

## Blanket Stitch

Blanket stitch is often used for sewing edges of fabric to neaten them up and prevent fraying.

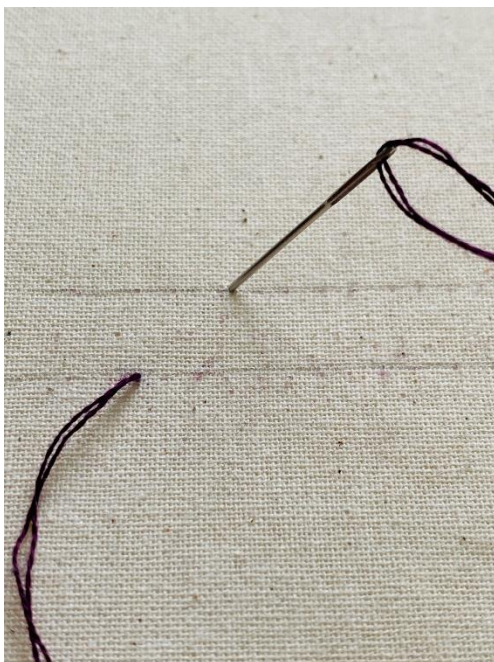
It's also used for applique, to stitch one piece of fabric onto another.

Or, simply, used because of the texture it creates.

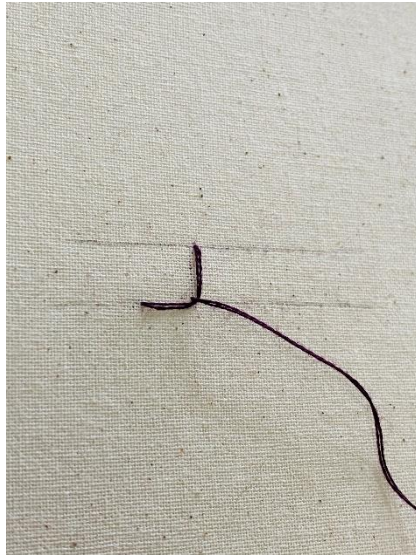
In the photos below, we see how blanket stitch is stitched between two lines. The 'long line' of the stitch (or the bottom pencil line in the photos) is usually the edge of your fabric.

Come up to the front of the fabric with your thread and go back down at an angle (in the direction of your stitching – in the photo, we're stitching left to right).  
Make sure you leave a loop on the surface of the fabric.

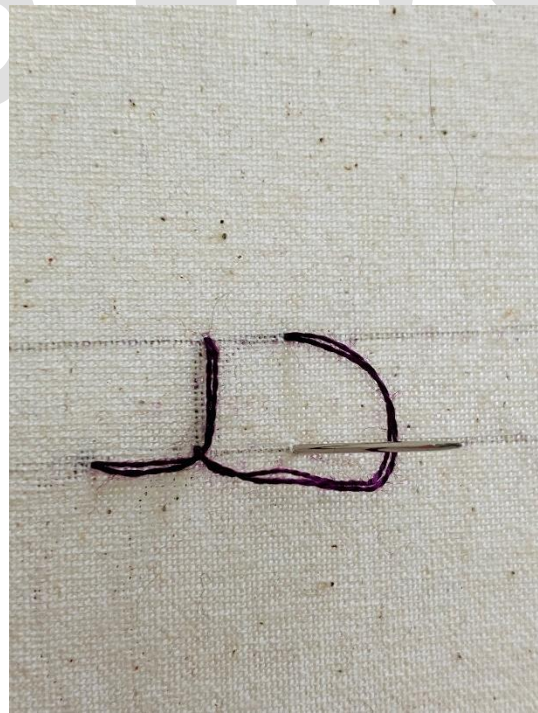
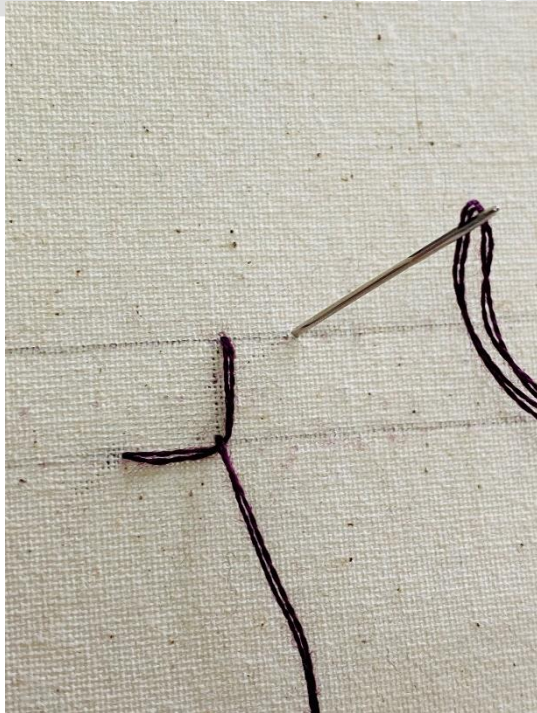
Then, come back up again, in the middle of the loop – at right angles to your previous up and down. That is, straight down from where you went back down the fabric, and along the line from where you first came up.

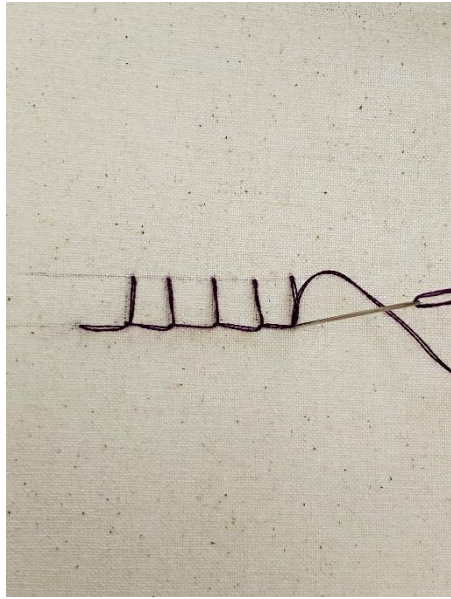


Gently pull the thread tight, to produce two sides of a square shape



Then repeat the previous stitch – going back down at an angle, leaving a loop, and coming back up in the loop, along the bottom line.





Carry on in this vein, until you've reached the end.

You secure your stitches by going back down in roughly the same place you came up from the last stitch – on the other side of the thread.

You can vary the stitch by playing with the sizes of each element of the stitch, making them shorter or longer.

You can even make your lines angled, rather than straight.

