Bring the thread up from the back of the fabric on the line that you want to create.
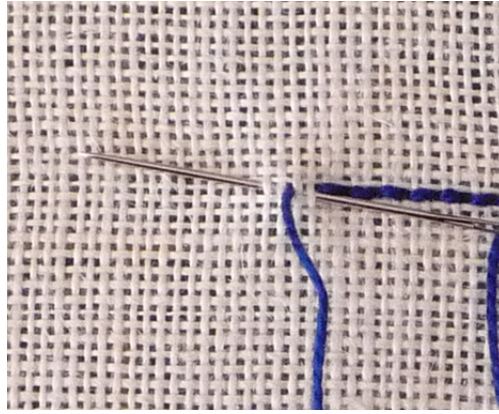
Make a small backward stitch through the fabric.

Bring the needle through the fabric a little in front of the first stitch and still on the line.

Pull the thread through the fabric.

Make the second stitch backward, inserting the needle down into the hole made by the first stich and bringing the needle out a little in front of the second stitch but still on the line.

Repeat this movement and continue sewing in such a manner along the line.

Also known by:

Uses and application for this stitch:
To define a line

Back stitch is an old adaptable stitch which can be used as a delicate outline or as a foundation in composite stitches. You can build up patterns using this stitch too.

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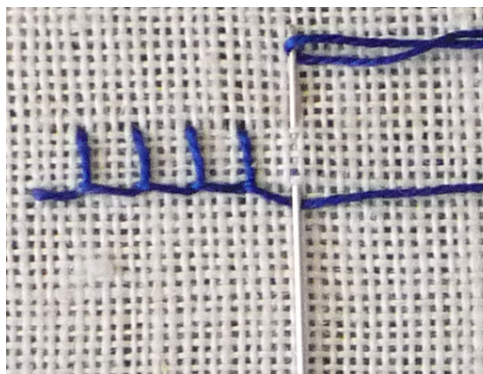This stitch is worked from left to right along two imaginary lines.

Bring the thread out on the lower line.

Insert the needle on the upper line making a straight downward motion.

Loop the working thread under the needle point.

Pull the needle through the fabric to form a loop.

Repeat this process along the line.

Also known as: Blanket stitch

Uses and application for this stitch: Can be worked on the edge of a seam or item.

Also buttonhole is a decorative surface stitch, as the upright arms can be varied to form shapes and patterns
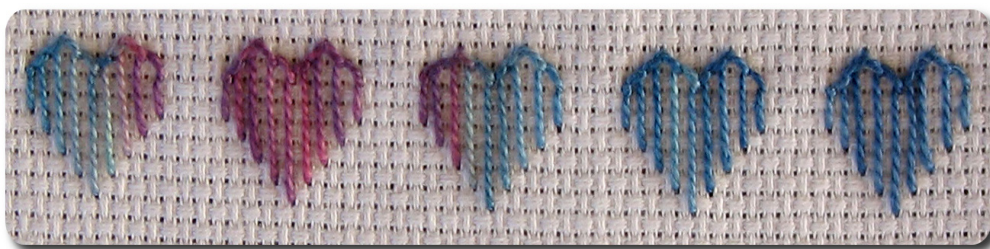
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This stitch is worked from left to right along parallel lines.

Commence by bringing the needle out on the top left-hand side of the line to be worked.

Make a small stitch on the lower line which points to the left, pull the thread through.

Insert the thread on the upper line a little to the right and make a small stitch which points to the left and pull the thread through.
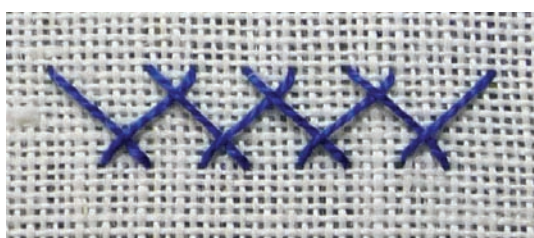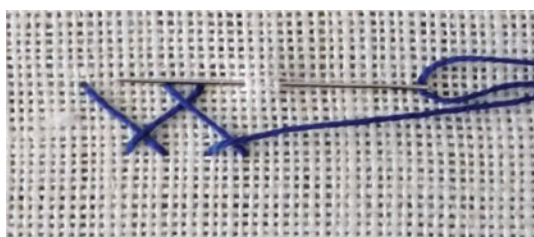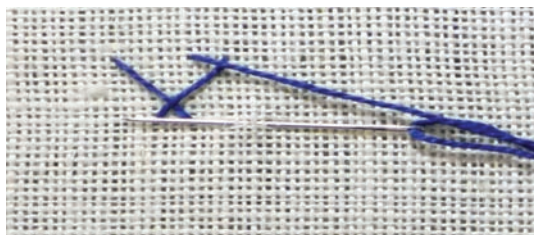
Continue in the manner along the line

Also known by:

Mossoul stitch, Persian stitch, Russian stitch, Russian cross stitch, plaited stitch, catch stitch, witch stitch

Uses and application for this stitch:

Decorative, as it can be worked for a border, as a fill, or along a curved line.
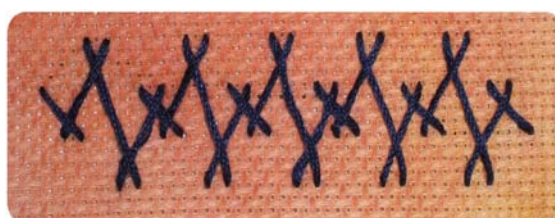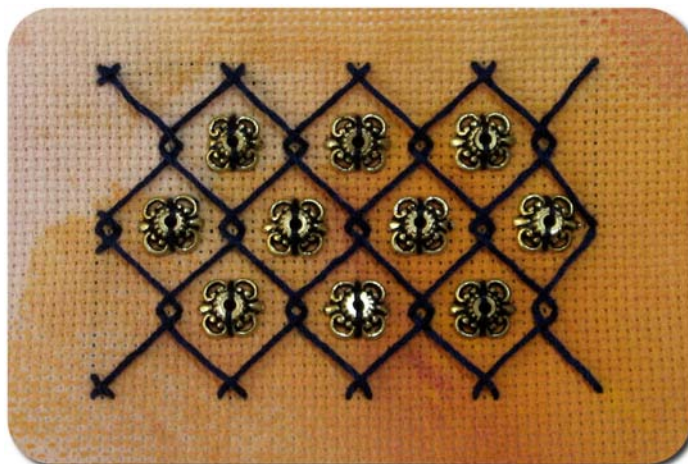

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