

Reverse Chain Stitch

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The reverse chain stitch gives the same look as a traditional chain stitch but produces more uniform results. Additionally, because the stitch never ‘scoops’ up fabric, it is easier to work on a fabric that is under tight tension in a frame.

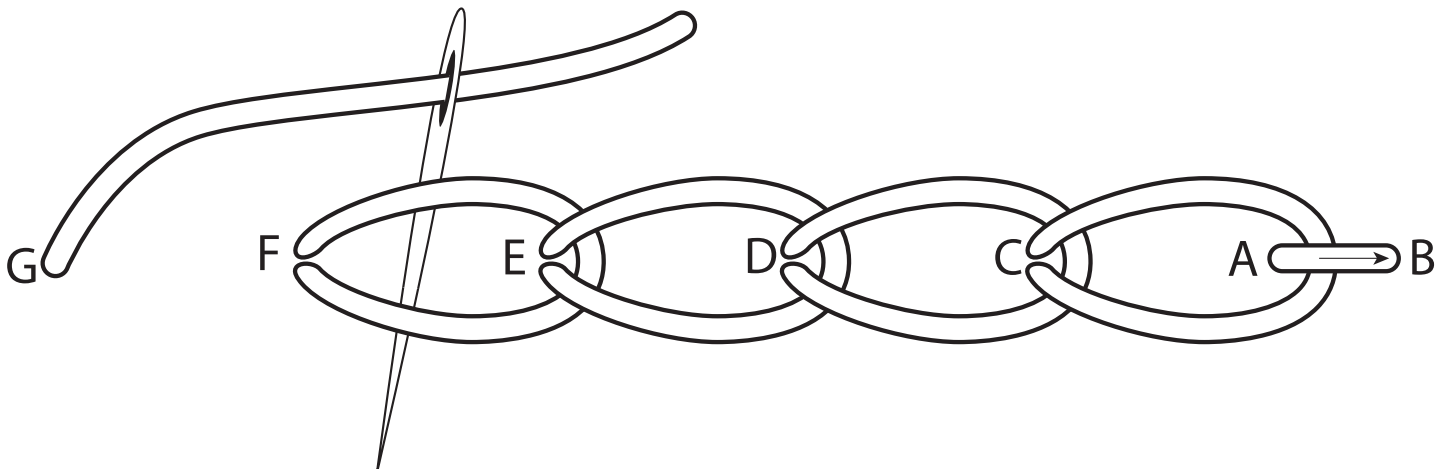
Use one strand of Soie Perlee in a sharp #8 embroidery needle. The figure illustrates the working sequence for the reverse chain stitch.

Always start with an away waste knot about 1 1/2” away from your starting point. Later, snip off the knot and secure the thread end under other stitching on the back.

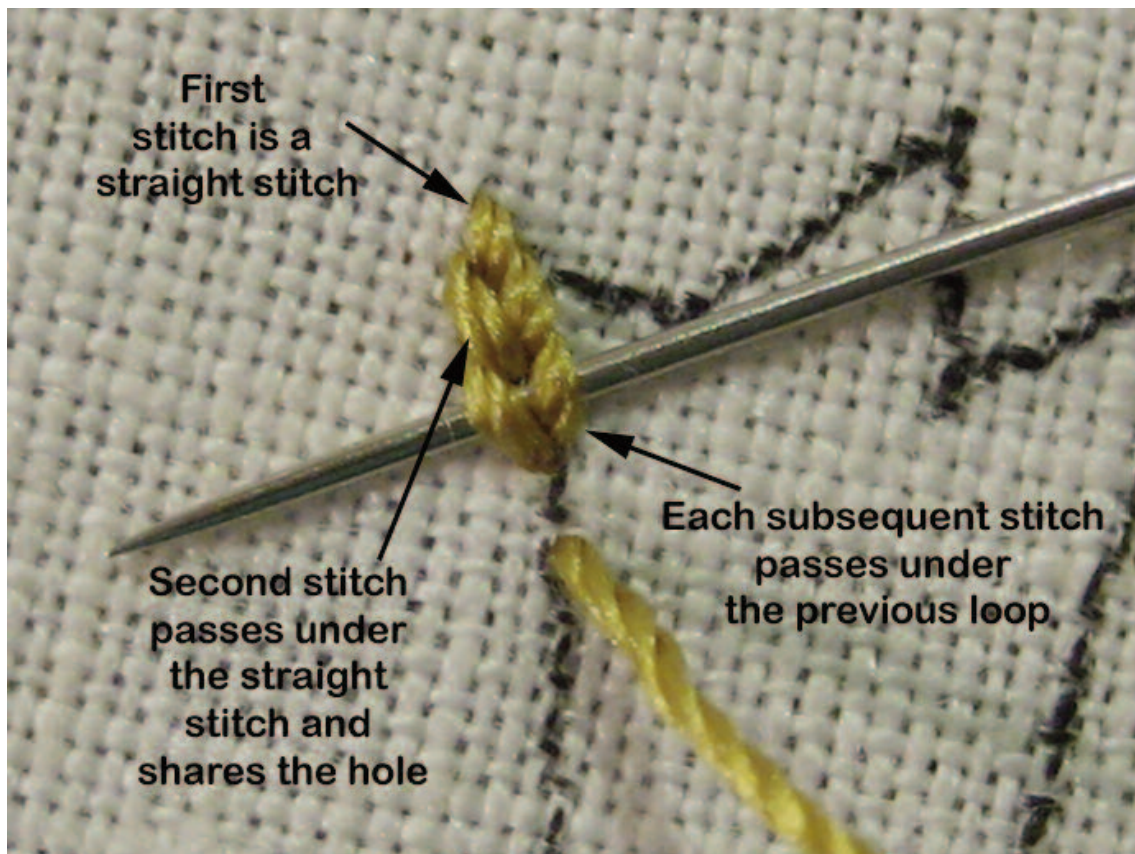
Come up at A and form straight stitch (A-B) which is about two linens threads or 1/16" long. Move about 1/8" away from A and come up at C. Pass the needle under the straight stitch without piercing the thread or linen and back down in C again. On this first loop, you may need to hold the waste knot so the straight stitch is not stretched.

Come up at D and pass the needle again under the previous loop. Each successive stitch follows this pattern of threading under the previous loop.

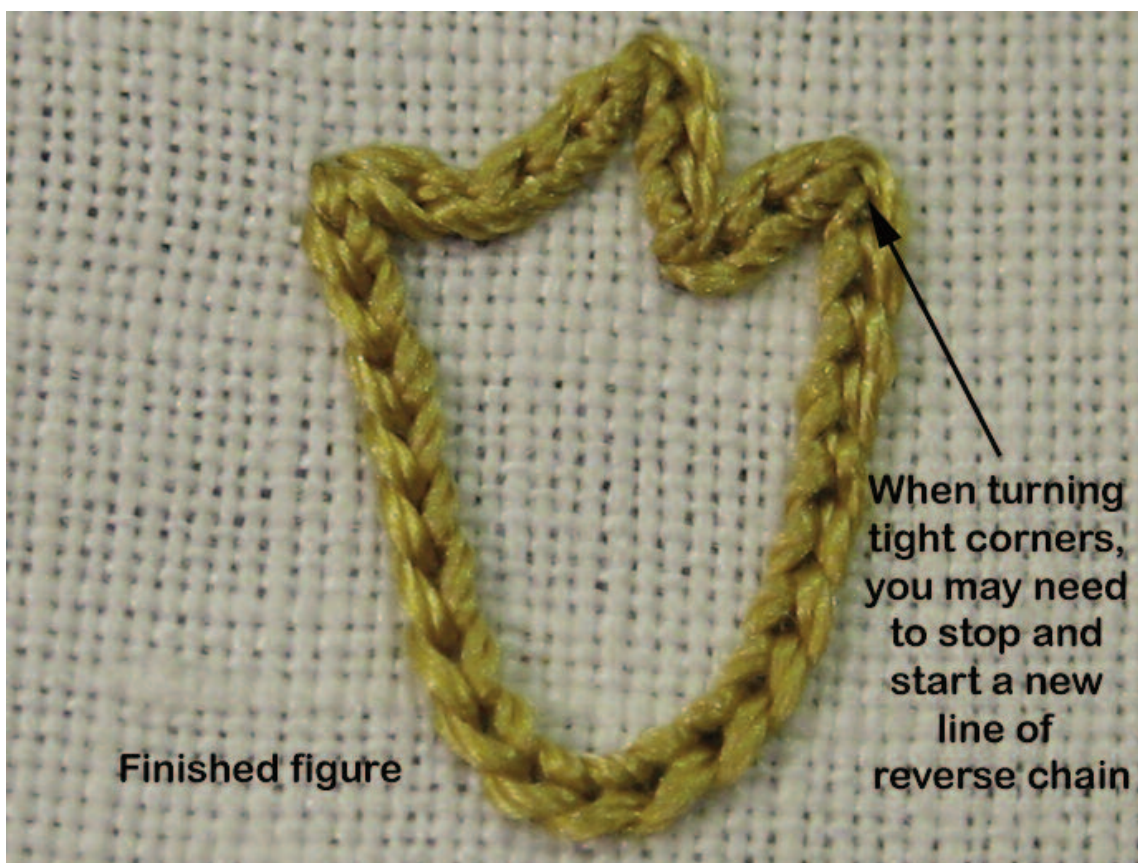
When following an outline with sharp corners, you may need to end your line of reverse chain and start a new line to radically change direction.



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Picture 1



Picture 2