

# Common Hand-Embroidery Stitches

A Visual Guide for Quilters and Sewists

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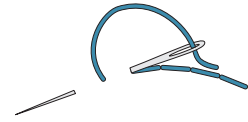


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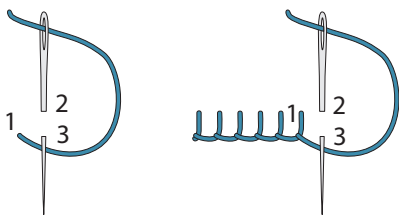
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Here's a visual guide to some of the most common hand-embroidery stitches found in quilts and other sewing projects. Pattern instructions usually tell you what type of thread to use, but if you're venturing out on your own, use embroidery floss or pearl cotton with a wide-eye embroidery needle. Embroidery floss is usually split, with only two or three strands used at a time. Use more strands for a heavier look. Pearl cotton comes in different weights – 3, 5, 8, and 12 – with the lowest number indicating the heaviest thread.

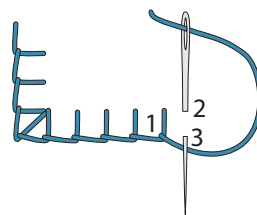
### Backstitch



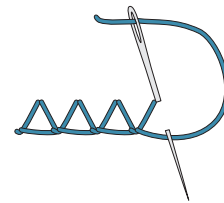
### Blanket stitch



### Corner blanket stitch



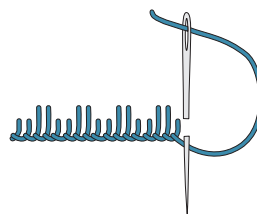
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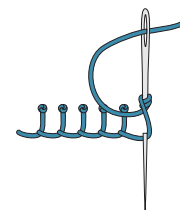
### Crossed blanket stitch



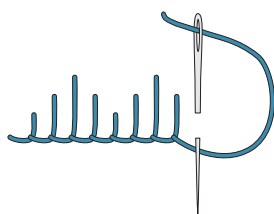
### Indented blanket stitch



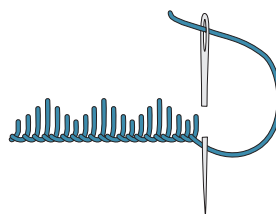
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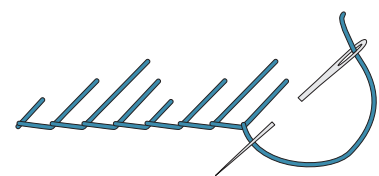
### Pyramid blanket stitch



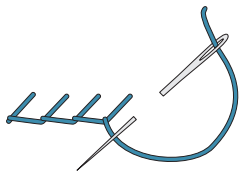
### Sawtooth blanket stitch



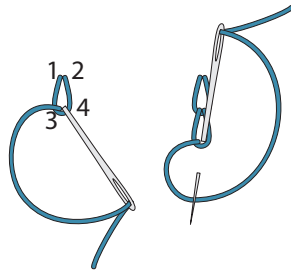
### Serpentine blanket stitch



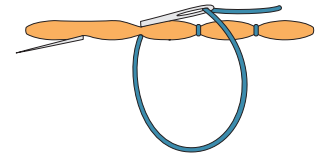
**Slanted blanket stitch**



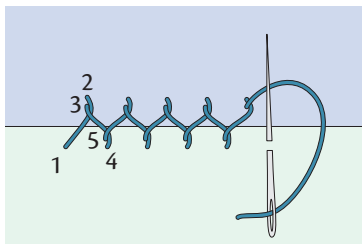
**Chain stitch**



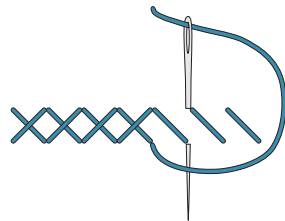
**Couching**



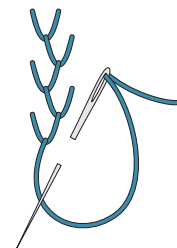
**Cretan stitch**



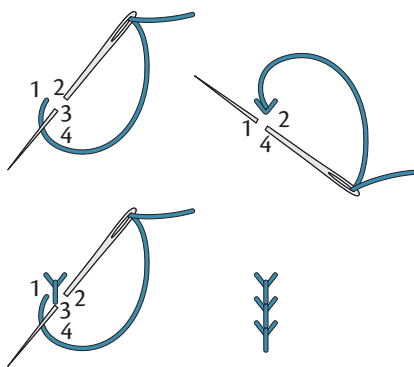
**Cross-stitch**



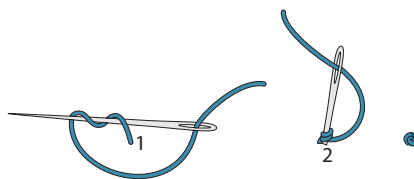
**Feather stitch**



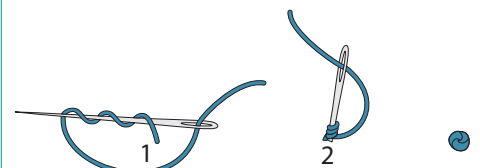
**Fly stitch**



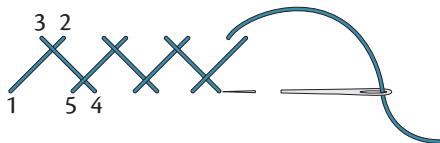
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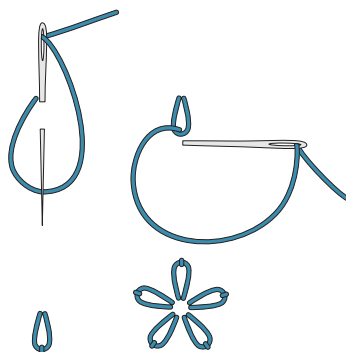
**French knot (3 winds)**



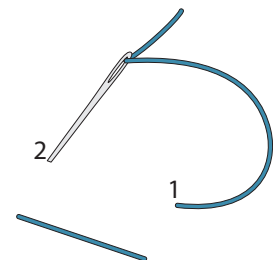
**Herringbone stitch**



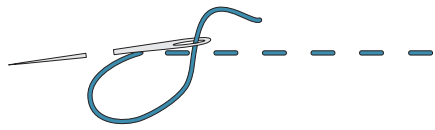
**Lazy daisy or detached chain stitch**



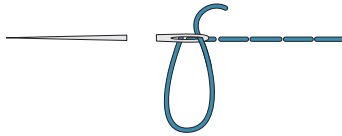
**Long stitch**



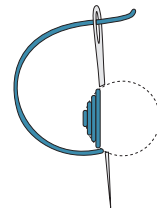
Running stitch (var. 1)



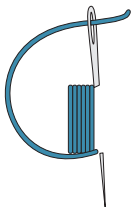
Running stitch (var. 2)



Satin stitch (var. 1)



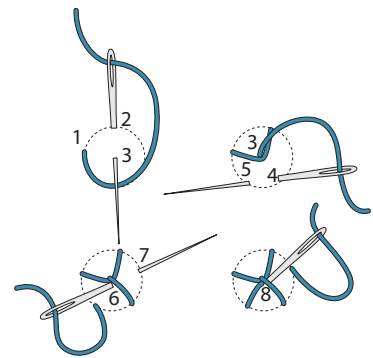
Satin stitch (var. 2)



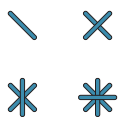
Snowflake stitch



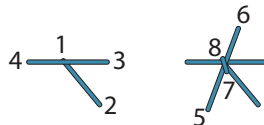
Spiderweb stitch



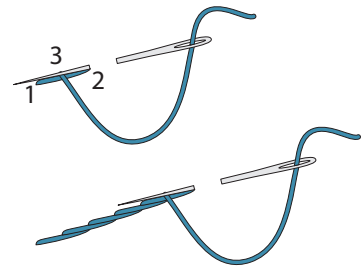
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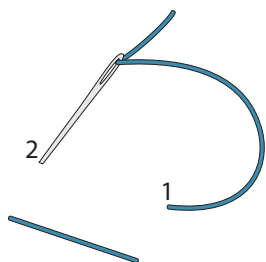
Star stitch (var. 2)



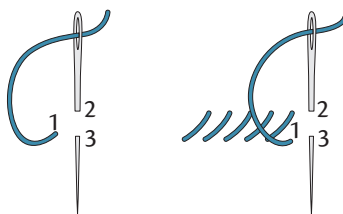
Stem stitch or outline stitch



Straight stitch



Whipstitch



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