Lazy Daisy

A lazy daisy stitch is essentially 5 chain stitches around a small imaginary circle to make a flower.

See the picture below for the end result, and the instructions below for a chain stitch.



Chain Stitch

Come up to the front of the fabric, and then pull the needle back down again in the same spot, or really close to it – but DON'T PULL THE THREAD ALL THE WAY THROUGH!



Pull the thread through to the front a little way down — and pull the needle and thread through the 'circle' of thread that you've left. Don't pull too hard, if you'd like a 'rounded' chain stitch.







If this is the only chain stitch you're doing, and not a full chain of chain stitches, to finish it, push the needle through the fabric just on the other side of the rounded chain. If you're doing a chain, you don't want to finish the stitch, but effectively create another chain stitch — so, push the needle through the fabric in the same place it has come out. Continue in this way until you've created a chain in the length that you'd like.







This photo shows that you can create a chain in wiggly lines as well.

The photo also demonstrates that you can play with the length of the 'fixing' stitch – in this example it looks like a leaf!