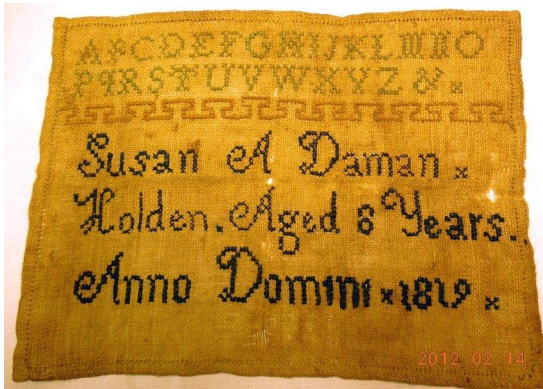




Hawaiian Mission Houses Site and Archives “Domestic Arts Room” 1821 Frame House



From Hawaiian Mission Houses Object Collections “Sampler” Made by Susan A. Damon, sister of Rev. Samuel C. Damon

Cross Stitch Basics

One of the many skills that Western Missionary women taught Native Hawaiians during the early 1800’s were the domestic arts. These included sewing, spinning wool, weaving and cross stitch. Learn how to cross stitch with simple video instructions by experts, Emma Freidlander-Collins and Vickie Pavone.

Emma Freidlander-Collins at Love Crafts

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=8&v=eO5s06kijjo&feature=emb_logo

Vickie Pavone at expertVillage

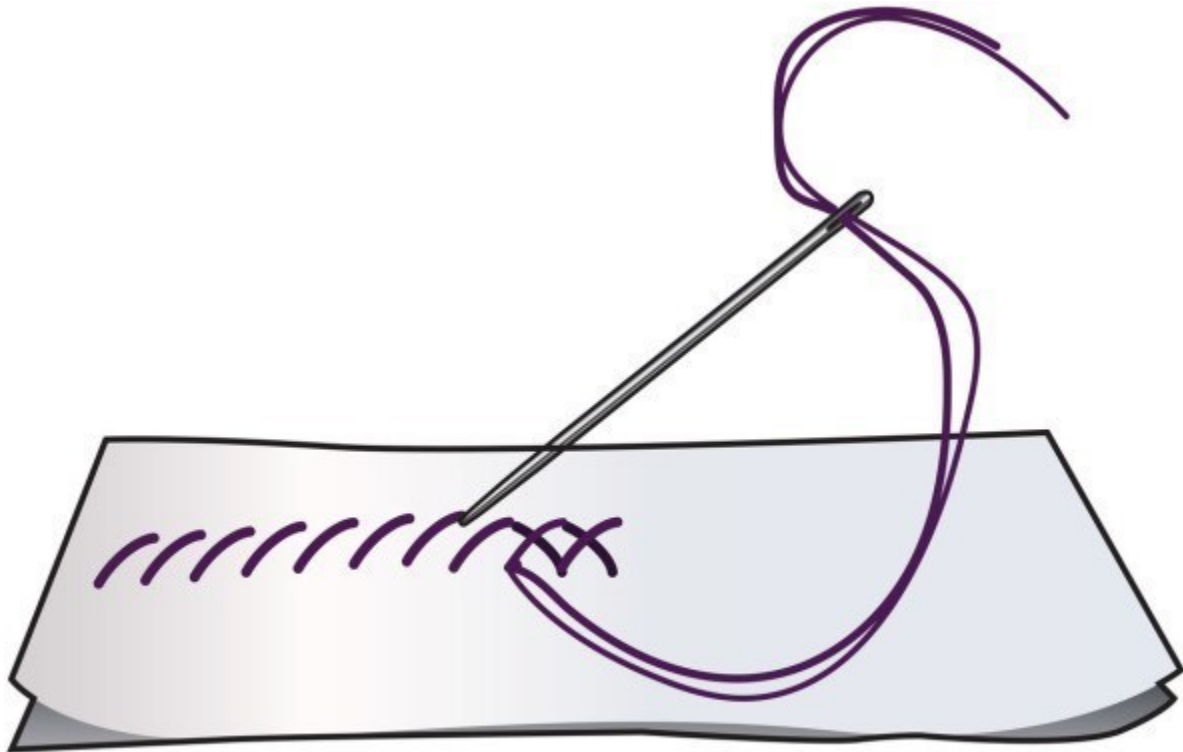
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Start with one of these five basic stitches:

1. Cross-**stitch**. Commonly used for decorative purposes, the cross-**stitch** is X-shaped and arrayed like tiles.
2. Whipstitch. The thread spirals around the edge of one or both pieces of fabric. ...
3. Running **stitch**. ...
4. Ladder **stitch**. ...
5. Backstitch.

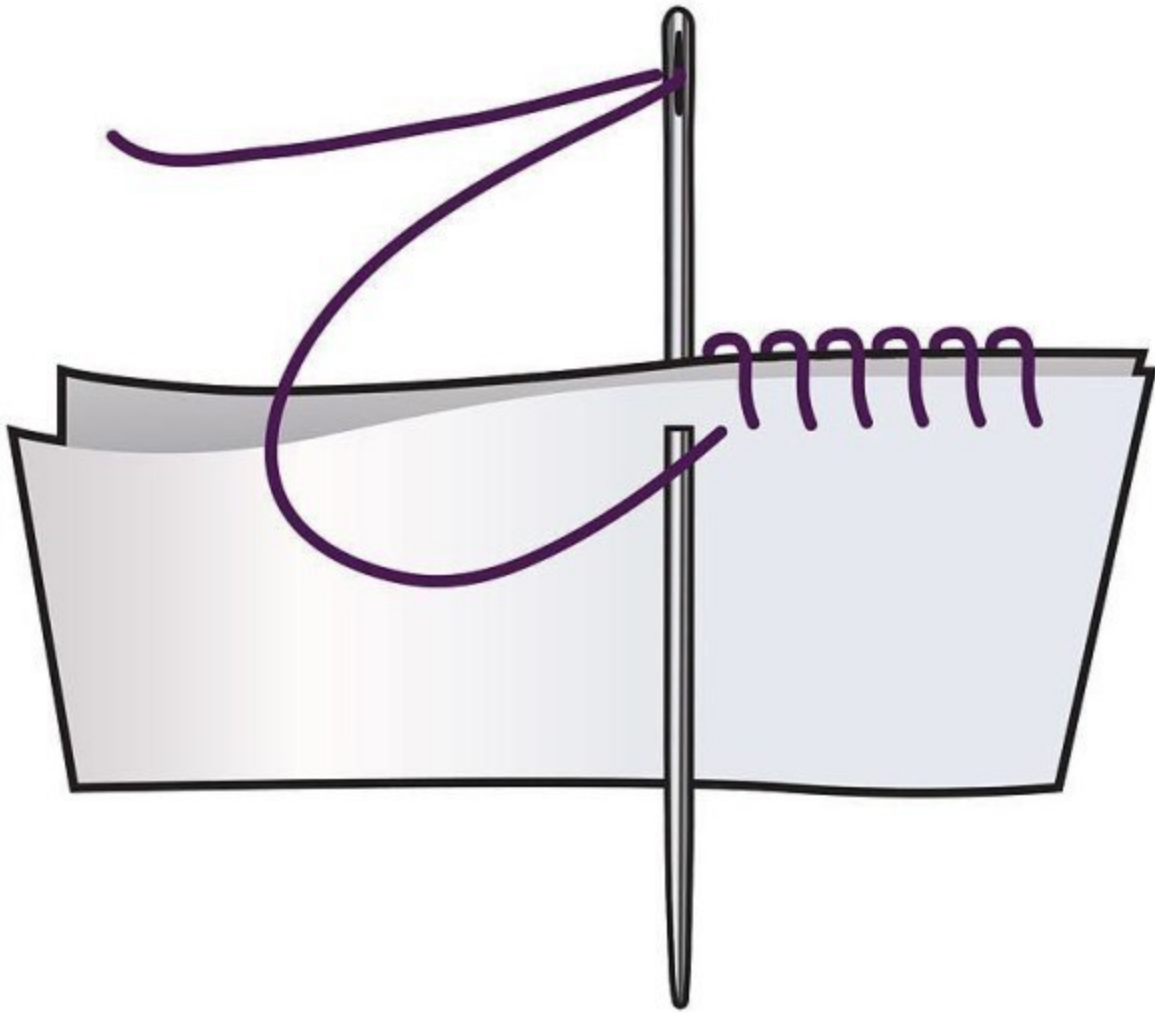
If your project requires attaching two textiles together or affixing an object like a button, you'll need to know some basic sewing skills. You'll need a needle, thread, and scissors. Needle threaders and thimbles are also helpful. Start with one of these five basic stitches:

Cross-stitch



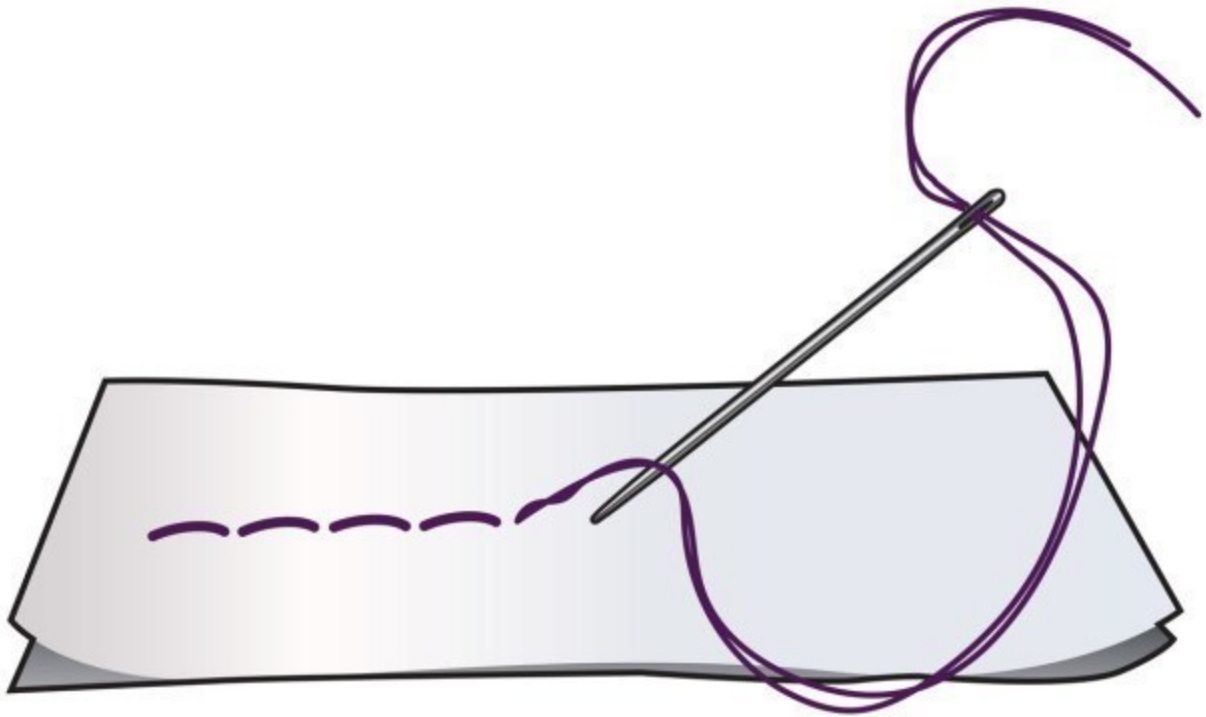
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Whipstitch



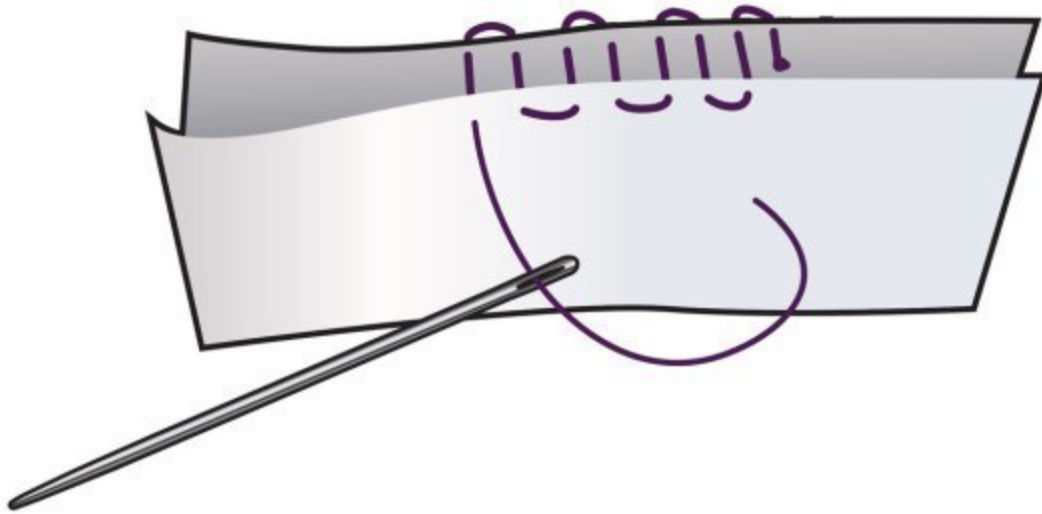
The thread spirals around the edge of one or both pieces of fabric. Commonly used to affix patches.

Running stitch



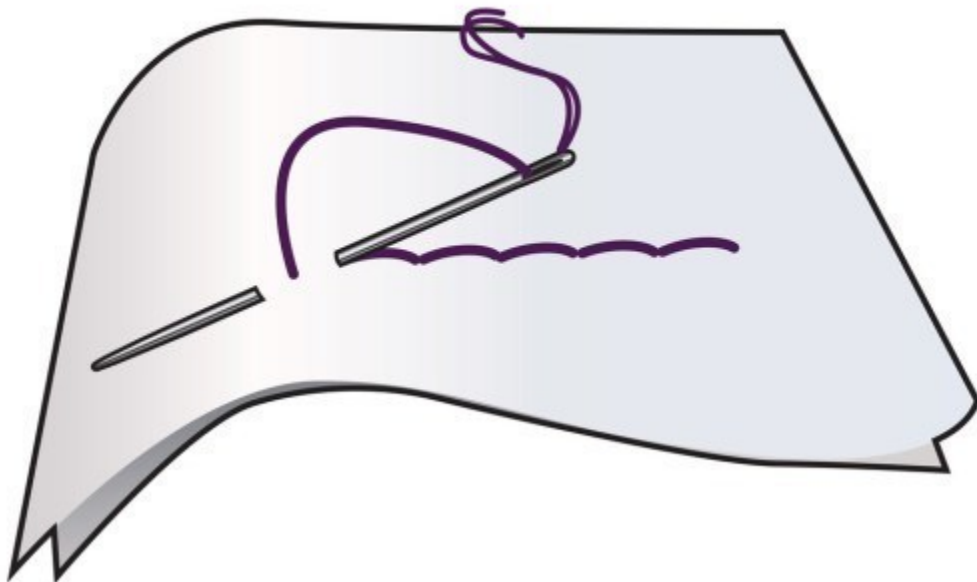
The thread runs straight along the fabric, going up and down with visible spacing between stitches on each side of the fabric.

Ladder stitch



Like the name implies, this stitch goes to the right, up, to the left, up, and repeats. Also called a blind or hidden stitch, this is useful for creating an invisible seam.

Backstitch



Similar to the running stitch, except that the thread doubles back so that there is no visible spacing between stitches.

