

DETACHED CHAIN (LAZY DAISY) STITCH

LEFT-HANDED



1 Bring the needle up where you want the pointed end of the chain to be.



2 Insert the needle just beside where you came up (but not through the same hole) and bring the point of the needle up where you want the chain to end.



3 Make sure the thread is under the point of the needle and sitting snugly around it.



4 Pull the needle and thread through to the front to form the stitch. Don't pull it too tight or it will lose its rounded shape.



5 Insert the needle again just on the other side of the thread loop to make the holding stitch.



6 Pull the thread through to the back to complete the stitch.



7 For a filled or double lazy daisy stitch, make the outer stitch as described in Steps 1-6. Come up inside the first stitch, and repeat Step 2 inside the outer stitch.



8 Make sure the thread is under the point of the needle and sitting snugly around it. Pull the needle through.



9 Complete the inner stitch by working its holding stitch just below the holding stitch of the outer stitch. (Use a darker shade of thread for the inner stitch to add depth.)



10 To make leaves, work the stitch as in Steps 1-4 with the pointed end being the top of the leaf. Instead of a tiny holding stitch, insert the needle some distance away.



11 Pull the needle and thread through to the back to form a stalk for the leaf (bottom left).



12 Work a second detached chain with its long holding stitch going down at the same place as the previous one to make a pair of leaves around a central flower perhaps.