



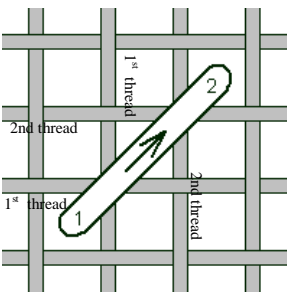
*"Accent" your stitches with linen fabric*

**STITCHING ON LINEN IS EASY AS TIC-TAC-TOE!**

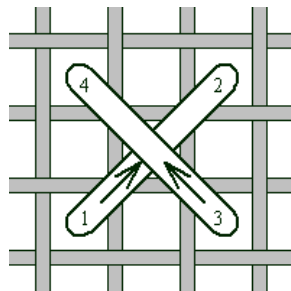
1. To stitch over 2 threads you must create your own "square" by counting the threads of the fabric.
2. Imagine two horizontal and two vertical threads crossing like a Tic-Tac-Toe grid.
3. Bring your needle up from the back of the fabric in the lower left "hole". Count 2 threads up and 2 threads to the right and bring your needle down in that upper right "hole". [ILLUSTRATION 1] You have made the first leg of your stitch.
4. To cross the stitch, bring your needle up from the back of the fabric to the front 2 threads below the upper right stitch. Count 2 threads up and 2 threads to the left. Bring your needle down in that upper left "hole". [ILLUSTRATION 2] You have now made your first cross stitch!
5. When stitching a row of stitches, follow ILLUSTRATIONS 3 and 4.
6. You will be less likely to make a mistake in counting threads if you work touching areas of stitches rather than skipping around.

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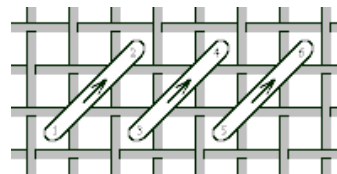
**ILLUSTRATION 1**  
*First leg of stitch*



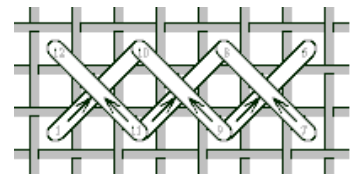
**ILLUSTRATION 2**  
*Full cross stitch*



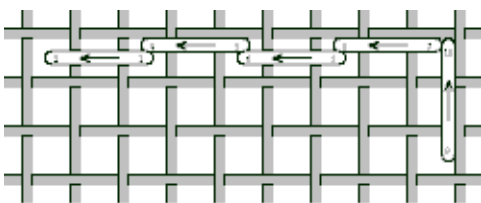
**ILLUSTRATION 3**  
*first 3 stitches*



**ILLUSTRATION 4**  
*First 3 stitches crossed*



**ILLUSTRATION 5**  
*Backstitch*



*Although the stitches appear to be staggered, they will lay in a straight line when stitched*

**ILLUSTRATION 6**  
*Quarter stitches*

