National Reconciliation Week 2020 - Craft - Paper Stitching
King William Street Bridge, Adelaide

***Materials - things you will need*:** (no need to go shopping - improvise at home!)

1. Several sheets of A4 white paper - for printing out the paper pricking pattern (if no printer, no worries – hand draw/copy the simple pricking pattern from your screen)
2. 2+ sheets of A4 cream or white card or a cut up cereal box (optional - framing/mat/base card: black/red/yellow or green/blue, and/or an A4/A5 picture frame)
3. Sewing or embroidery needle
4. Sewing or embroidery thread/floss – in black or own colour choice
5. Carefully use (then safely put away) a needle/pricking tool or head/bead/quilting/hat pin, or a large safety pin/sewing needle/maths compass/cocktail stick - for pricking holes into the card
6. Scissors
7. Pricking mat or A5-A4 sized cardboard or 2-3 layers of fun foam/felt or **old** upside down computer mouse mat or folded tea towel
8. Reverse side of craft mat or old magazine or newspaper or old book - to protect table/ work surface
9. Sticky/adhesive tape or masking tape
10. Double-sided sticky tape and/or double–sided foam tape or glue stick or clear paper glue
11. Optional – photo of you/family/friends/bridge from 2000 and/or 2020

Stitching & Flag Placement Guide: (Do not use as a pricking pattern - stitching guide only.)

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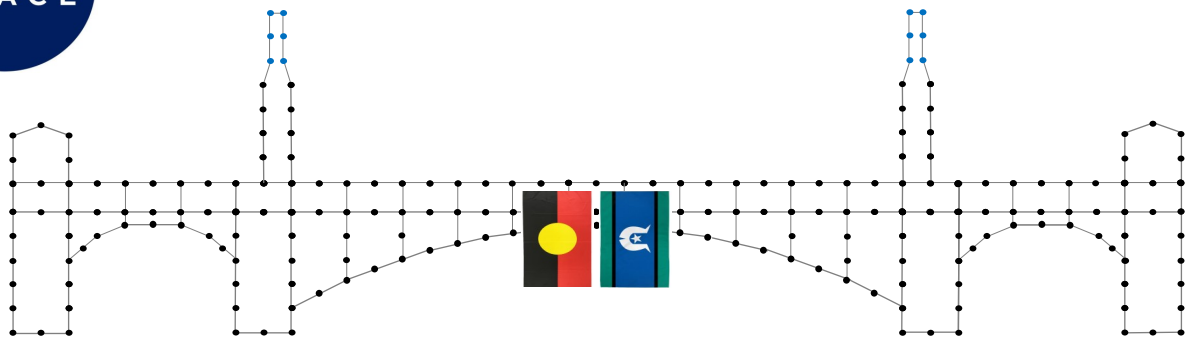

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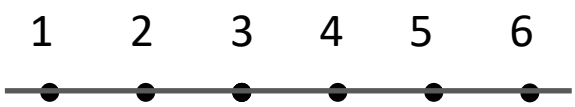
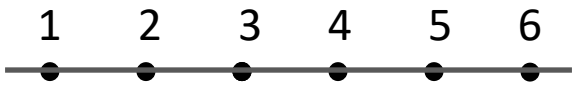
Stem Stitch Instructions*: (This is a thicker stitch than Back Stitch)



a. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 1, put needle & thread back down into card at hole 3.
b. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 2 (keep needle ABOVE/over the previous stitches as it comes up through the card and don't split thread) and then needle goes back down into card at hole 4.
c. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 3, and then needle goes back down into card at hole 5.
d. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 4, and then needle goes back down into card at hole 6.
e. END/Corner stiches - use backstitch twice.

Back Stitch Instructions*:



a. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 2, put needle & thread back down into card at hole 1.
b. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 3, then needle goes back down into card at hole 2.
c. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 4, then needle goes back down into card at hole 3.
d. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 5, then needle goes back down into card at hole 4.
e. Bring needle & thread up from back of card at hole 6, then needle goes back down into

Flags:

Cut out the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags & using double-sided tape/double-sided foam tape or glue, attach to centre of stitched bridge - just below the bridge railing.

(If using small pieces of foam tape, stick to the side of flag closest to the railing.)

Paper Stitching TIPS:

1. Make sticky tape 'low tack' before sticking pricking pattern to card - so pattern can be removed without damaging card - sticking tape on and off clothes several times. Test 1st on back of card.
2. Don't cut threads too long - it will tangle and/or break. Try 50cm single/1m when doubling.
3. Regular reels of sewing thread work well if doubled - and are economical. Metallic sewing threads can work well. If using embroidery floss - try dividing the strands - possibly use only 1 or 2.
4. Fixing out of line, too big or torn holes - remove thread and lightly rub the wrong side of the card/ hole with fingernail, blunt end of cocktail stick. If needed, stabilise with small piece of sticky tape.
5. Easily correct stitching mistakes - unthread needle, unpick or cut wrong stitches and re-stitch.
6. When designing your own patterns - don't place the dots/holes too close together, otherwise paper & card might rip apart. (Turn cross stitch patterns into simpler paper pricking patterns.)
7. For easy stitched words & phrases visit: www.stitchingcards.com/product.php/613/free-type-a-greeting-in-stitching-font-310 which quickly generates stitched word patterns for printing.

INSTRUCTIONS - King William Street Bridge, Adelaide:

1. Print paper pricking pattern (A4 or A5) - cut out & place pattern on top of A4/A5 card (or use a breakfast cereal box) - temporarily stick paper pattern to card with 'low tack' tape.
2. Use a magazine/newspaper/old book as a base on the table
3. Place cardboard or foam mat/mouse mat or folded t-towel onto old magazine, newspaper, etc.
4. Place pricking pattern & card onto the foam/upturned mouse mat/folded t-towel.
5. **Gently** pierce the CENTRE of each black dot on the paper pattern down through card (keeping pricking tool upright and with consistent pressure/depth of hole). Remember 4 corner dots and
   - IF adding the *decorative line of holes* at bottom of the pattern sheet, prick those holes now too.
6. Before separating pricking pattern from card, hold it up to a light/window to double-check all holes are made. Compare it with paper pricking pattern, in case 1 or 2 holes have been missed (very common!)
7. Very gently remove sticky tape and pricking pattern paper from the card.
8. Trim card using the 4 corner cutting guide holes.
9. Using sewing needle & thread (approx. 50cm lengths, or 1m if doubling the thread) - tape end of thread to back of card near top left/right to start - **keeping all sticky tape and threads away from any holes.**
10. As you work, stick tape to all the loose ends/starts of thread on back of card.
11. Following the Stitching Instructions* on previous page and referring to the Stitching Guide diagram - *Back Stitch* the tops/lights of the 2 narrow middle pillars (the narrow bits—3 rows of 2 dots).
12. Keep the threads tight as you stitch and watch for snags/loose threads on back of card.
13. *Stem Stitch* the rest of the 2 middle pillars (including their wider bases) and the 2 outer pylons - following the lines on the Stitching Guide.
14. *Back Stitch* the vertical lines (between the pillars/pylons) from the top of the road railings down to the arches below the road.
15. *Back Stitch* the top/horizontal line of road railings - from the left hand side of the left pylon all the way across to the right hand side of the last pylon on the right (or vice versa.)
16. *Stem Stitch* the lower horizontal **road** line/row of holes - from the left hand side of the left pylon all the way across to the right hand side of the last pylon on the right (or vice versa.)
17. *Back Stitch* the 2 smaller/side arches and then *Stem Stitch* the larger middle arch.
18. When finished, double check against Stitching Guide for any missed stitches.
19. Cut out 2 of the flags and stick/hang them from the road railings using double-side foam tape/sticky tape or glue.
20. On the back of the card, use extra tape to secure all the thread ends.
21. Mount your stitched card (& title) onto coloured pieces of card or the printed frame using double-side tape or glue.
22. Take a photo and SHARE your creation online - add hashtags **#StillWalkingForReconciliation & #InThisTogether & NRW2020 -** with Common Grace/church/family & friends/social media!
23. *You don't need to follow the pattern/instructions/materials exactly.*
24. (Optional - add photos from 2000 & 2020 and adjust the pattern, craft and materials to suit yourself.)

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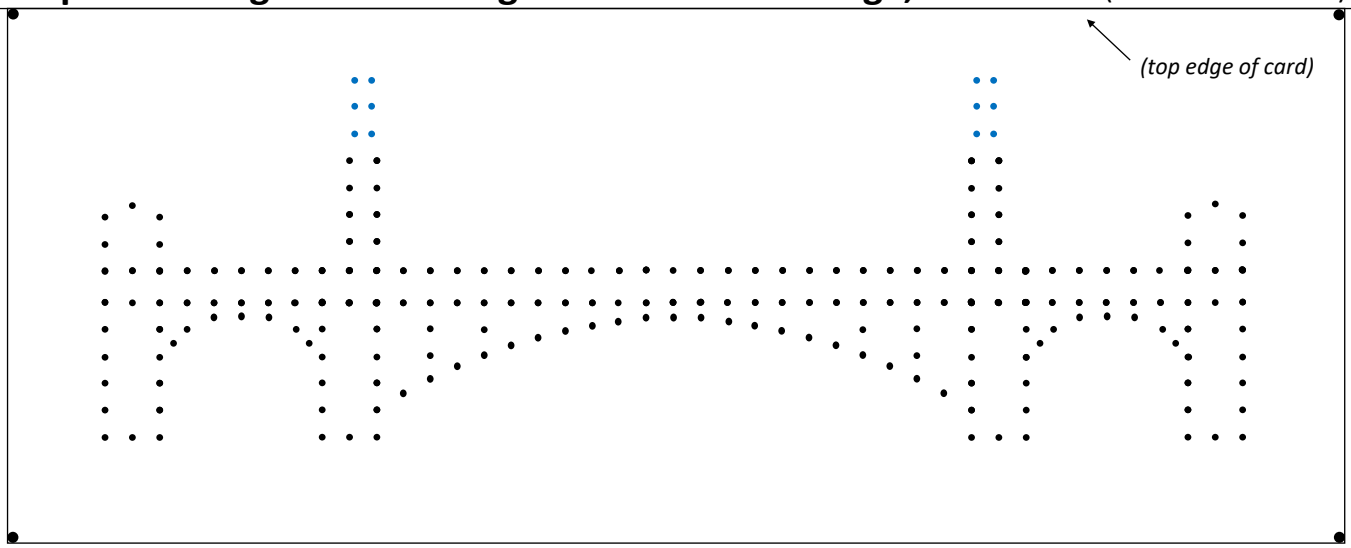
Paper Pricking Pattern - King William Street Bridge, Adelaide: (finished size = A5)



card cutting guides (4 x dots, lightly pierce the 4 corner holes & cut card after pricking)

Flags:

Cut out 2 flags & attach using foam tape/D-S tape/glue/to stitched bridge to just below bridge railing.
(If using small pieces of foam tape, keep them to the side closest to the railing.)

Optional Frame:

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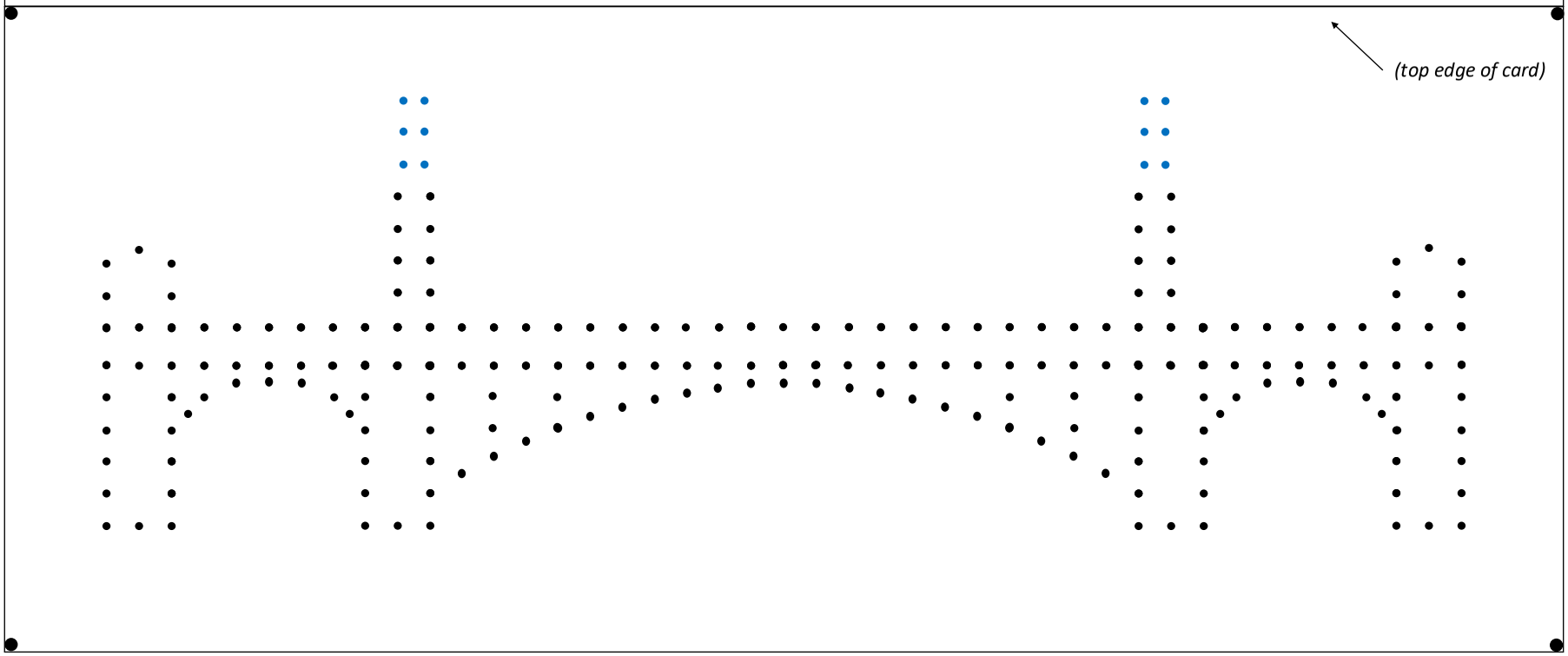
Paper Pricking Pattern - King William Street Bridge, Adelaide: (finished size = A4)



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Flags: Cut out 1 of the flag sets and then cut out each flag (leaving 1-2mm of flagpole+ to left/right of flag— this extra paper can be tucked underneath the thread flagpoles) & then attach with glue stick/glue/foam tape to finished card. (If using tiny pieces of foam tape, keep it to the side opposite the flagpole.) (Optional—you could add a seed bead to top of flagpoles, instead of using a knot.)

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