Crested Chain Stitch



The crested chain stitch is a little like a horizontal row of stiches that look a little like spiky chain stitches. The stitch is worked from left to right.

Start with a horizontal chain, as in the picture below – coming up in the middle of the loop.





Bring the thread to the bottom, to keep it out of the way for the next part of the stitch. Above your thread, pierce the fabric with a down/up motion, so that the needle sits in the fabric.

Move the thread so that it goes over the needle, and then under the tip, bringing the thread to the bottom of the fabric.





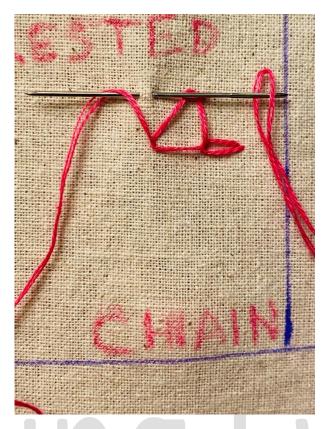
Pull the needle through, for the knot to form.

Bring the needle down inside the loop of the 'detached chain', and bring the tip of the needle up to the left side, so that the needle is 'stuck' in the fabric.

Make sure that the thread is under the tip, from the top to the bottom. Pull the needle through.

Start your second stitch, in the same way as you did the top of the 'triangle' in the first stitch.





Make sure that the thread loops over the tip of the needle – over and then under, bringing the thread down to the bottom of the fabric.

Start the next stitch at the bottom left of the previous 'triangle' and come up to the left, making sure that the thread is behind the tip of the needle.





Continue on in this way, stitching a row of these 'triangles' – or crested chains.

Then play with the stitches, such as with the height or width of each of the triangles.

