

EMBROIDERY: CROSS-STITCHING

An embroidery stitch that can be used in many ways: as a border, to fill a space with color, to add texture, or any other application you can imagine.

1. See image below; this is what the final stitching will look like:



- 2. Follow the Sewing Set-Up Instructions to prepare your needle and thread for sewing.
- 3. In the next few images the stitches lines are marked with arrows so you can see the direction of the stitching. Come up through the fabric at the beginning of the arrow, and stich down through the fabric at the pointed end of the arrow:





4. Repeat step 3 until you have sewn as far across as you want the stitches to cover. At the very end, come up through the fabric at the bottom of your stitches, as in the photo:



5. Next, stitch back down your row of stitches, crossing over to create an "X" each time. You will be using the same holes as your first row of stitches, just moving the needle and thread across the material in the opposite direction.





6. At the last stitch back across, you will cross over your first stitch and push the needle through a new hole.



7. Finish the stitching on the back side using the Finishing instructions. This is what the back will look like; note how the front is crossed stitches while the back is straight lines:





