

PhotoStitch® PATTERN ADVICE

TYPE OF PHOTOGRAPH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We can use color, sepia or black and white prints. - We can remove minor blemishes if necessary. - We may be able to improve the quality of the picture if you accept some colors will change. - The size of the original is not as important as the quality. 4 by 6 is ideal but we can also use wallet size. We do not normally need an enlargement. - We cannot use transparencies or negatives. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you have only a file from a digital camera, please have a professional quality print made on glossy paper. We can use your file but we charge a small fee to have it printed by Kodak. - Before you order, attach your file to an e-mail and we will send you pictures simulating the stitched work from various size patterns free. - The best results need a high quality print. If you print your own and it shows any spots, streaks or poor colors that is what will be in the finished stitching after long hours of your work. 			
WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN SELECTING A PHOTOGRAPH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High quality because that is what you want to see in your stitching. - Brightly colored, properly exposed photos work best. - Avoid photos with a lot of dark shadows. - Natural daylight is preferred because flash often causes brighter than normal highlights that will show up in the finished work. - If the photograph is faded the finished work will look faded. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid unwanted reflections, in cars for example, as they will be clearly seen in the finished work. - We can remove small objects against a general background, for example power lines against the sky or a socket outlet on a wall. - A face in shadow will look darker than the person in real life. - A white house photographed in shade will look gray. - Avoid letters and words, as they need many full size stitches to be read. 			
YOU MAY NEED JUST PART OF THE PHOTOGRAPH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We can crop the picture in the computer to your instructions. Do not cut or mark your photo, it is best to make a photocopy and cut it to size or draw lines on it. - A large pattern can be made from just a small part of a photo, if the photo is clear. - For special effect we can produce an oval or round pattern rather than the standard rectangular shape. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We can remove the background, but we do not usually recommend it. We use only full size stitches so the edge will look ragged and some detail will be lost. We must be able to clearly see the subject outline against the background to accurately remove it. If the shape is intricate there will be an extra charge. 			
ABOUT PATTERN SIZES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The more stitches in the pattern, the better the detail will be. - Faces need 40 to 50 stitches across, for recognition and about 100 for a close-up portrait. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you are more interested in the people than their clothes, you could have a pattern of just head and shoulders. - If the photo was taken from a distance you may want to zoom in. 			
SIZE SUGGESTIONS							
Size up to 144 x 144 stitches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Close-up portrait - Small objects - Small child - Our Exhibits - Steam Train, Hibiscus Rosa 		Size up to 192 x 192 stitches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1/2 length 1 or 2 people with detail - Car, camper, small boat - Small house or building - Small objects with fine detail - Our Exhibits - Fall Foliage, Cardinal, Cottages 		Size up to 200 x 256 stitches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3/4 length 2 people with detail - Close up portrait, 2 people - Group of children - Medium house or building - Truck or large boat - Our Exhibits - Sisters 		Size up to 200 x 320 stitches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full length 2 people with detail - Close-up portrait 3 people - Group of people - Large house, building, landscape - Any large subject with fine detail - Our Exhibits - Niagara Falls 	
Larger Size - Please enquire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very large family groups - Special Projects - Heirlooms - Murals 		SEE EXAMPLES IN CUSTOMER GALLERY <p>Our gallery of exhibition heirlooms is always open on the Internet. We also display some of our customer's work when they have been kind enough to grant permission.</p> <p>http://www.photostitch.biz/</p>		ANY QUESTIONS? <p>Please read our answers to Frequently Asked Questions. If you have other questions E-mail photostitch@att.net or call us at the number below.</p>			