

Woven spider's web rose

RIGHT-HANDED



1 You must have an odd number of foundation spokes for this stitch. To begin, make a fly stitch that looks like a Y with the legs the length of the radius of the desired circle.



2 Sew the holding stitch of the fly stitch same length as the previous two legs.



3 Bring the needle up halfway down one side and the same distance out from the centre and insert it at the junction of the Y.



4 Repeat Step 3 on the other side. For circles larger than 12mm (1/2in) diameter, make the Y narrower at the top and put two spokes on each side to make a total of seven.



5 The ends of the five or seven foundation spokes should be reasonably evenly spaced and form a circle.



6 Bring the needle up near the centre between two spokes. Working anticlockwise, go over the nearest spoke and under the next one.



7 Pull the needle and thread through, then go over the next spoke and under the following one.



8 Continue weaving the needle over and under the spokes in turn, rotating the work as needed.



9 As you build the weaving around the spokes outwards from the centre, don't pull the thread too tightly or it will distort the shape and spoil the 'rose' effect.



10 The stitches around the outer ends of the spokes are quite long and need to be fairly loose to maintain the rounded shape.



11 When the spokes are full, take the needle to the back and finish off the thread behind the completed woven spider's web rose.