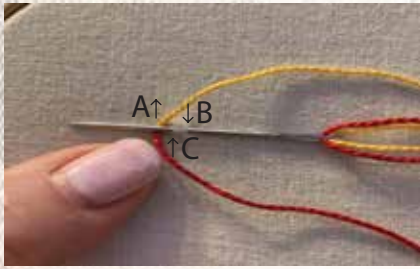
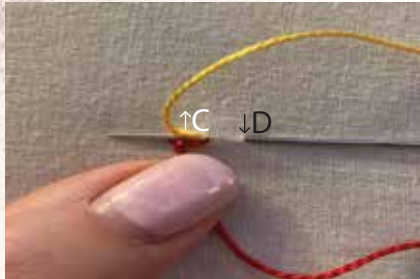


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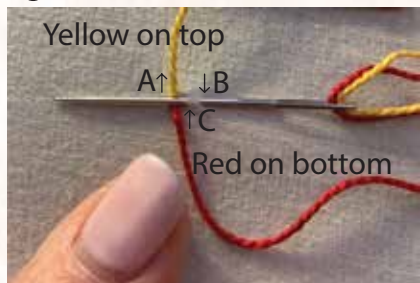
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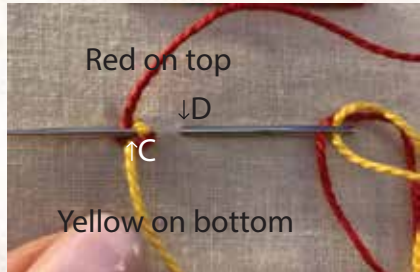
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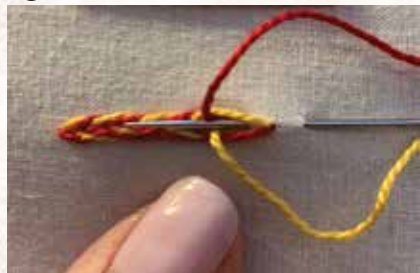
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Magic Split Stitch

The Magic Split Stitch and the Alternating Magic Split Stitch are beautiful raised, textured stitches. The Magic Split Stitch would work well for snow covered branches, or shading tree limbs and stems. They are both good filling stitches. The Magic Split Stitch looks like a double row of stem stitches, but is worked as a single row. The stitches may be worked top to bottom, or left to right.

Magic Split Stitch:

1. Thread a needle with two different colors of thread. Bring the needle and threads up at A. Separate the threads, one color above the needle and one color below the needle.
2. Working the stitches from left to right, take the needle down at B a stitch length away from A and up at C in the middle of points A and B between the two threads. Pull the needle and threads through the fabric. One side of the stitch will be one color, and the other side of the stitch will be the second color.
3. Take the needle down at D a stitch length away from B and up at C in the middle of the previous stitch between the two threads. Pull the needle and threads through the fabric.
4. Following Step 3, continue working the Magic Split Stitch to the end of the line. Make the last stitch 1/4 of the length of the previous stitches. Take the needle and threads to the back at the bottom of the last stitch.

Magic Split Stitch Alternative:

5. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 above. Note the position of each thread color.
6. Before making the next stitch, alternate the colors from top to bottom, putting the threads on opposite sides from the first stitch. Then take the needle down at D a stitch length away from B and up at C in the middle of the previous stitch between the two threads. Pull the needle and threads through the fabric.
7. Continue working the Magic Split Stitch Alternative, alternating the thread colors top to bottom before each stitch. End the line of stitching as in Step 4 above.

