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From American Girl : Stitch and Send: A fun and easy embroidery-card kit for girls before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Stitch and Send: A fun and easy embroidery-card kit for girls*:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Clever and charming embroidery kit. By KPI am glad I first saw this item inside a store, as the cover does not give clues, or look particularly exciting. If I had only seen the listing here on , I wouldn't have known how fun and educational this item is! Here's the scoop. This is a kit for adding awesome embroidery art to cards. The 32 page book gives easy-to-follow instruction on how to do various stitches:- running stitch- backstitch- whipstitch- cross stitch- blanket stitch- chain stitch- fly stitch- star stitch- french knot Each stitch has simple instructions, with plenty of color diagrams. Then there is a pre-punched card for practicing each stitch (12 in total). Lastly there are 12 adorable pre-designed cards that are pre-punched so you can apply the stitches you have learned immediately to folded cards (cupcake, hedgehog, flowers, birds, cherries, honeybee, snowflakes, etc). Also included are four blank cards for you to design yourself, 2 sheets of stickers, 1 sheet of sticky dots, and 16 envelopes. What I loved: great instructions, beautiful designs, colorful, playful approach. Practicing on semi-rigid cardstock was great for the beginning level, and also allowed my daughter to create something charming she could share with others. So cute! What needs to be improved: In my above description I didn't mention the needle or the floss that is included in the kit. That is because the plastic needle was too big to fit through the pre-punched holes! We had to buy a slightly slimmer plastic needle at the store, along with a whole rainbow of flosses because the kit only has (4) 11 inch pieces of floss. These lengths were not even enough to complete a practice card! We had fun picking out the colors though :) After we had purchased all the flosses, there was no storage space inside the kit for these items - inconvenient. Lastly, it would have been useful to have provided some kind of punch for using on the blank cards that you design yourself, though I can see how that would have added to the cost of the kit. I found pictures of this embroidery kit on this blog: <http://www.onesavvymom.net/2013/04/american-girl-stitch-and-send-5-fun-new.html> All

in all, super cute, and I have suggested this kit to other parents as a gift idea. Another super-fun product from a company that really understands building strong, smart young girls. Thank you American Girl. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is an awesome and fun kit for girls above age eight. The craft set is really fun, and it teaches how to make a lot of stitches in a fun and easy way, and they can be used on fabric too. The set comes with practice cards to practice, and 16 cute cards, a few blank so that you can design your own cards. It also contains 16 colorful envelopes. The cards are perfect for birthdays and teacher thanking cards at school. Each card is unique and different too. This is all awesome, but there is a reason I gave this product a four star instead of a five star. First of all, the needle in the set is too big, and it doesn't even get through the holes provided. An embroidery needle, or a needle with a smaller eye would be perfect. Secondly, there is not enough thread provided even to finish a practice card. The booklet though, mentions that we will mostly have to buy a second batch of embroidery floss. Embroidery floss, though, is available at almost any craft or sewing store nearby. This product also comes with stickers, dot stickers, and an instruction booklet, other than the needle, thread, cards, practice cards, and envelopes. All in all, this is fun for girls to work on alone, with parents, with friends, and even at birthday parties, with their friends. This is a really fun toy.

Your greetings will be 'sew' great with these ready-to-embroider folded cards! Start by learning lots of embroidery stitches with the simple step-by-step directions, then use the pre-punched holes to add embroidery floss for a fun pop of color and texture. Includes stitch practice cards to perfect your designs, plus stickers to personalize your final product and envelopes to send them to friends!