

DMC GD1436BXA



DMC Aida 14-Count Cross-Stitch Fabric Instruction Manual

Model: GD1436BXA

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The DMC Aida 14-count fabric is specifically designed for cross-stitch projects. Made from 100% cotton, its perfectly square weave facilitates the creation of neat and uniform stitches, making it an excellent choice for both beginners and experienced crafters.

Key Features:

- **14-Count Fabric:** Provides 14 stitches per inch, ideal for detailed cross-stitch work.
- **Dimensions:** Measures 38.1 x 45.7 cm (15 x 18 inches), offering ample space for various projects.
- **Material:** Crafted from 100% high-quality cotton for durability and ease of stitching.
- **Color:** The colored fabric adds visual interest to unstitched areas and can enhance project aesthetics.
- **User-Friendly:** Suitable for all skill levels, from novice to advanced stitchers.





Image 1.1: DMC Aida 14-Count fabric in its protective packaging.

2. SETUP AND PREPARATION

2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove the Aida fabric from its packaging. Unroll the fabric and inspect it for any creases, snags, or imperfections. Ensure the fabric is clean and free from debris before beginning your project.

2.2 Pre-washing (Optional)

While not always necessary, some stitchers prefer to pre-wash their fabric to prevent potential shrinkage or color bleeding, especially if the finished piece will be washed. If you choose to pre-wash, use cold water and a mild detergent. Air dry flat to prevent distortion.

2.3 Preparing the Fabric for Stitching

1. **Ironing:** If the fabric has creases, gently iron it on a low setting, preferably with a pressing cloth, to smooth it out.
2. **Finding the Center:** Fold the fabric in half lengthwise, then in half widthwise. The intersection of these folds marks the center of your fabric, a common starting point for cross-stitch projects.
3. **Securing in a Hoop or Frame:** Place the fabric tautly in an embroidery hoop or frame. Ensure the fabric is evenly stretched without distortion to maintain consistent stitch tension.



Image 2.1: The DMC Aida fabric unrolled, ready for preparation.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Needle and Thread Selection

For 14-count Aida fabric, a tapestry needle size 24 or 26 is generally recommended. These needles have blunt tips that slide easily through the fabric's holes without splitting the threads. For DMC stranded cotton, typically two strands are used for cross-stitch on 14-count Aida, but this can be adjusted based on desired coverage and personal preference.

3.2 Basic Cross-Stitch Technique

Cross-stitch involves making 'X' shaped stitches. Begin by bringing your needle up through the back of the fabric, then down diagonally to form half of the 'X'. Repeat this process to complete the second half of the 'X', ensuring all top stitches lie in the same direction for a uniform appearance.

3.3 Maintaining Even Tension

Consistent thread tension is crucial for a smooth and even finished piece. Avoid pulling the thread too tightly, which can distort the fabric, or too loosely, which can result in baggy stitches. Practice maintaining a gentle, even pull on your thread with each stitch.



Image 3.1: Example of cross-stitching in progress, demonstrating the use of fabric and threads.

4. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

To ensure the longevity and appearance of your DMC Aida fabric, follow these care instructions:

- **Cleaning:** The fabric is designed for spot cleaning. If a more thorough cleaning is required for a finished piece, gentle hand washing in cold water with a mild, pH-neutral soap is recommended.
- **Drying:** After washing, gently roll the fabric in a clean towel to remove excess water. Lay flat to air dry, reshaping if necessary, to prevent stretching or distortion.
- **Ironing:** Iron on a low to medium setting on the reverse side of the stitching, preferably while slightly damp, using a pressing cloth to protect the stitches.
- **Storage:** Store unused fabric rolled or folded neatly in a clean, dry environment away from direct sunlight to prevent fading or damage.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Common Issues and Solutions:

- **Uneven Stitches:** Ensure consistent tension on your thread and maintain a uniform stitching technique. Practice helps in achieving even stitches.
- **Fabric Puckering or Distortion:** This often occurs if the fabric is not taut enough in the hoop/frame or if the thread is pulled too tightly. Adjust the fabric tension in your hoop/frame and ease up on thread tension.
- **Thread Snagging:** Check your needle for any burrs or hooks. Ensure the fabric weave is not damaged. Using a tapestry needle with a blunt tip can help prevent snagging.
- **Difficulty Passing Needle Through Fabric:** If the holes seem too small, ensure you are using an appropriately sized tapestry needle (e.g., size 24 or 26 for 14-count Aida).

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
Brand	DMC
Model Number	GD1436BXA
ASIN	B098BFZRJ8
Material	100% Cotton Aida
Fabric Count	14 Count
Dimensions	38.1 x 45.7 cm (15 x 18 inches)
Color Code	500
Item Weight	100 Grams
Weave Type	Plain
Manufacturer	DMC
Product Care Instructions	Spot clean
First Available Date	July 16, 2021

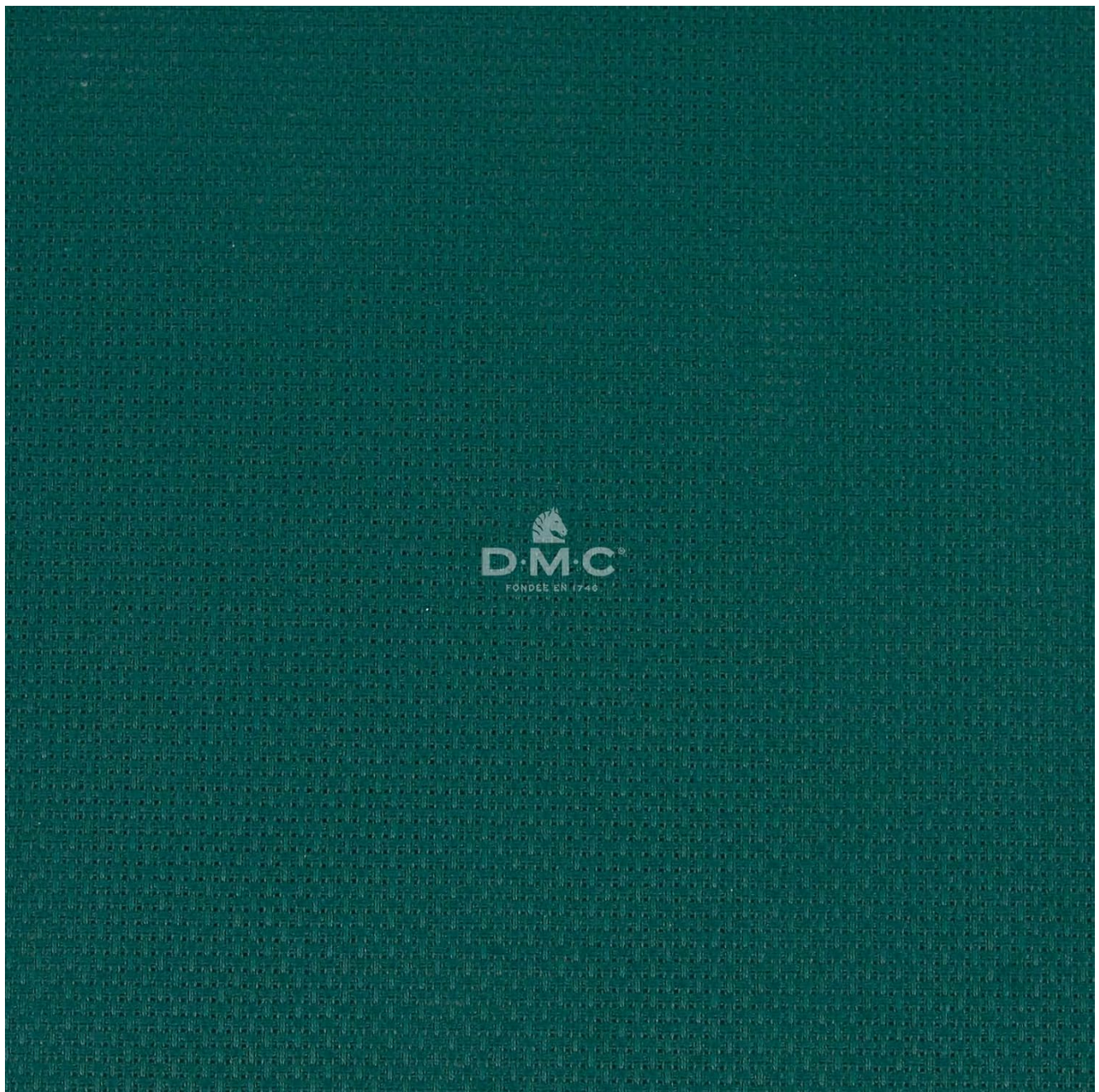


Image 6.1: Detailed view of the 14-count Aida fabric weave.

7. SUPPORT INFORMATION

For further assistance, questions, or inquiries regarding your DMC Aida fabric, please refer to the official DMC website or contact their customer's support directly. Detailed contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or the manufacturer's official online resources.

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