



SEWING TECHNIQUES



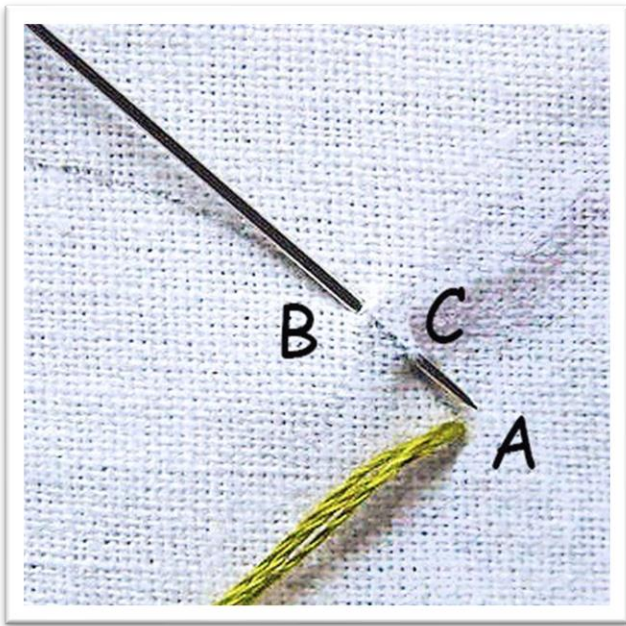
Stem Stitch

Also known as: Crewel Stitch / Stalk Stitch

Stitch Category: Line stitch, Straight stitch

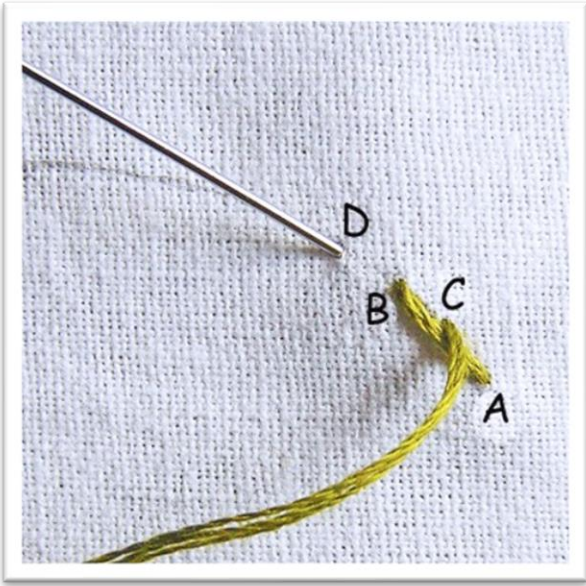
Used in: Surface embroidery - outlining and filling, Needlepoint

The Stem Stitch follows a backward motion like the Back Stitch to make the stitches. The interesting thing to note is that the reverse of a Stem Stitch produces a Back Stitch. As the name suggests, this stitch is popularly used for making stems outlines. It is also a popular stitch for Embroidery Lettering and stitching thin letters.

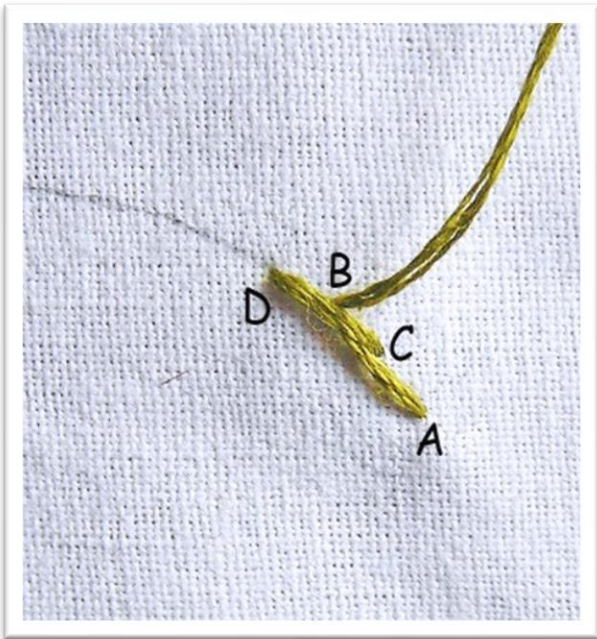


1. Bring out the thread through A and take it in through **B**. Take the needle backwards and bring the thread out through **C**. Note that the point **C** lies about half way through **A-B**.

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2. Also, note that **C** lies above the stitch **A-B**. So, all the subsequent stitch points will lie above their previous stitches



3. 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**.

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4. Continue the procedure to get a neat row of Stem Stitch like this.

REFERENCES:

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