

TRY A NEW STITCH

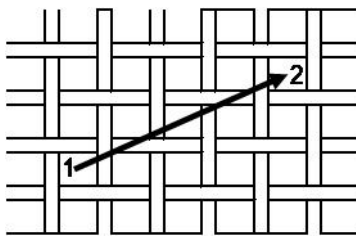
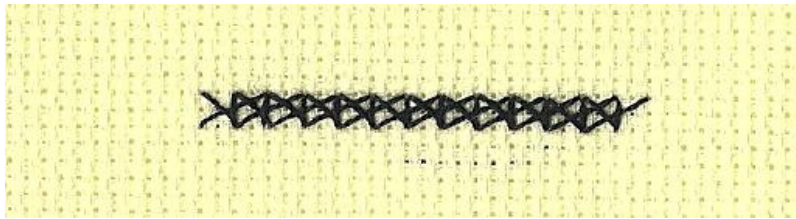
Montenegrin Cross Stitch

Montenegrin Cross Stitch, also known as Montenegrin Stitch and Two-sided Montenegrin Cross Stitch, is generally worked over 4 threads wide and 2 threads high. It can also be made smaller worked over 2 threads wide by 1 thread high.

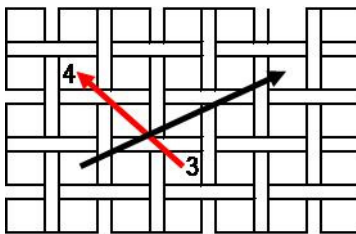
This stitch decorated ethnic costumes in Slavic countries. It was also a favoured stitch of the Montenegro section of Yugoslavia (where it gets its name). It is a long-armed cross stitch with the addition of an upright support stitch. When examining old samplers, the play of light on the upright support stitch stands out.

Montenegrin Cross Stitch was an important stitch in early sampler making.

Please see below a sample of Montenegrin Cross Stitch worked on Aida fabric with 1 thread of embroidery floss over 4 threads (each Aida square is counted as 1 thread).



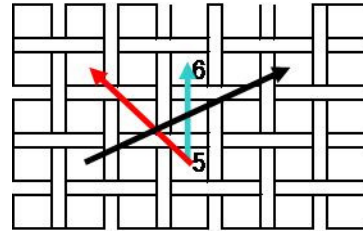
Step 1 - Come up at 1, go to the right 4 threads and up 2 threads and go down at 2 (black arrow).



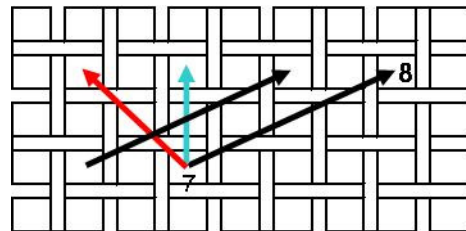
Step 2 - Come up at 3, got to the left 2 threads and up 2 threads and go down at 4 (red arrow).

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Step 3 - Come up at 5, go up 2 threads and go down at 6 (blue arrow).



Step 4 - This is a repeat of Step 1. Come up at 7, go to the left 4 threads and up 2 threads and come up at 8 (2nd black arrow). Continue in pattern (shown below).



This stitch can also be worked 2 threads wide by 1 thread high (as shown below).

