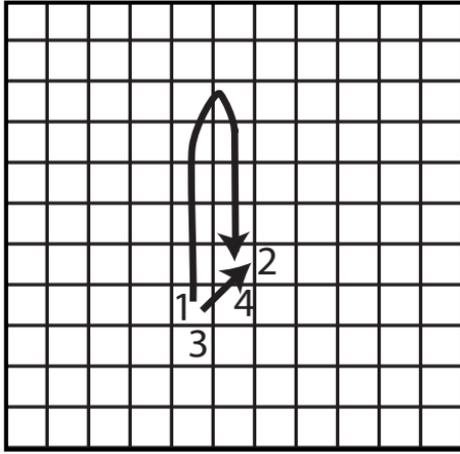


Rya Stitch



Rya is a great stitch that is quick to do and gives really exciting results! It's fluffy, it's fun and it's small so it fits everywhere. It's no bigger than a basketweave stitch.

This is a two step stitch, bring your needle up at one and down at two. Don't pull the thread all the way through as you would with basketweave, leave a loop. Repeat, bringing the needle up at three and down at four. This second stitch will anchor the loop and keep it in place.

You can use any thread you want for this stitch depending upon the look you desire. Use 2 ply floss on 18ct and create tiny eyelashes on a beautiful lady. Use Petite Very Velvet and create a ruffle on a dress. Use a heavier thread and fill an entire area, not just a row to create a poof of texture. Imagine a fuzzy sheep or hair on a child, bushes, trees; the list goes on and on. Depending upon the combination of thread and scale, you can create just about anything.

Typically you would want to keep your loops uniform since you will not be cutting them as you would in Turkey Work. You could also consider allowing your loops to be more random. Plants and hair do not grow perfectly even.

Try an overdyed for another fun effect or Flair to simulate a chiffon ruffle. I could go on and on. I do love this stitch. It's one of Amy Bunger's favorites too.