

Satin Stitch Tutorial

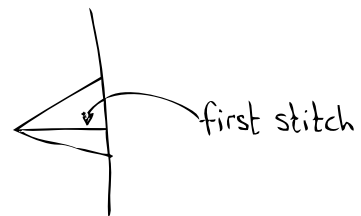
In these pictures you can see that I have already appliquéd the trolley into position and using a fine tipped fabric marking pen traced the stitchery design onto the right side of my stitchery fabric. I don't use and an embroidery hoop but if you do then please go ahead and use yours, I do use a thimble but if you don't, that's OK too. I have used two strands of embroidery thread and outlined the entire cat with backstitch, now I am going to show you how to do the cats stripes in satin stitch.



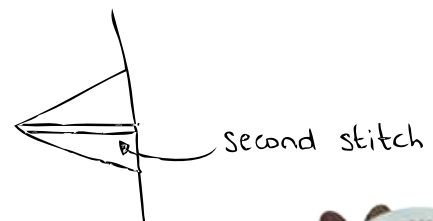
1. Starting with a knot at one end of the thread, bring the thread through from the back to the front of the work at the point of one of the cats stripes.



2. Go back into the fabric directly opposite where you brought the thread out, this needs to be right next to the line of backstitch so there is no gap. This first stitch is in the centre of this stripe.



3. Working on one side of the centre stitch, bring the thread back out, keep it nice and close to the first stitch, follow the drawn line to get the right position.





4. Taking care to keep the stitches close together, continue adding stitches to this side of the centre stitch, making each stitch shorter to fit within the drawn line.



5. Continue working until you have filled one side of the stripe.





8. Fill the other side of the centre stitch in the same way.



9. I hope your cat's stripes look a bit like this. Please remember that it takes practise for your stitches to be even.



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