



# ART + MAIL = A GOOD DAY

# ARTE + CORREO = UN BUEN DÍA

Shannon Downey, aka Badass Cross Stitch, is an artist, craftivist, community builder, and general instigator. She blends her politics, activism, and art into projects that are designed to inspire others to take action, think, discuss, engage with democracy and their community, and find some digital/analog balance. She uses art as a vehicle for positive change through creative interventions, whether that be through open-source street art campaigns or global craftivism projects.

Shannon Downey, también conocida como Badass Cross Stitch, es una artista, activista artesanal, constructora de comunidad y promotora en general. Combina política, activismo y arte en proyectos que están diseñados para inspirar a otros a actuar, pensar, debatir, comprometerse con la democracia y la comunidad, y encontrar cierto equilibrio entre lo digital y lo análogo. Recurre al arte como un vehículo para el cambio positivo mediante intervenciones creativas, ya sea a través de campañas de arte callejero de acceso abierto o proyectos de activismo artesanal global.

Share your tiny masterpiece in the hands of your lucky mail recipient on social media with [#ICAartlab](#) and [@BadassCrossStitch!](#)

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Comparte tu diminuta obra de arte en manos del afortunado receptor de tu carta en las redes sociales con [#ICAartlab](#) y [@BadassCrossStitch!](#)

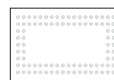
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Create a tiny masterpiece and mail it to someone you care about to brighten their day. Paint, color, stitch, sticker, collage...be brave and try something new! This is guaranteed to lift spirits.

*NOTE: This activity includes one blunt sewing needle.*

#### Materials/Materiales:



Postcard  
Tarjeta postal



Pencil  
Lápiz



Hole punch  
Perforador



Blunt embroidery  
needle  
Aguja de  
bordar romo



Embroidery floss  
Hilo de bordar



Envelope with  
postage stamp  
Sobre con  
sello postal

#### Instructions/Instrucciones:

1. Think of someone you want to surprise with some awesome snail mail.
2. Get their mailing address.
3. Think about that person. What do they love? What makes them smile? What do you love about them? How do you want them to feel?
4. With them in mind, create a tiny artistic masterpiece on the postcard provided.
  - a. You can use whatever art tools you like, but we've included a needle and embroidery floss in case you, like me, love to stitch and want to add some fancy embroidery to your art!
  - b. Using a pencil, draw a simple design on the dot grid by connecting the dots. Using your hole punch, make holes through selected dots. Thread the needle and sew through the holes.
  - c. More advanced? You can freehand embroider onto the postcard using the needle and thread!
5. Slide your finished artwork into the envelope. Address the envelope, include your return address in the top left-hand corner, and seal the envelope. You can decorate the back of the envelope too for some extra sparkle. A pre-paid stamp is already included.
6. Drop the envelope into a mailbox.
7. When your person receives their art, have them take a selfie with it if they are comfortable and then share your joy and art on social media to inspire others to make and mail art to their friends and family!

Crea una diminuta obra de arte y envíala por correo a alguien importante para ti para alegrarle el día. Pinta, colorea, cose, pega, haz un collage... ¡Áñimarte a intentar algo nuevo! Queda garantizado que esto levanta el ánimo.

*NOTA: Esta actividad incluye una aguja de coser romo.*

