

Chain Stitch

This is a basic embroidery stitch that is quite versatile. The Chain Stitch may be used for outlining or as a filling stitch.

The Chain Stitch makes beautiful stems or branches when rows are stitched side by side. Here is another opportunity to experiment with a stitch using different thread mediums to acquire the look and textured desired for the design elements.

1. Bring the needle to the front at A. In a downward stitch, insert the needle back down at A to out at B. Loop the thread under the tip of the needle.

2. Pull the needle and thread through the fabric until the loop nestles around the emerging thread. Insert the needle back down at B and out at C. Loop the thread under the tip of the needle. Pull the needle and thread through the fabric until the loop nestles around the emerging thread and forms a second loop.

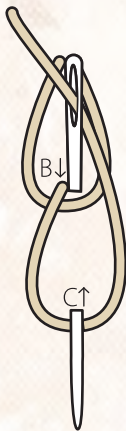
3. Continue working stitches for desired length. To end, take the needle and thread to the back of fabric at D just below the last loop and secure.

TIP: Be careful not to pull the loops too tight or they will lose their rounded shape.

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