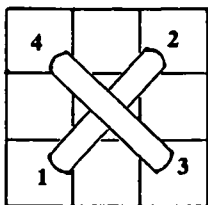




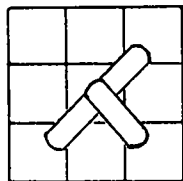
Gallery of Stitches

Welcome to Keepsake Stitches Gallery of Stitches. Stitch diagrams have been provided as a reference when working the complimentary designs on this web site. You can work the designs entirely in cross stitch, however, I would encourage you to try some of the stitches recommended with the complimentary designs. It will make your needlework much more fun.

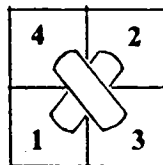
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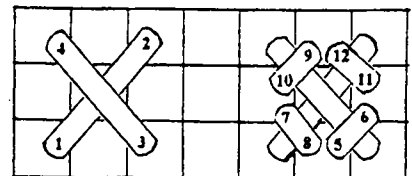
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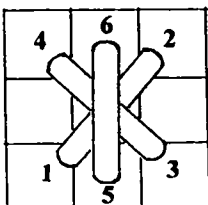
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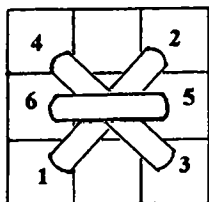
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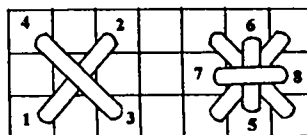
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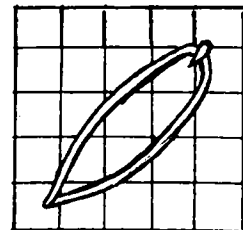
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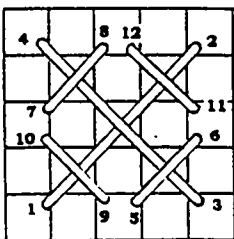
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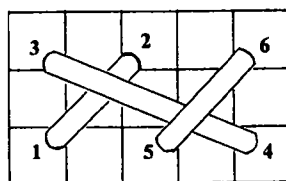
Diagonal Lazy Daisy over four linen threads



William & Mary (Rice)

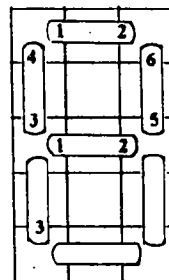


Greek Cross Stitch



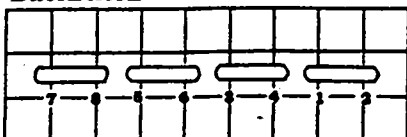
When working this stitch in rows, work rows from left to right.

Four-sided

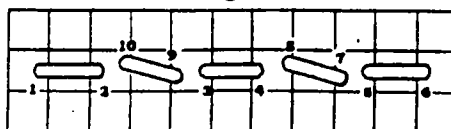


The Four-sided stitch is a pulled stitch. Pull each stitch slightly as you work. Stitch over each leg twice. Turn your work to stitch in the direction as shown on the diagram.

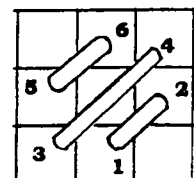
Backstitch



Double Running



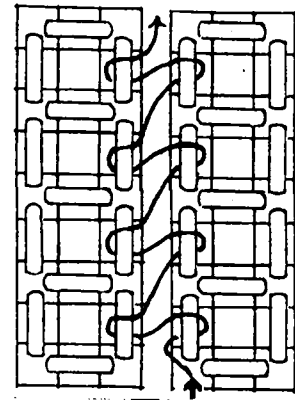
Mosaic



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Lacing the Four-sided Stitches

To join a pin cushion, ornaments or sachets using the Four-sided stitches, finger press a 1/2" seam allowance along the edges of the Four-sided stitches on the front and back pieces. Press seams with an iron to the wrong side. Using two strands of floss, begin with a tacking stitch in the seam allowance next to the folded edge and for approximately one inch work running stitches over and under two linen threads. Bring needle and thread up to the front of your work on one side. Lace through the legs of the Four-sided stitches (not into the linen) working back and forth from front to back as shown in the stitch diagram to the right. Lace up one side, across the top and down the second side. The bottom remains open so you can fill the pin cushion with polyester fiber fill (or a filling of your choice such as lambs wool or potpourri). Once the pin cushion is filled, finish lacing the bottom of the pin cushion. Secure your thread at the end of the seam line and run needle and thread through the seam allowance for a few inches. Bring needle and thread up to the front of your work and pull up on the thread slightly and cut it off. The end of the thread will pop back into the seam allowance.



Bring needle & thread
up here

Note: If you run out of thread while lacing, fasten off and run it into the seam allowance as done above. Continue with a new thread just as you began.

I hope you will enjoy this sampler of stitches and the complimentary designs on my web site. In my designs I use a number of different stitches. Some you are probably familiar with and others not so familiar. That is what makes counted thread embroidery so much fun. Also in my designs I use a combination of stitches for finishing as done with lacing the Four-sided stitches described above. There are many different combinations of stitches that are fun to use in this same way and I encourage you to try some of my pin cushions and scissor cases. Each of my designs provide a variety of specialty stitches and different ways to finish each piece. All my designs are available through your local needlework shops. Hope you will try one of my designs in the future.

Happy Stitching!!!