

## DIY Mini Cross Stitch Book Assembly Guide

**Materials Checklist** (Confirm all pieces are present before starting)

- Embroidered Book Kit (Aida fabric piece)
- Color-coded Embroidery Floss
- Needle(s)
- Mini Book Hardware (Metal corners, chain, lock/clasp, inner book pages)
- Backing/Lining Fabric (Silk cloth)
- **Optional:** Craft glue, small scissors, stuffing/cardboard for structure.

### **Step 1: Preparation and Cross Stitching**

1. **Read the Pattern:** Carefully review the provided PDF pattern for your chosen design (e.g., *Book of Shadows*, *Frankenstein*).
2. **Mount the Fabric:** Secure the Aida fabric in an embroidery hoop or frame to keep the tension even.
3. **Stitch the Design:** Using the designated floss colors, carefully execute the counted cross-stitch pattern for the front and back covers of the mini-book. Use a small, consistent stitch to ensure a clean finish suitable for miniature scale.
4. **Finish the Stitching:** Once the cross-stitching is complete, wash the fabric gently if necessary (e.g., to remove pattern markings) and let it dry completely. Iron the fabric flat, face-down, on a soft towel.

### **Step 2: Book Cover Assembly**

1. **Cut and Trim:** Trim the stitched Aida fabric, leaving a generous seam allowance around the design.
2. **Attach Backing:** Place the finished cross-stitch piece face up. Place the silk cloth or lining fabric on top, face down. Sew or use a strong craft glue to join the edges, leaving a small opening for turning.
3. **Turn and Shape:** Turn the piece right-side out through the opening. Gently push out the corners. **This is the exterior cover.**
4. **Insert Structure:** If the kit includes thin cardboard or stiff material for shape, insert it between the stitched fabric and the lining. Sew the opening closed (or use fabric glue).

### **Step 3: Attaching Hardware and Pages**

1. **Attach Metal Corners:** Using a small amount of glue or the provided prongs, carefully secure the metal corner pieces onto the four corners of the prepared cover.
2. **Attach Spine Hardware:** Affix the chain, lock, or clasp hardware to the spine/edges of the book cover, ensuring it opens and closes securely as shown in the product photos.
3. **Insert Inner Book:** Take the blank inner pages provided (or make your own small accordion or stack of pages) and carefully attach them to the inside center/spine of the

stitched cover. Use strong fabric or bookbinding glue, ensuring the book can open and close properly.

#### **Step 4: Final Touches**

1. **Decorative Elements:** Glue on any decorative elements like the skull bead or special charms.
2. **Curing Time:** Allow all glued pieces to dry completely according to the adhesive instructions before handling or gifting.