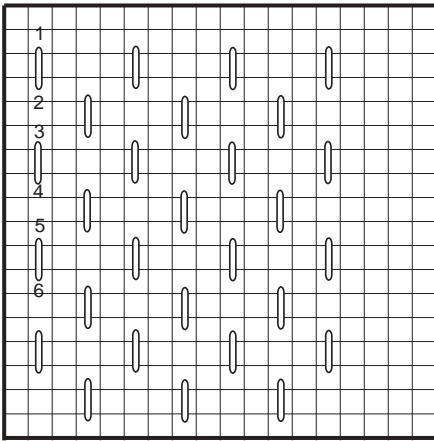
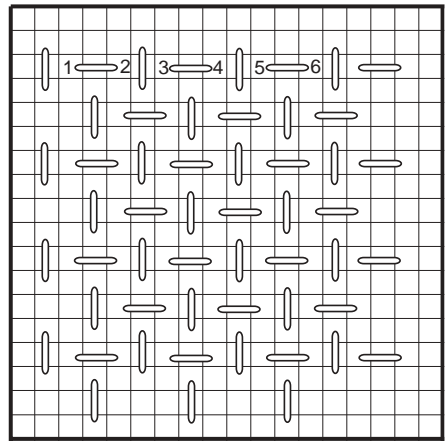


Woven Stitch



STEP 1



STEP 2

Need a quick background for a painted canvas? Here's the answer!

This open stitch gives the look of a woven basket when complete. Use a lighter weight thread to allow the painted canvas to show through. If you are covering a shaded background, select a thread that compliments the middle tone of the painting.

A more solidly covered background may be completed by using a heavier thread such as a metallic ribbon, Rainbow Gallery Flair or multiple plies of Splendor. Remember, if stitching with multiple plies of embroidery floss, the use of a laying tool will help control the thread and allow it to lie more smoothly.

How To:

Begin with step one following the numbers as charted. Bring the needle up at one and down at two, continue in this manner weaving your thread from the top of the canvas to the bottom. That's a darning pattern. Turn around and work your way back to the top.

Once the background is completed with rows of vertical stitches, begin again at the top and work in horizontal rows following step two. Work from left to right, then from right to left until the canvas is filled.

The Woven stitch is also great for baskets or fabric, maybe Santa's bag is woven from red Spring to make it slightly shimmery and shaded in tones of red. Try stitching the verticals in one color and the horizontals in another, maybe a pastel and white for the background of a baby sampler.