

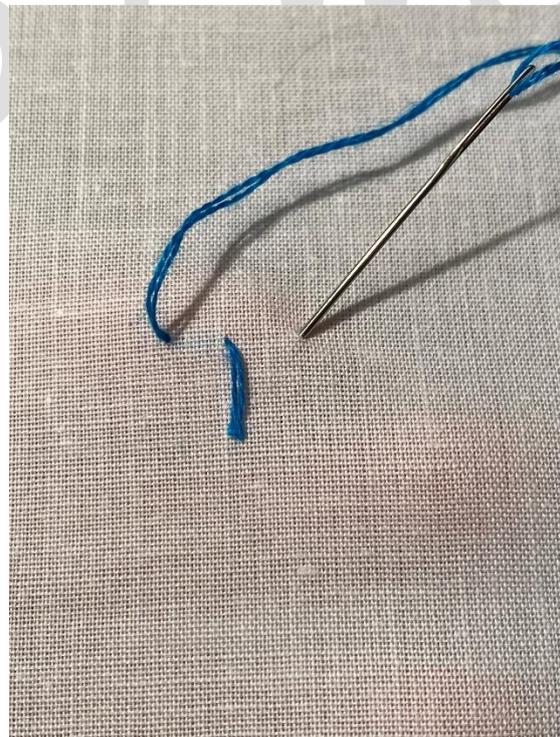
Turkey Stitch

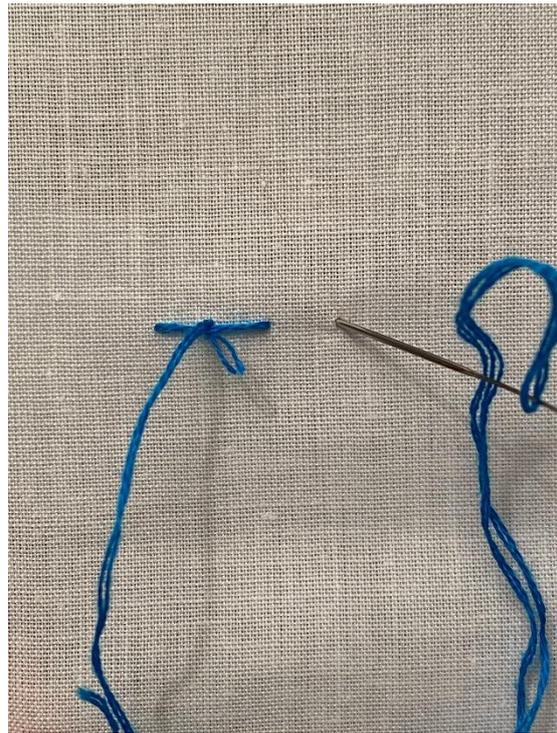
Turkey stitch is also known as the ghiordes knot, and can be used for a fluffy, rug-like effect, especially when used with yarn or thick thread. The thread used below is only 2 strands of a 6 stranded cotton, to easily show you how the stitch is carried out.

Firstly, rather than coming up from behind the fabric, you start from the front of the fabric – and without a knot. It does take getting used to 😊 You can see the tail of the thread in the first picture.

Come up to the left of the tail, and then back down again, in a straight stitch, to the right of the tail.

Usually, the effect is better, the closer you can get your stitches/the smaller. However, here, in order to show you the stitch, I have kept quite a bit of space.

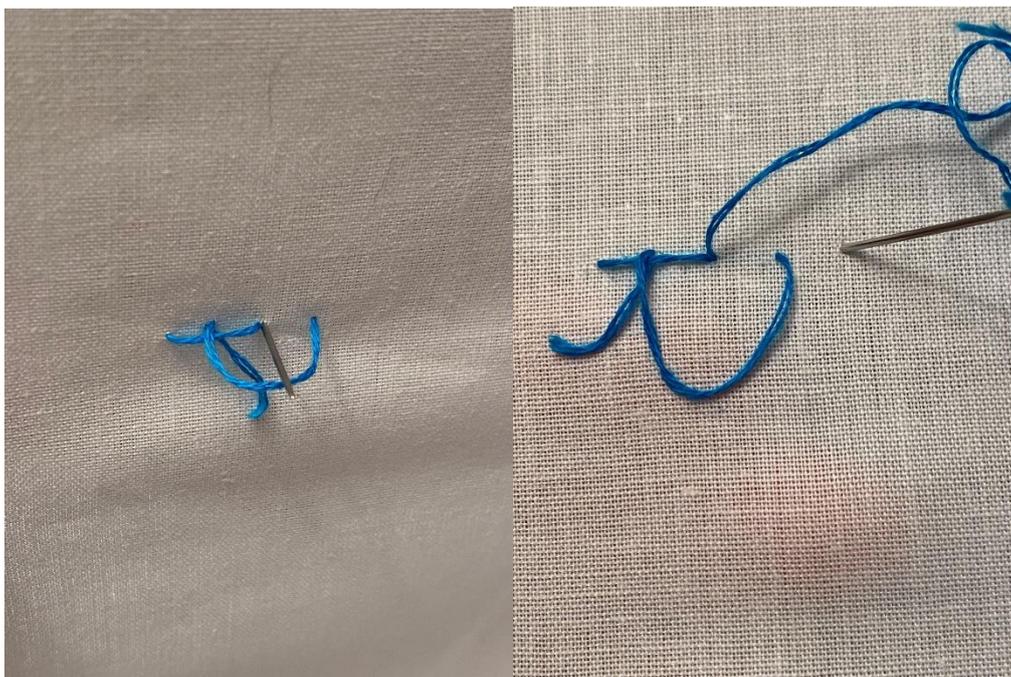




Come back up just above the middle of the stitch (where the tail is), and go back down into the fabric, another stitch length away – MAKING SURE TO KEEP A LOOP OF THREAD ON THE SURFACE OF THE FABRIC.

See the picture below.

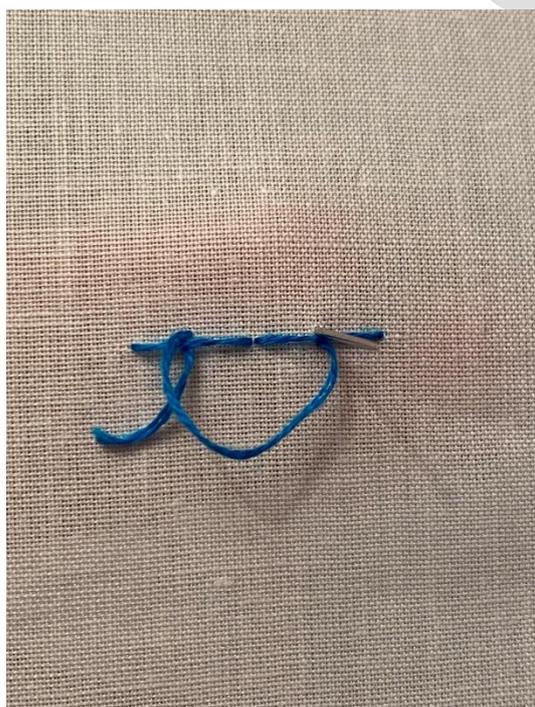


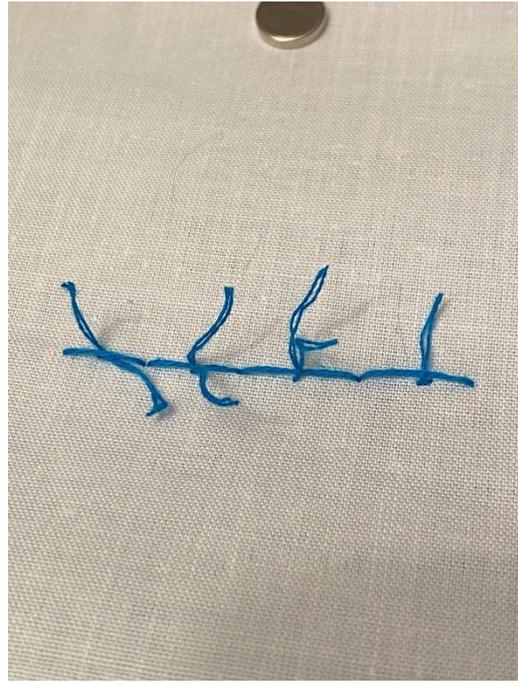


Essentially, you're going to be repeating this stitch for as long as you need to.

Come back up to the front of the fabric (don't forget to leave that loop) and create another straight stitch as in the pictures above.

You're then going to create another loop – come back up to the front of the fabric halfway through the stitch you've just done – at the end of the last loop, and create another loop.





When you've finished doing your line of Turkey stitches, you've come to the scary but fun part.

Using your sharp, pointed embroidery scissors, cut the loops!

The effect does look a bit scraggly in the above picture, but again, this is just to demonstrate the stitch itself.

Imagine several rows of these in a thick, luscious yarn that would give you the effect of a field of grass or a carpet pile that you just want to sink into 😊

