

TRY A NEW STITCH

Blackwork

Here are three different blackwork patterns for you to try. Blackwork can be done using either backstitch or running stitch. Running stitch will make your piece reversible.

To do the running stitch, every second stitch is stitched first, and the missing stitches are completed on the way back. In the diagrams, come up in 1 and down in 2, up in 3 etc. This will complete the solid lines on the first trip, and the dashed lines on the return trip. If you are having difficulty, try highlighting every second stitch on the paper.

Use a waste knot (a knot away from your work) and afterwards weave the ends of your threads through the stitches on the back of your work. This will keep your work reversible.

