Widow Maker's Crafternoon

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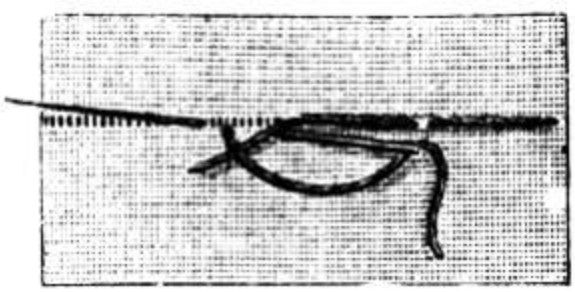
Fastening Threads Off and on

Starting a thread without a knot: the world's tiniest magic trick.



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"No knots: stitch first, then weave the ends away."

1. **Avoid Knots**
   Knots should be avoided altogether in white work.

2. **Fasten On in Hemming**
   Turn the needle backwards with the point up and take one stitch. Stroke and work the end of the thread in, underneath the turning.

3. **Back-Stitching or Running**
   Make one stitch with the new thread, then take both ends and lay them down together to the left. Work over them so they wind in and out of the next few stitches.