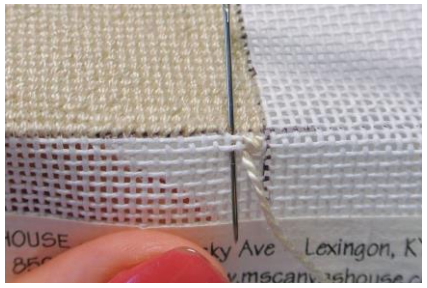


The Binding/Finishing Stitch

Needlepoint belts either have to be turned under or have a finishing or binding stitch on the edge. Add the stitch below IF on 18 mesh the belt is 22 or less stitch width. Add the binding stitch IF on 14 mesh the belt is 17 or less stitch width.

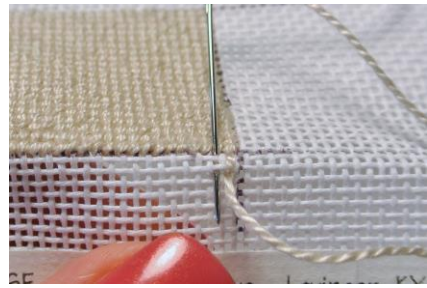
You are seeing the photographs from right to left because that is how you work the binding/finishing stitch.

STEP 4



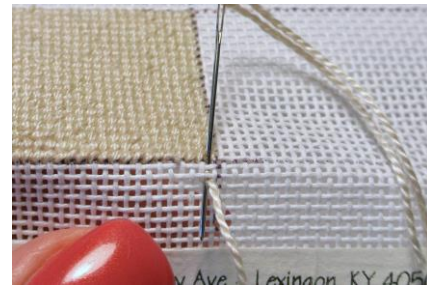
This is three. These are the beginning three stitches used only once on this side and once on the other side.

STEP 3



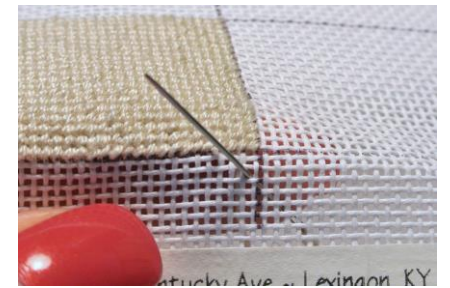
This is two

STEP 2



You are going to whip stitch over an empty hole – three times moving forward each time. This is one

STEP 1



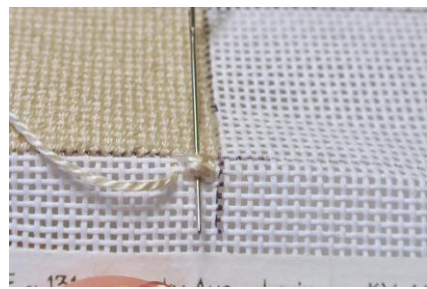
Always work from right to left with the needlepoint facing away from you. Share a hole with the completed needlepoint.

STEP 8



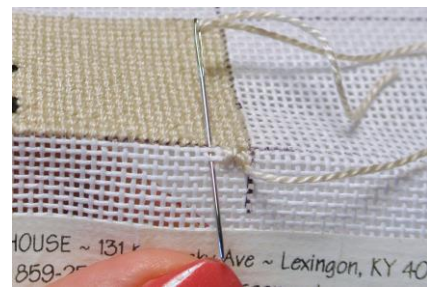
Then move forward to the first empty one. That is how you will continue until the binding is complete on this side. Turnover and start at STEP 1

STEP 7



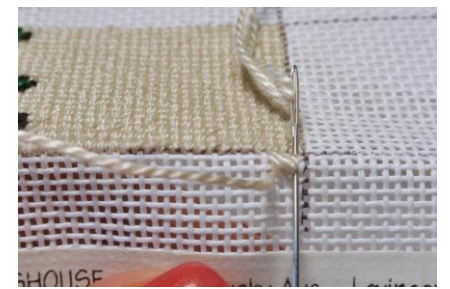
Then move back three holes again.

STEP 6



Then move forward to the first empty hole

STEP 5



Then you will move back three holes including the one you are currently in.



Frequently asked Questions!

Binding/ Finishing Stitch or Roll the Edge ~ How do I know which one to do? The binding stitch is used when a belt on 18 count canvas is between 18-22 mesh wide (count the horizontal lines) If the belt is wider than 22 mesh wide the belt can be folded over on each side. This is important so that you needlepoint belt will fit through the pant loops. If you are working on 14 mesh canvas the belt needs to be 14-16 mesh wide to add the binding stitch. If it is wider than that we suggest that it be folded.

Can you do the Binding/Finishing stitch for me? Yes, If the binding stitch is needed it is necessary to send enough extra threads to complete the edge. It takes about one skein of Pearl cotton to complete both sides of a belt if stitched in the same color. Of course, this is going to add to the length of time it takes to be returned to you.

If I add two rows on each side is that the binding stitch? No, the binding stitch is a stitch that turns the edge under – see attached picture.

Why does folding cost more? Because it is very time consuming to fold the edge and sew at the same time. The binding stitch turns the edge of the canvas over so it is easier to handle.

Do I give you a measurement for the Ring Enclosure and D-Ring style? Yes, All Types of needlepoint belts are measured the same way.

Do I include the buckle in the measurement? Yes, that is a part of the measurement- Do not measure the entire belt! We need you to measure from the tip of the buckle (including the buckle) to the hole most worn.

How much needlepoint do I stitch? You will want to stitch 4 inches less than the **belt** size. Keep in mind that 1 ½ inches on each end will be covered with leather.

How long does it take to get my belt back? It depends. If we need to do the binding stitch for you that might add a two to three weeks to the turnaround time. If your belt has the binding stitch already, then it can be from 6 to 8 weeks. At Christmas we are much busier and could take longer.

What is the cutoff date for Christmas? Our guarantee deadline to get a belt back for the holidays is October 15th, however, we continue as long into the season as possible- call to see if we are still taking belts for finishing.

What else can I make out of a needlepoint belt? Flip flops are so cute and fun to do! Stitch 36 inches of a belt design and be sure the width is 27 to 29 rows of needlepoint on 18 mesh canvas. You can also make Flip Flops from 13 mesh canvas and should be 36 inches long and 18-20 mesh wide. For more information see TheMeredithCollection.com