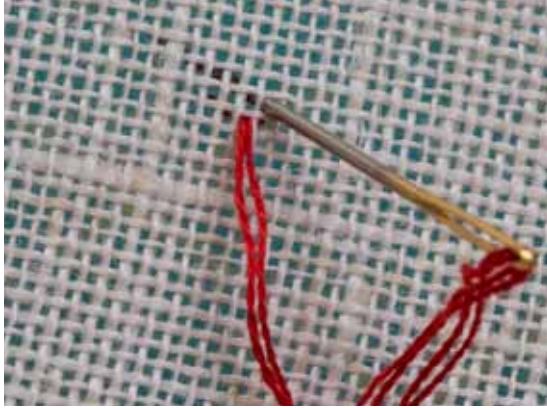
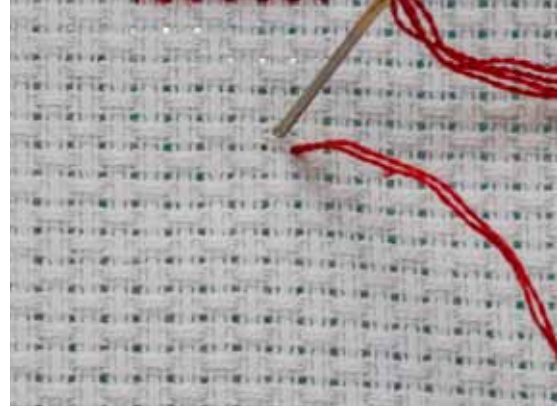


# $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$ cross stitch & backstitch

RIGHT-HANDED



**1** On evenweave fabric, a quarter cross stitch begins the same way as a full stitch, but you go up and across only one thread in each direction instead of two threads.



**2** Quarter stitches can be worked over any quarter of the Aida square or linen threads. Here it's bottom right. Insert the needle in the middle of the square of Aida.



**3** Completed quarter cross stitch on evenweave fabric, covering the bottom left quarter of a full stitch space.



**4** Quarter cross stitch on Aida. If you have lots of these to do on Aida, maybe switch to a sharp-pointed needle to make it easier to insert in the middle of the squares.



**5** A three-quarter cross stitch builds on the quarter stitch by adding a half stitch to it. Again, the three-quarter stitch can lie either way, depending on the graph/design.



**6** Completed three-quarter cross stitch (lying to the left) on evenweave linen fabric. Part stitches are usually used to give smooth edges to curved shapes.





**7** Worked on Aida cloth, the three-quarter cross stitch is a half stitch on the same square as a quarter stitch. Here the stitch is on the bottom right of the square.



**8** Completed three-quarter cross stitch on Aida cloth.



**9** Some cross-stitch designs have backstitch outlines in one strand of contrasting or toning thread. Work the backstitch in the same holes as the stitches it outlines.



**10** On Aida cloth, the backstitch is worked in the fabric holes – each backstitch covers one stitch space on either fabric.



**11** Continue to backstitch around the stitches in the usual way. An angled stitch forms at the back as you turn corners.



**12** Backstitch around the stitches indicated in the graph you are following to give extra definition to the shapes.





**13** Completed rectangle of backstitch worked on Aida cloth.



**14** To end the backstitching thread, turn over to the back and take the needle under at least 3-4 vertical stitches. Pull the thread through and trim it neatly.