



SEWING TECHNIQUES

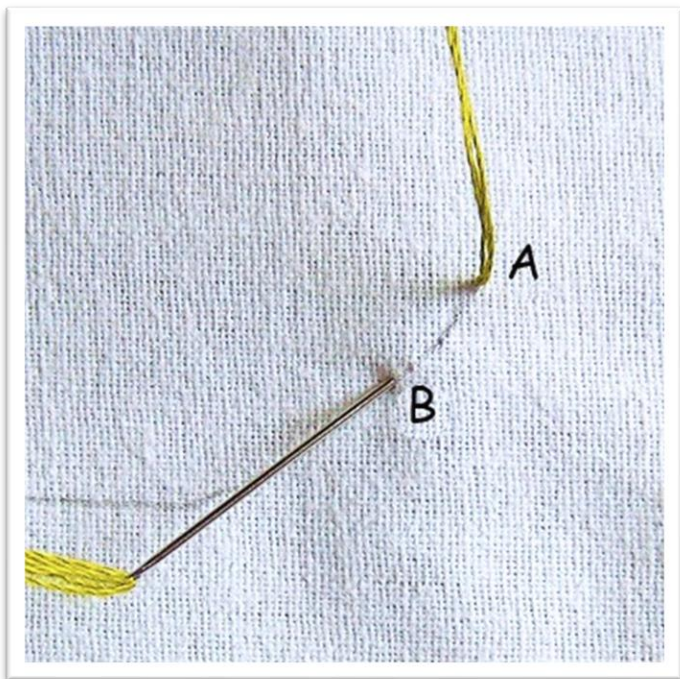


Outline Stitch

Stitch Category: Line stitch, Straight stitch

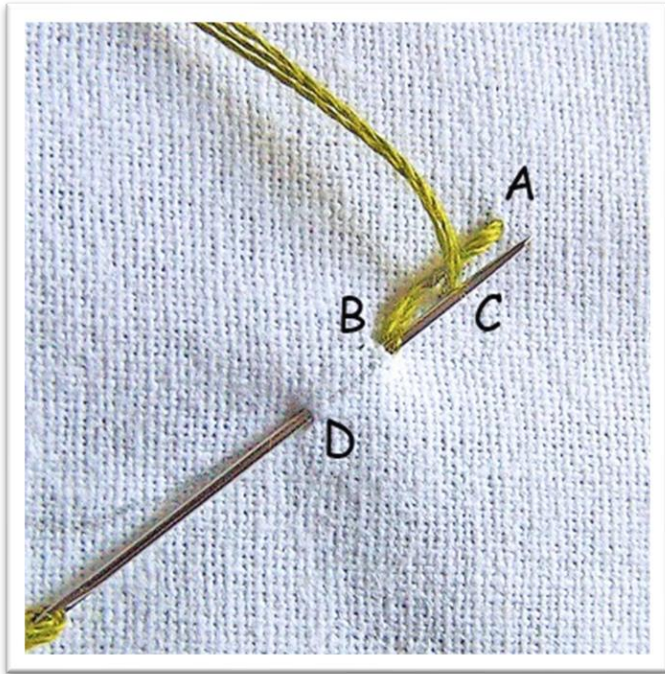
Used in: Surface embroidery - outlining and filling, Needlepoint, Smocking

As the name suggests, this stitch is used to mark outlines of a pattern. It is a flexible stitch that can follow easy curves. Many times, it replaces the Stem Stitch, which looks similar to the Out-line Stitch. The Outline Stitch is much smoother in appearance than the Stem Stitch.



1. Bring out the thread through **A** and in through **B**. Take the needle backward and bring the thread out through **C**. Make sure the point **C** lies about halfway through **A-B**.

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2. Also, note that **C** lies below the stitch **A-B**. This crucial point makes it different from the Stem Stitch. Go in through **D**. Try to mark **D** in such a way that the point **B** will lie half way through **C-D**. Come out through **B**. The stitch point **B** will be at the bottom of the previous stitch.



3. A finished row of Outline Stitch lies like this.

Good to Know...

The Outline Stitch resembles the Stem Stitch with a subtle difference. In the Stem Stitch, the gap between each stitch is slightly evident, unlike in the Outline Stitch. Also, the Stem Stitch follows a pattern where the needle comes out from the top of the previous stitch, while in an Outline Stitch, it comes out from the bottom of the last stitch.

REFERENCES:

- <https://www.embroidery.rocksea.org/images/embroidery/Lesson2-Printable-resource.pdf>