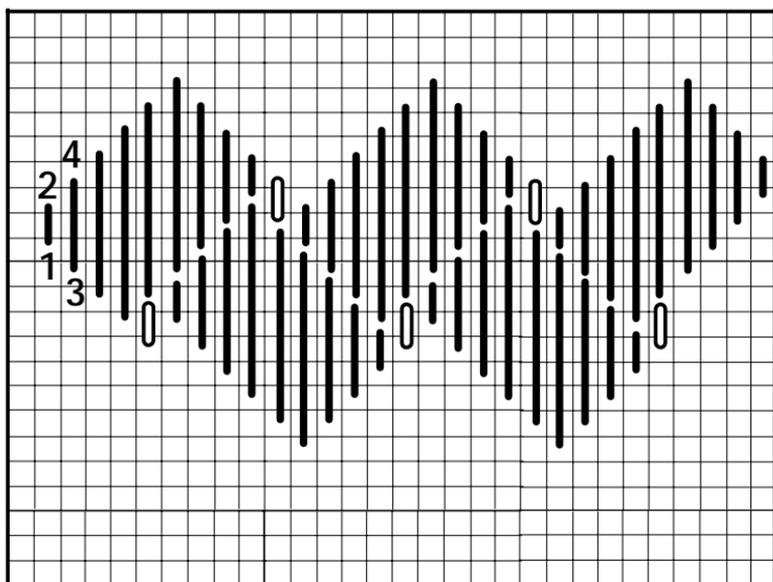


Woven Ribbons Stitch



The Woven Ribbons Stitch is one of my favorites. It looks exactly as the name implies like woven ribbons. It covers quickly, and it's relatively easy to compensate. It does create a strong pattern so use it where you want a touch of drama and elegance.

Begin with the long verticals diagrammed in black. Lay your stitches smoothly. The use of a laying tool will help control your threads. Once this step is complete, go back and fill in the remaining small vertical stitches.

The combinations of threads for this stitch are endless. You can work the entire pattern in one thread which will create a very subtle pattern. Consider two threads of the same color but different textures. Use Rainbow Gallery Splendor or DMC embroidery floss for the main stitches and Pearl Cotton for the small accents. Now it is starting to look like exquisite brocade. For a little more pizzazz, work the small accent stitches in metallic or a contrasting color.

You could even stitch the ribbons in two different colors. All ribbons that angle this way, in color #1 and those that angle the opposite direction, in color #2. Keep in mind, this will give you a very busy pattern, but perhaps this is just what you need for a little girl's skirt or Santa's coat. When in doubt, test out your idea in the margin of your canvas or on a scrap. You may be surprised at what develops.