

Starting And finishing

It is important not to use knots to start or finish as they can create lumps and may eventually work loose or catch. Working from the front push the needle through about 4cms (1½") to the left of the starting point.

Then start stitching the first line of cross-stitch making sure you catch in the thread at the back, once it is secure pull the end through to the back. If this proves difficult you can simply pull the end back through to the wrong side of the fabric when you have finished that piece of stitching. Thread it through the needle and darn the end under a few stitches, this is also the best way to finish off.



CROSS STITCH

Individual Cross-Stitch

Looking at the stitch as a square bring the needle out in the top left corner and work a diagonal stitch to bottom right. Then bring the needle through in the top right and cross the first stitch with another diagonal stitch in to bottom left corner.

NOTE: when working cross stitch it is important for a professional finish to make sure all your top stitches cross in the same directions

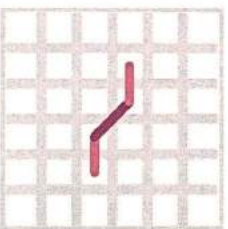


CROSS STITCH

(row by row)

Cross-Stitch, Row by Row

Bring the needle out and work a row of diagonal stitches from top left to bottom right. Then bring the needle through and work a row of diagonal stitches crossing the first ones, top right to bottom left. (being right handed I work this way so I don't drag my hand across the finished stitches however it is not that important and the rows can be worked left to right or right to left which ever feels most comfortable to you)



BACKSTITCH

Backstitch

Backstitch is as it hints worked backwards. Work a stitch then bring the needle out a stitch length ahead and then back to link up the line. Backstitch can be worked in any direction and is use to outline designs and add detail.

