

# Winter Stitch Sampler

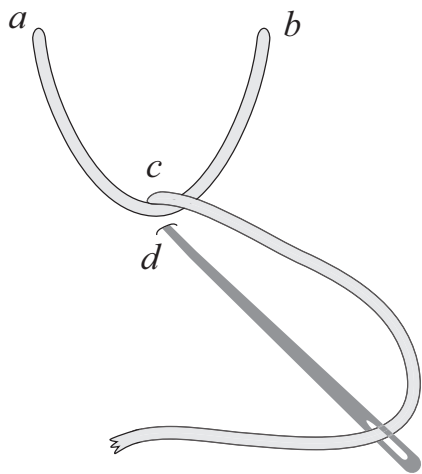




## USE 2 STRANDS OF FLOSS FOR THE SAMPLER STITCHES

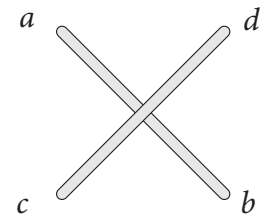
### Fly Stitch

Bring the needle through the top left at (a). Catch the thread with your thumb and insert the needle to the right (b) at the same height, a short distance away. Keeping some slack in the working thread - like a "U" hanging between (a) and (b) - take a small stitch downwards and to the centre (c) and keeping the working thread below the needle, pull through and insert the needle below the thread to anchor it (d). Varying the distance between (c) and (d) will result in a longer or shorter tail (a "Y" look versus a "V" look). Repeat in the next location.



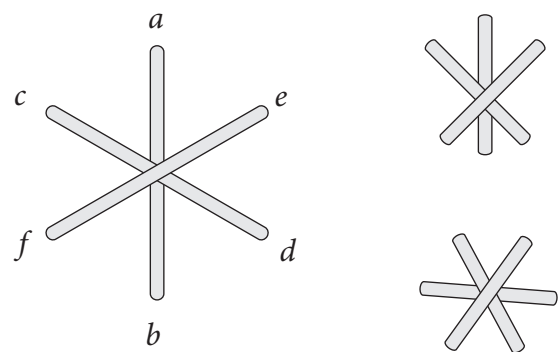
### Cross Stitch

Very simply, 2 straight stitches that cross over one another.



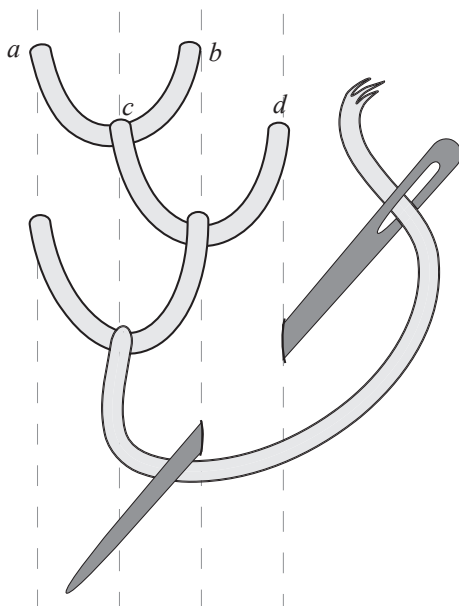
### Ermine Stitch

Very simply, 3 straight stitches that cross over one another.



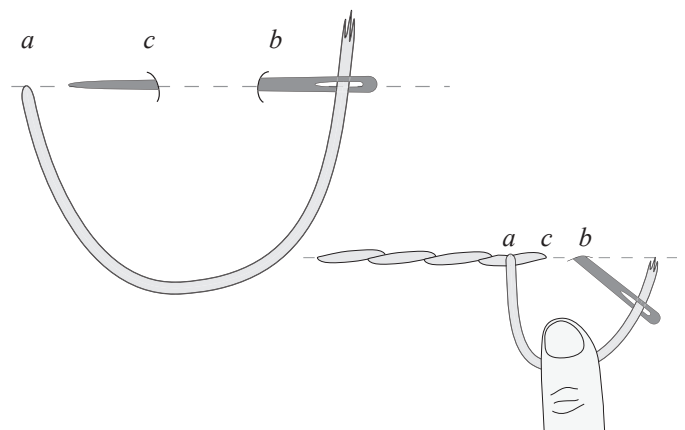
### Feather Stitch

Follow the directions for the Fly Stitch, but instead of anchoring the stitch, move (d) to the right/left and continue catching the working thread in this manner as you move down the line.



### Stem Stitch

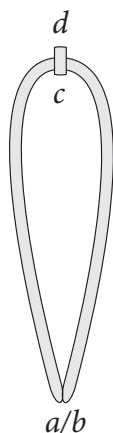
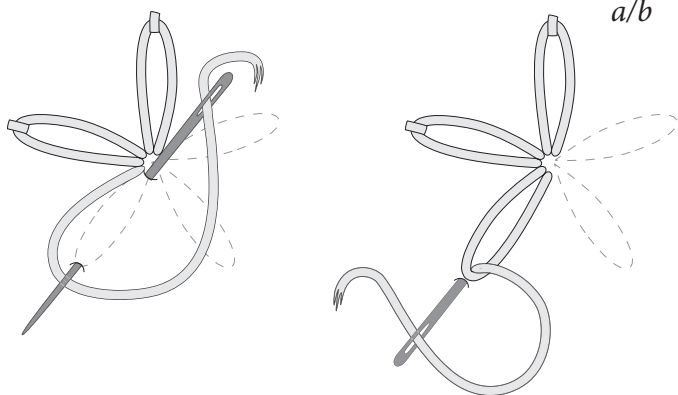
The Stem Stitch creates a twisted rope effect, perfect for filling in straight or curved lines. It can be used to fill an area by stitching parallel lines very close to one another. To begin the Stem Stitch, come out at your starting point (a). Bring the needle out a stitch length's away (b), keeping the working thread below the needle (you can use your thumb to hold the thread down). Come out halfway between (a) and (b) at (c). Repeat these steps along the path you are stitching.



## Detached Chain/ Lazy Daisy

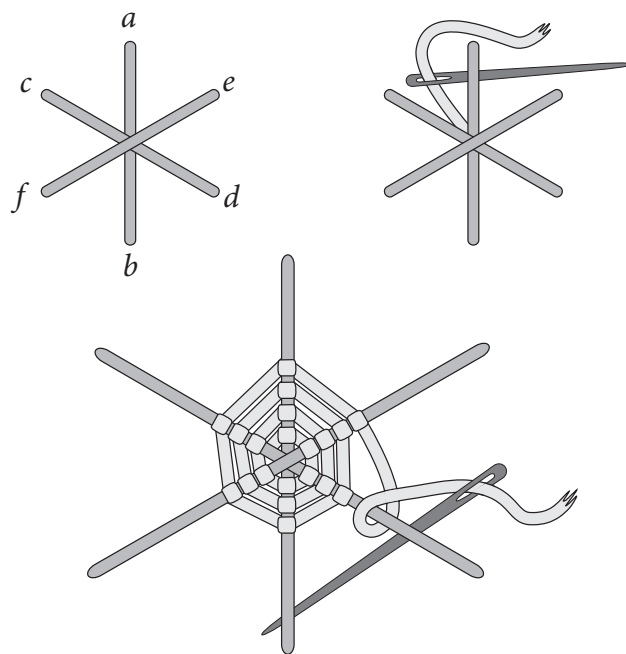
To make this stitch, bring the thread through the fabric (a) and catch with your free thumb. Go back through the same hole (b), still holding down the thread, and create a loop. Bring the needle up where you want to anchor the loop (c), and make a small stitch upwards, securing the thread.

Three or more Detached Chain Stitches radiating from a central point make up a Lazy Daisy.



## Spiderweb Stitch

Begin by crossing over three sets of Straight Stitches, as in the Ermine Stitch. Switch colours if you prefer, and emerge from the center, in between two of the "spokes". **Switch to a (blunt) tapestry needle, or use the eye of your needle for the next steps.** Wrap around the first spoke and go back underneath it as well as the next spoke. You should now have a wrapped spoke and a straight line connecting the two spokes. Go around the wheel, repeating the process until the web is filled in. You can use your fingers or the needle to gently push the wraps so that they sit neatly against the previous row of stitches.



# NOW PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!

## PINE CONE

Lines: Straight Stitch/DMC 938/1  
Scales: Fly Stitch/DMC 938/2

\*Use Fly Stitches to finish the bottom of the Pine Cone once the scales are done \*

## SNOWFLAKES (SMALL)

4-spokes: Cross Stitch/DMC 3765/2  
with Cross Stitch/DMC 747/1

6-spokes: Ermine Stitch/DMC 3765/2  
with Ermine Stitch/DMC 747/1



## LEAFY BRANCHES

Branches: Feather Stitch/DMC 915/1  
Leaves: DMC 915 & 732/1

## PINE BRANCH

Stem: Stem Stitch/DMC 938/2  
Needles: Straight Stitch/DMC 732/2

## SNOWFLAKE

Body: Spiderweb Stitch/DMC 3765 & 747/2  
Tips: Straight Stitches/DMC 3765/2

## EMBROIDER THESE ELEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

### PINECONE

- 1) Lines
- 2) Scales

### SNOWFLAKES (SMALL)

- 1) Base Stitch
- 2) Overlapping Stitch

### LEAFY BRANCH

- 1) Branch
- 2) Leaves

### PINE BRANCH

- 1) Stem
- 2) Needles

### SNOWFLAKE

- 1) Body
- 2) Tips

## Key for Stitch Diagram:

Chain Stitch/DMC 732/1

*type of stitch*

*colour*

*# of strands to use*

## COLOURS:

**Brown:** DMC 938

**Green:** DMC 732

**Purple:** DMC 915

**Light Blue:** DMC 747

**Dark Blue:** DMC 3765

# Sampler Club Bonus Print!

If you are part of the [Sampler Club](#) you will have received this screen printed pattern along with the Winter Sampler.

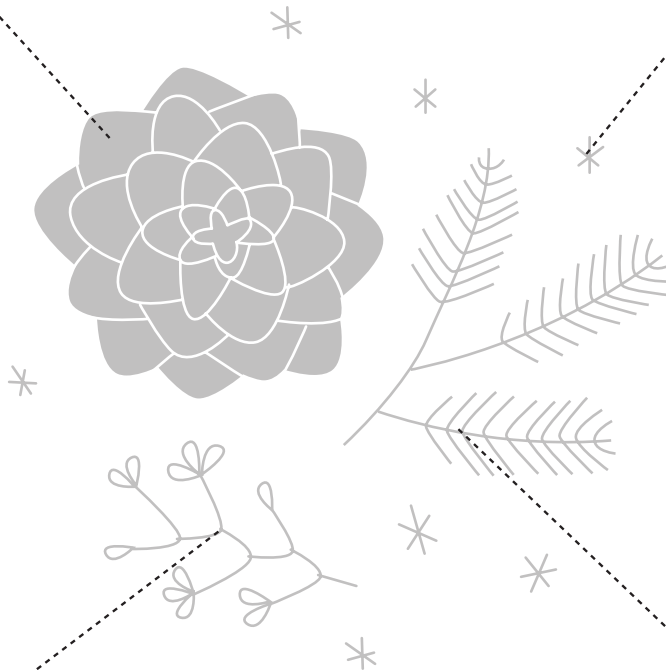
## PINE CONE

Scales: Fly Stitch/DMC 938/2

\*Start from the edges, work inward\*

## SNOWFLAKES

Ermine Stitch/DMC 3765 & 747/2



## LEAFY BRANCHES

Branches: Feather Stitch/DMC 915/1  
Leaves: DMC 747/1

## PINE BRANCHES

Stem: Stem Stitch/DMC 938/2  
Needles: Fly Stitches/DMC 732/2