

# Stitching Guide



NOTE: We suggest securing ribbon ends on to the back with adhesive instead of knotting.

1. Lazy Daisy – Bring needle up at 1 and back down through the same hole making a loop. Bring needle up at the end of the loop 2, insert the needle back into the same hole catching the ribbon in between the stitch to hold the loop in place.

2. Straight Stitch – Come up from bottom, take needle down through the desired hole. Repeat.

3. Ribbon Rose – Stitch five straight stitches, that radiate from a center hole, to form a 5-spoke star. Bring a coordinating ribbon up through the center hole. Light weight ribbons such as silk are best for this stitch. Weave the ribbon over and under the spokes in a circular fashion, working outward until

desired fullness is achieved. Take the needle to the back to finish. Keep the ribbon loose. Allow ribbon to twist slightly to create the raised petal effect.

4. Cross Stitch – Make rows of evenly spaced diagonal stitches. Work the top stitches in the opposite direction to form an X. Make sure top stitches all lie in the same direction.

5. Ribbon Stitch – Bring needle up at 1. Lay the ribbon flat in the direction of the stitch. Insert the needle at the end of the stitch 2, piercing the center of the ribbon. Pull the needle through to the underside until the ribbon curls toward the tip. Take care not to pull the ribbon too tight.

6. French Knot – Bring needle up from the bottom. Hold the needle parallel to the fabric, wrap the ribbon twice around the needle; take care to keep the ribbon smooth. Insert needle into the original hole, holding the ribbon in place against the wrapped needle. Hold the remaining ribbon while pulling the needle through to the underside, releasing the ribbon as it disappears.

7. Couching – Use a straight stitch to suspend other fibers or items in place.