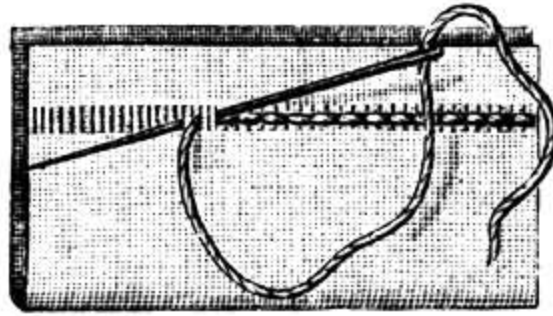


Stitching

A back stitch so exact it looks machine-made, if machines had patience.



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"In where you came out, out as far as you went."

1

Mark The Line

Count the threads for each stitch, or draw a thread through the fabric to mark a straight line to follow. If the line runs slanting, or you cannot draw a thread, run in a coloured tacking thread first as your guide instead.

2

Bring Needle Up

Bring your needle up through the fabric at the start of the line, where your first stitch will begin.

3

Insert At Last Point

Put the needle back in at the exact point where it came out to finish the stitch before it, so there is no gap between stitches.

4

Bring Needle Out Ahead

Bring the needle out again as many threads further along the line as your last stitch covered, keeping every stitch the same length.

5

Repeat The Row

Keep repeating these two moves along the marked line until you reach the end, keeping the stitches even and the line straight.