

Determining Worth of Needlework

“What is a fair value on stitching items”?

Sources for these suggested guidelines include needlework chapters; Western Idaho, National Trail Stitchers and Marin Golden Threads.

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Total these three amounts:

1. Cost of materials used
2. Cost of needlework:
 - Crewel, Cross Stitch and other embroidery, \$1.00 per square inch
 - Needlepoint or Bargello, \$2.50 per square inch
 - Petitpoint, \$3.00 per square inch
 - Quilts or other quilted items, 10 cents per square inch
3. Cost of Finishing, framing, mounting or quilting of item

Garage Sale Pricing:

Stretcher Bars/ Hoops:	Complete set, 50 cent if in poor condition	\$1.00
Floor Frames:	Include assembly instructions if available	\$35.00 to \$25.00
Lap Frames:		\$20.00 to \$10.00
Kits:	With Linen or Silk ground Fabrics, and/ or linen or silk threads, can be priced higher. Cutesy, outdated and small kits at lower price	\$5.00 to \$1.00
Fabrics:	Write dimensions and fiber content on a piece of paper and baste that paper to a corner of the fabric. Include special information about the fabric, such as Liberty of London print	One 4 th of original price
Canvas:	5 sheets of plastic canvas, or 25 cents per sheet	\$1.00
	2 skeins of perle cotton, or 50 cents per skein	\$1.00
	12 skeins of floss, or 10 cents per skein	\$1.00
Fibers:	per skein of knitting yarns, if they are whole skeins.	50 cents
	per skein if acrylic yarns	25 cents
Magazines:		\$1.00 to 25 cents
Books:	Hardbacks in good condition	One 4 th of original price
	(example: \$40.00 original price divided by 4 = \$10.00)	
	Hardbacks in average condition	\$2.50
	Softbacks (Historical reference/patterns)	\$2.00 to \$1.00
Patterns:	McCalls, Simplicity, Butterick, etc.	50 cents