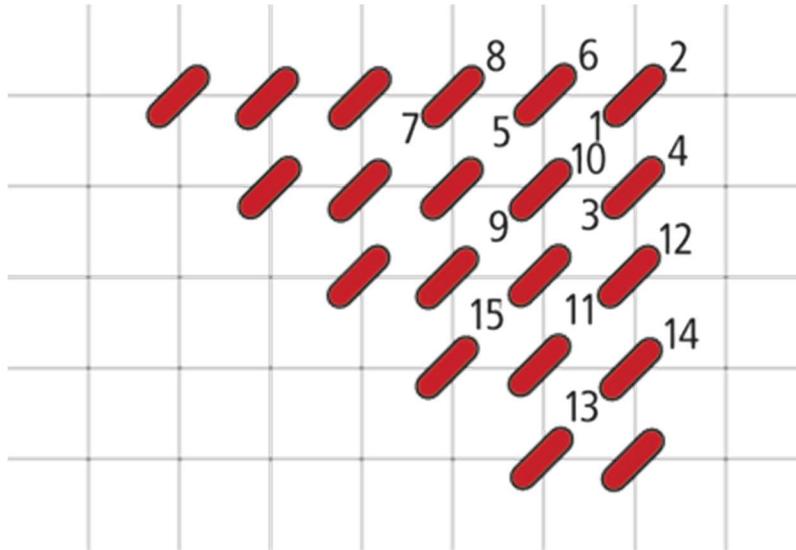


Small Project 2: Using Basket Weave Stitch

On the front of the project, the basket weave stitch looks like the tent or continental stitch, but on the back of the project, it has a woven look. This is a very durable stitch to use on projects that will be handled.

Figure 1 Basket Weave Stitch



For this project, I used just the basket weave stitch and materials from my stash. It was good practice doing the basket weave stitch. I always have to look at a pattern to get it started correctly. I discovered that you can't switch from basket weave to tent stitches, because it will show on the right side, especially if you do a long row of them.

This project can either be a pin cushion, frame weight, scissors fob, or needle roll depending on how large you make it and how you finish it.

For the pictured scissors fob, I used 18 count white canvas and leftover floss from my stash.

Materials from stash

Fabric—I used 18 count white canvas because I had an 8"x 8" piece.

You can use other fabrics, colors, or sizes.

Floss or fibers—I used leftover cotton floss from projects and kits. 18" lengths work well.

First decide on what kind of project you want to end up with. I selected a scissors fob, because I like them (they're small) and I had that piece of canvas in my stash.

Then I decided to use my floss by randomly drawing the lengths of floss from a pile of assorted colors. My pile of leftover floss didn't have enough of any one color to actually make any particular pattern. If you have a large amount of floss or fiber, you could try a pattern of some kind. Easy patterns would be stripes, squares, rectangles and other simple shapes.

I finished my scissors fob by folding the corner under, stitching the open closed with stuffing inside it and a loop of ribbon at one end. Finish your project however you like.

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Fig. 2 my finished project



Have fun. If you want to use up more materials, make a bigger project—purse, frame weight, mouse pad, book cover, etc. Post pictures of you finished projects, please.

Instructions for basket weave stitch from Internet:

Web pages that contain charts diagrams and instructions for
<https://www.needlepoint-for-fun.com/basketweave-stitch.htm>

<http://needlepointteacher.com/stitches/numbered-a-b/basketweave/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evF3xfuKHYw>

Contains instructions for left-handers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evF3xfuKHYw>