

Patchwork Meadow Hints & Tips *Making & Mounting Your Square*

Making your flower square

- Make a 15cm square template using squared paper
- Getting the size right - cut your material larger than the 15cm square for mounting on cardboard and also if you need to hold it in a frame for needleworking. Place your 15cm template in the middle of your fabric, then pin it down and either draw round the outline with a removable chalk or permanent pen if you want this to be part of the design, or sew an outline of stitches round the edge of the template
- Tracing your pattern - you can work out a design on paper first, then pin this paper pattern on top of your fabric, make small stitches through the paper and the fabric around the main outlines and then tear off the paper. You can remove these outlines later if you not want them.
- Which techniques to use - embroidery and other needlework techniques, weaving, printing, painting with fabric paints, lace-making, felting, knitting, crochet, drawing with pens
- Where to find help - local craft groups, Embroiderers Guild groups, Guild of Dyers, Spinners & Weavers, the Royal School of Needlework Courses, evening classes, books & online help

How to mount your 15cm fabric square on cardboard

- Use squared paper to measure a 15 x 15 cm square template
- Use this template to cut a piece of acid free foam board or mount board or any unprinted rigid cardboard
- Place your flower square face down and then put the cardboard on top and fold the extra fabric over the edge. Starting in the middle of one side, take your needle and make one long stitch to the other side. Turn the square over and check that the picture is lined up correctly. Keep making long stitches from one side to another until you reach one corner. You can simply fold the edges in neatly, or cut away the excess to make it easier to fold. You can mitre the edge for a professional finish if you wish. Continue until both of the opposite sides of the square are connected by a row of long single stitches.

Diagram for mounting square on cardboard

