isn't "just a card." A custom hand-stitched piece is often treasured long after other cards go in the recycling bin. This finished grad card can be displayed on a shelf or tucked into an album as a reminder of the celebration!

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Materials

- 14-Count Aida Cloth (about 12" x 16")

• Embroidery Floss

• Cross Stitch Needle

• Fabric Scissors

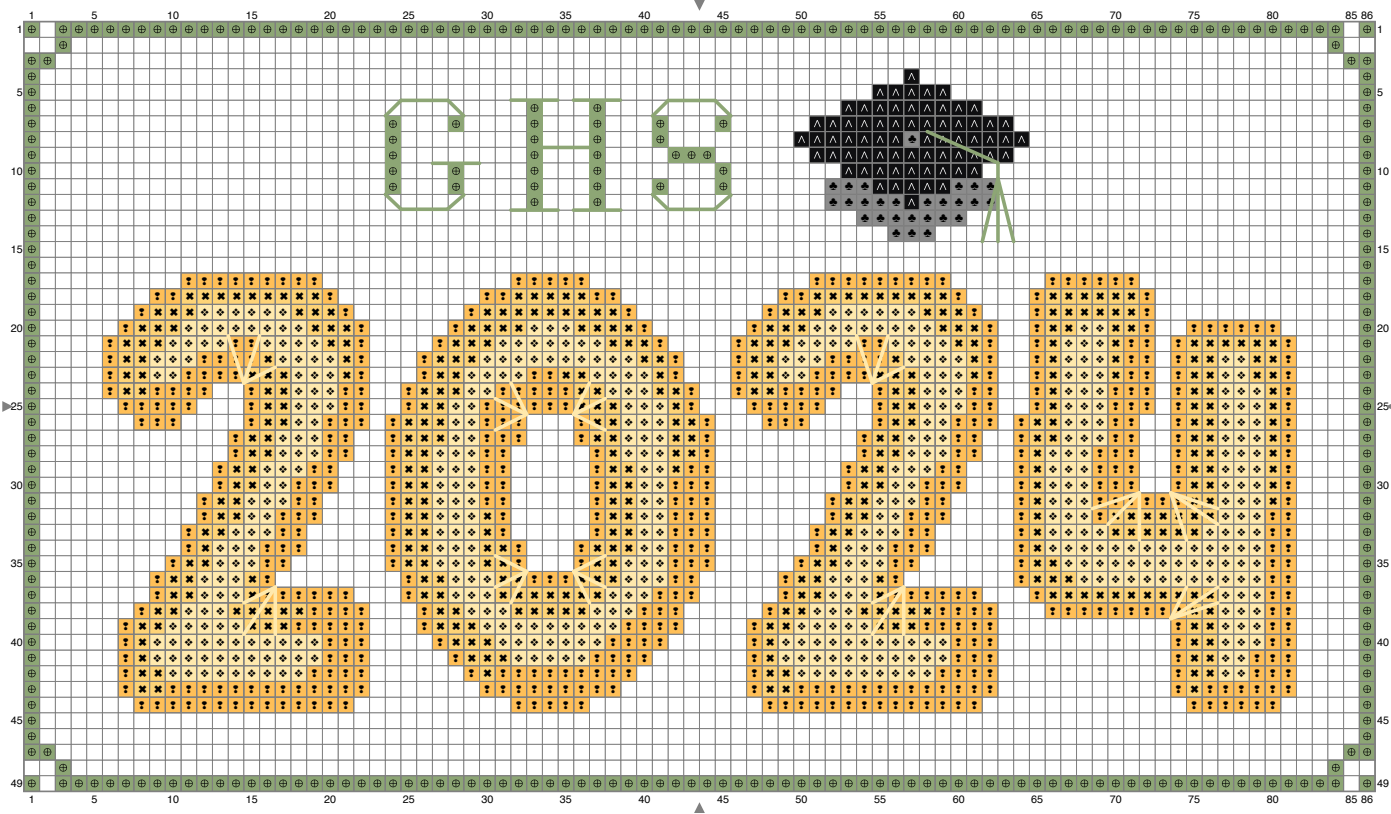
• Card Stock (white and a coordinating color)
- Ruler

• Scissors and Pencil or Paper Cutter

• Double-sided Cross Stitch Finishing Tape

• Standard Double-sided Tape (optional)

• Large Envelope (about 8.25" x 5.25")



The sample for this project focuses on the graduation year, but you can make a card like this with any of the designs in this book! Just be sure to plan the size so you can fit it on a card.



About the Sample Design

This project uses the Extra-Large Numbers (page 66) styled like mylar balloons. Above the graduation year, it has Serif Alphabet (page 64) school initials. Next to the letters is the graduation cap mini motif (page 54) with the tassel color-matched to the green in the rest of the design. To hold the whole design together, the card has a simple, single line of stitches for a border, with decorative corners.

STEP 1
Create and stitch the design for the front of the cross-stitch card. After you stitch the design, wash and iron your cross stitch.



STEP 2
Trim the fabric down so there are 5 rows of Aida on each side around the border. Pull and remove the threads from the first row on each side around the fabric. This will prevent the fabric from fraying.



STEP 3
Cut a piece of colored cardstock to measure ¼" larger than the total size of the cross-stitched fabric. Cut a piece of white cardstock to 8" x 10".

If your card design is a different size than the sample, you should adjust the size of the cardstock pieces.

STEP 4
Mark the center of the 10-inch side of the white piece of cardstock and use a ruler and a scissor blade to score the card stock. This makes it easier to fold. When folded it will be 8 x 5 inches.



STEP 5
Attach the fabric to the colored cardstock with double-sided cross-stitch tape.

STEP 6
Attach the fabric and cardstock piece to the center of the folded card. You can use standard double-sided tape for this, as it isn't holding fabric.



MORE GRAD CARD TIPS & IDEAS

If you're having a hard time finding a large envelope that fits your card, check card departments for oversized money/gift cards. Buying an inexpensive card for the envelope can be worth it! Office supply stores also have lots of envelope sizes to choose from.

Want to make your card able to hold a gift card inside? Use a craft knife to make two small slits in the back of the card. It's best to make both cuts angled to hold the bottom edge of the gift card.

