

Designs for Anne Cloth

Nun Stitched Edge

The Nun stitch is a finishing stitch that, when completed, will keep your piece from unraveling. It is a pulled stitch done using one strand of size 12 pearl cotton with a #24 tapestry needle. The Nun stitch looks like a backward "C". It is an "over two" stitch. See the stitch diagrams for instruction and the pattern chart for placement.

Begin by pulling out the thread just beyond where the Nun stitch is shown on the chart. This missing thread is called the **ditch thread**. The "ditch", the vacant thread track, will mark the outer boundary for your Nun stitch. Begin stitching on the upper left side with the front of the project facing you. Bring your thread up in the "ditch" to start. When you reach the woven borders of the Anne Cloth, treat them as if they are two threads. When you arrive at the corner, turn the fabric one quarter turn clockwise. The back of the "C" now becomes the top of the "C" on the new side.

Here is a little chant you can repeat as you follow the arrows

- Bring your thread up from the **ditch** to start the Nun stitch.
- 1 — 2 **Over 2 (threads) and back to (the ditch)**
 - 3 — 4 **Over 2 (threads) and down 2 (threads)**
 - 5 — 6 **Up 2 (threads) and back 2 (down 2 threads)**
 - 7 — 8 **Up 2 (threads) and over to (the ditch)**
 - 9 — 10 **The same as step 1 — 2**

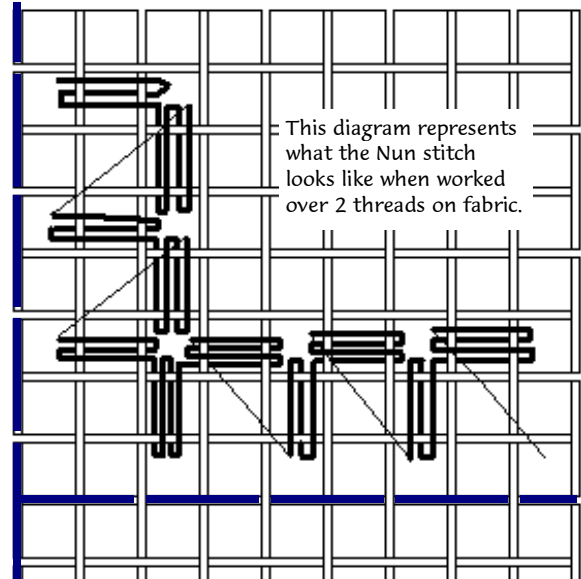
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Fringing the projects

For a 9 SQ tabletopper: pull out the 15th thread on the outside of the finished Nun stitched edge.

For a doily: pull out the 10th thread on the outside of the finished Nun stitched edge.

Use this as a cutting guide to even up the fabric so that all four edges will be the same width. Fringe by pulling out the long threads parallel to the Nun stitched edge.

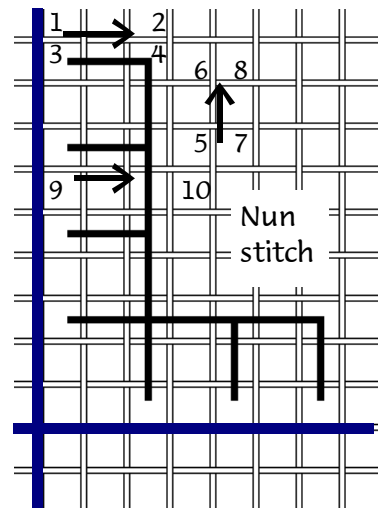


Two diagrams for the Nun stitch

Each diagram looks very different but they show the same stitch.

The diagram above represents how the Nun stitch looks on fabric.

The diagram below, with the arrows, is included in all of our charts. The arrows on that diagram are for *stitch direction only*.



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