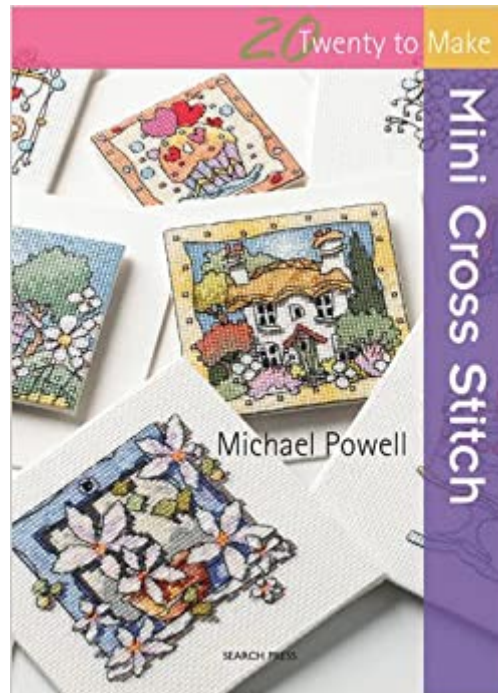


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# Mini Cross Stitch (Twenty To Make)



## Synopsis

Join Michael Powell in his quirky world of cross stitch in this book. Stitch twenty gorgeous designs in Michael's distinctive and popular style, ranging from colourful daisies and bright hearts to mini landscapes. These tiny cross stitch pieces are perfect for framing as they are, or you can use them on greetings cards, as bookmarks or as the centrepiece of a cushion or handbag.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Dec 13/Jan 14 A great little book, even those who are new to cross stitch will be able to accomplish all of the projects. There's notes on fabric preparation and washing instructions too. \* Craft Focus \* April 2015 The "Twenty to Make" range is a range of books that offers fantastic value for money. Each of the designs by accompanied by a full-colour chart, key and general instructions. They bring together a varied collection each with Michael's unique and popular look. Each of them has a different theme and are quick and easy to make. Each of Michael's unique, quirky contemporary designs measures approximately 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 in (9 x 9cm), though the designs come in a variety of formats and include tall, narrow designs as well as borders. All the designs can be worked on 14-count Aida or evenweave fabric. They would be fantastic for bookmarks, cards or a group of small pictures. Each of the designs are easy to follow and the instructions help you to get the required look. It's a really enjoyable book with beautiful designs for you to create. There's a broad range of subjects to choose from, including country cottages, flowers, hearts, and festive Christmas trees, so whatever the occasion, there is bound to be a design that suits it perfectly.

<http://www.crochetaddictuk.com/2015/04/twenty-to-make-mini-cross-stitch-book.html> \* Crochet Addict UK \* July 13 This book is part of the Twenty To Make series. It's a quirky new take on cross stitch influenced by a love of architecture, buildings and gardens. The twenty unique, contemporary designs are shown with charts to work. There is a brief stitching guide. I love the birthday cake, daises and village. The latter and a couple of other designs remind me of the architect Gaudi. All the designs are worked as mini designs, so they are relatively quick to make. Great little book. \* Karen Platt [Yarnsandfabrics.co.uk/crafts](http://Yarnsandfabrics.co.uk/crafts) \* July 13 Have a library of quirky gems from Michael Powell to hand with this new book from Search Press. This is one of the Twenty to Make series so this smashing little booklet contains mini cross stitch designs that distil Michael's distinctive and contemporary style. As fans of Michael Powell's design would expect, there are hearts, fairytale buildings and flowers with no straight lines anywhere! There is plenty of inspiration for all occasions throughout the year for cards, small pictures and other ideas. The charts are colour-and-symbol combinations and of a very good size for an almost pocket-sized book. There are no fractional stitches and the detail in Michael's designs come from the intricate back stitch. \* NEW STITCHES \* July 2016 Michael Powell is renowned for his quirky pen and ink illustrations of buildings and architecture, which he translates into unique cross-stitch, needlepoint and tapestry designs. Mini Cross-Stitch is Michael's first book, and all the pieces featured are perfect for a beginner but would also appeal to the experienced stitcher looking for a small, quick project. There are easy to follow colour charts provided for each design, along with a colour key to help you select the right threads. This Twenty to Make book is great value, as always, giving you plenty of ideas for all occasions. \* Love to Make \*

Michael Powell is a versatile artist who has won the British Craft Awards Designer of the Year on several occasions.

The book is a good source for contemporary designs. However, there are two things that I think need some revision: (1) the size of the book is not very convenient for the larger designs (country cottage, sunny windowsill, etc) - the symbols are too small and it is hard to read them, (2) in different models, the author seem to use different thread labels for an equal thread number. For example, in page 10, thread #386 is referred as "Burnt Orange Ultra vy It" but in page 44, the same thread is labeled as "Yellow Ultra vy It". This may be a typo, but just a word of caution which could confuse the user. Happy X-stitching!

The resolution on these charts is very bad when I try to enlarge them. It is very difficult to read the charts as they are small, and when I expand the chart they become blurry and unworkable. I love the designs, but am very disappointed in the execution of the book.

I ordered this book because the description said it was 20 patterns that all measured 3 1/2 by 3 1/2. I made all kinds of mix and match ideas in mind. Only 2 of the patterns are that size. Not all of them are even square. Some are just borders. Still the pictures are cute and original so I have been making use of them. The patterns themselves are printed with color and a symbol. Sometimes on the dark colors the symbol is hard to make out. I needed lots of light and my strongest reading glasses.

I have seen pictures of his work for a long time. It is unusual that the backstitching is the real art of the design. His backstitching is quite unique to the actual cross stitch. Most of the time it is the backstitching that accentuates the cross-stitching. But it is just the opposite with Powell's designs. I am always studying his designs as I haven't found anyone quite like him. I was thrilled to receive this mini-book

Michael Powell's wonderful smaller designs. Creative and colorful charts that are such fun to stitch. I highly recommend the book for those wanting smaller designs by this imaginative, well-known, English designer.

My only inconvenience was that sometimes the long stitch cover the color sign, making it difficult to read. Otherwise I am very much enjoying this book

I was expecting more of the house stitch charts that he is more known for, rather than the cutesy stuff. It would be wonderful if Michael came out with a bk of his amazing architectural x stitch charts. From USA and would buy off of UK for a book like that. I did like how they were smaller designs and square, very lovely

I have to say there isn't a single design in this digital book that I don't like...they are all beautiful and whimsical. I can't wait to stitch them.

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