

Polstitches Designs

Pol's Pinhead Stitch Directions

Sit with the fabric in front of you...when we are working on evenweave over 2 we work for one stitch over 9 small holes. Shall we number these holes...

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 9

For a normal cross stitch we would normally come up at 7 and go down at 3. Hopefully you can see where I mean. Now here we are going to secure the thread under the stitch before we attempt the cross stitch on top. Here is how it is done...

A

Come up at 6 and leave a tail at the back and go down in the middle of the stitch at 5 (yes it does seem unusual but bear with me...lol). Keep your finger on the tail so it can't get loose. You should just have stitch that looks like a very small backstitch.

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OK we are going to do the other side now...remember to keep you finger on that tail. Come up at 4 and back down into the center at 5, when you have done this give the thread that runs through the needle a short sharp tug, this has the effect of pulling the two tiny stitches nice and tight. Don't worry too much if they look too tight as in the end you won't see them!

Now the thread should be secure so proceed with your cross stitch over these stitches. Come up at 7 and down at 3...up at 9 down at 1.

What you should now be looking at is a completed cross stitch with the two tiny stitches underneath. You might get it the first time but then again you might need a bit of practice as I did.

To finish using it you can do it under a stitch that is already stitched aiming for the middle or if you are still using the same color do it on the next stitch.

Of course when working on aida, you have only 4 holes so you have to guess where holes 4, 5, and 6 are, but it works just as well.