

Blanket/Buttonhole Stitch

The Blanket Stitch and the Buttonhole Stitch are formed exactly the same. The difference is the distance between the vertical stitches. When there is spacing between the vertical stitches it is considered a Blanket Stitch. This stitch is used around the edges of a blanket adding strength and in some cases as a decorative edge.

When the vertical stitches lay next to each other, or side by side, it is a Buttonhole Stitch. This stitch was used to reinforce the opening of a buttonhole adding strength and a finished edge.

1. The stitch is worked from left to right over two imaginary horizontal lines. Bring the needle and thread up at A on the lower imaginary line. Take the needle down at B on the upper imaginary line and out at C on the lower imaginary line. Keep the working thread under the tip of the needle.
2. Pull needle and thread through the fabric forming a loop.
3. Continue making the vertical BC stitches with the working thread under the tip of the needle on each stitch.
4. To end, take the needle and thread to the back at D and secure.

