

CALCULATING FABRIC SIZE

In order to determine what size fabric is needed for a particular project, all you need is the stitch count of the pattern, the count of your fabric, and a little bit of math skill (aka your phone's calculator!).

Every pattern should come with a provided stitch count which is the number of stitches either across your pattern (width) or down your pattern (height). If the stitch count is not provided, it is easy enough to count the stitches using the chart. Use the stitch markers at the top and left side of the pages to help count by tens across the pattern. Make sure to find the stitch count for both height and width as they are likely different.

Once you have your stitch count, make sure you know the count of your fabric, then use the formulas below to calculate how much fabric is needed.

stitch count ÷ fabric count = size of design on fabric in inches

Example:

$$98 \text{ stitches} \div 14 \text{ count} = 7 \text{ inches}$$

This means that a pattern that has a stitch count of 98 stitches will have a finished stitched size of 7 inches on 14 count fabric.

Widths and heights must be calculated separately.

After the size of the design has been determined, you must add a margin for the fabric so as not to be stitching to the edge. 2 inch margins are standard but you may wish to add more.

To add a 2 inch margin:

design size + 4 inches = fabric size needed in inches

Example:

$$7 \text{ inches} + 4 \text{ inches} = 11 \text{ inches}$$

We add 4 inches because that will be split on either side of the pattern, therefore making a two inch margin on both sides.

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