

RUNNING STITCH

This stitch is used for our cloud's face and is the basic stitch for hand sewing.

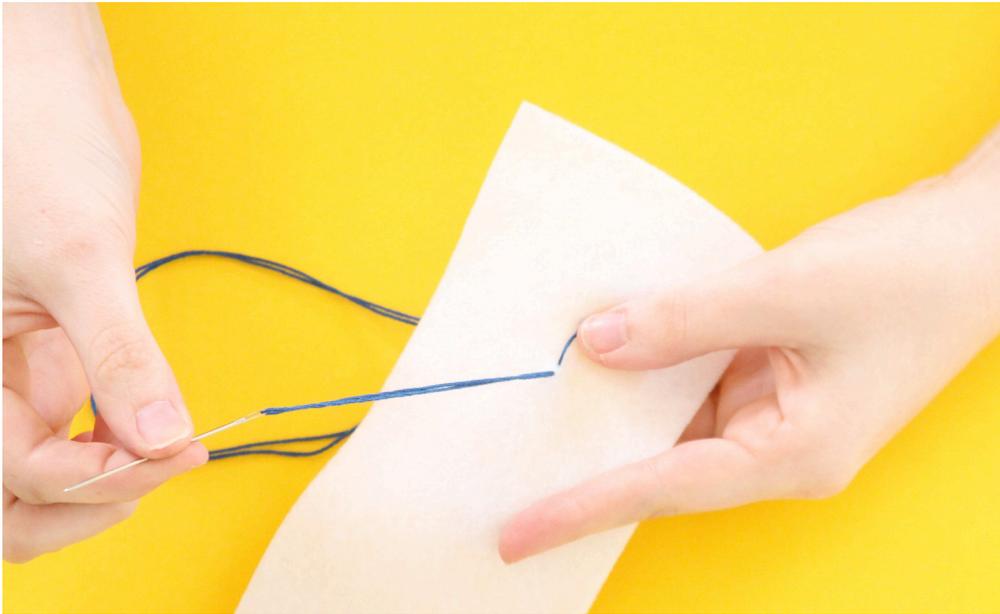
1. Thread your needle with embroidery thread. Tie a knot in the other end and then tie a couple more knots over the top to make one large knot.



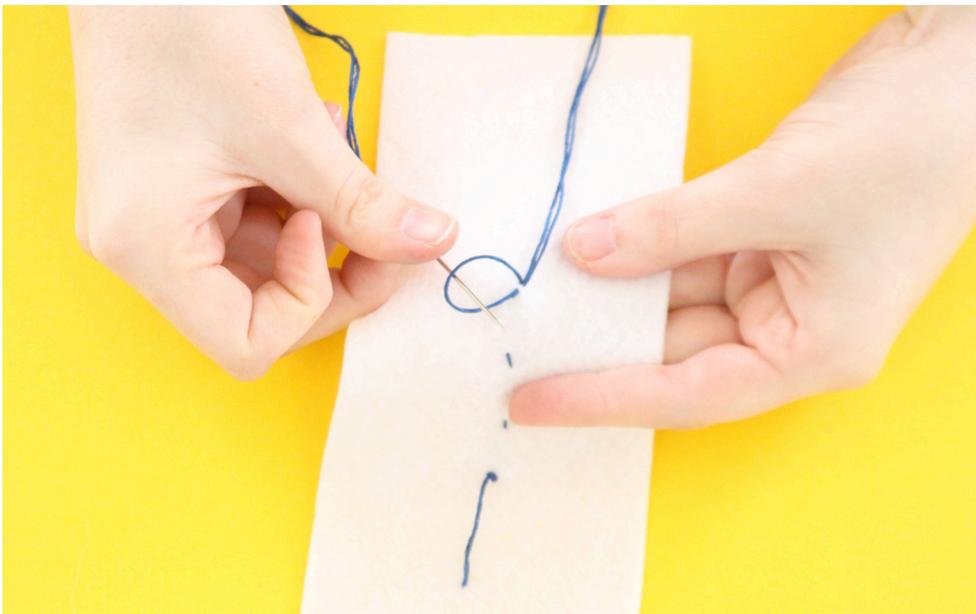
2. Push your needle through from the back and pull until you reach the knot. Then push your needle from the front to the back, along the line you drew.



3. Push your needle from the back to the front — next to your last stitch. Keep the length of your stitches the same. Continue until you have sewn one of the features.



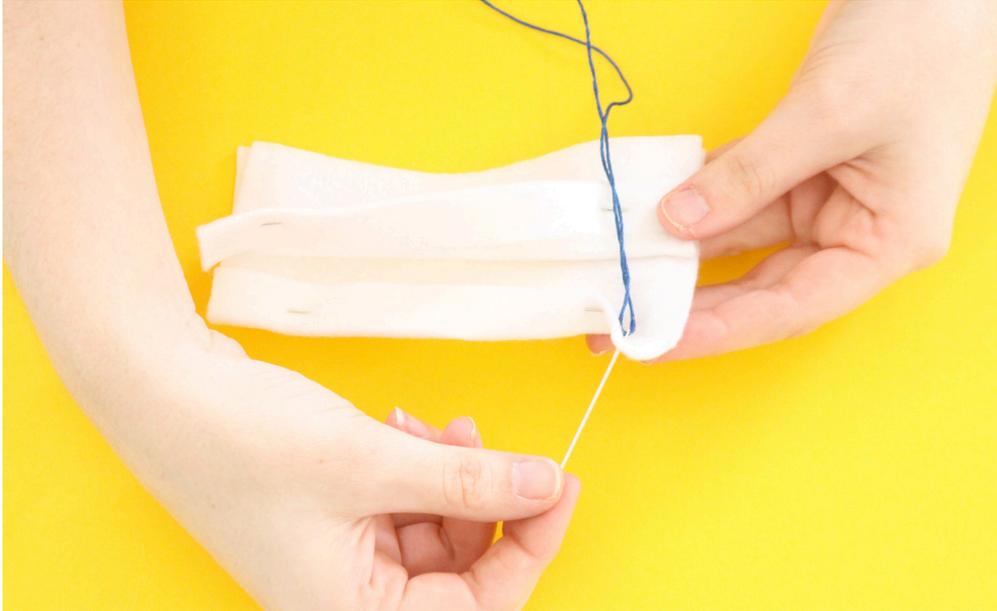
4. When you're finished you need to tie off. Pass your needle through half the thickness of the fabric (not to the front), under your last stitch. Put your needle through the loop to make a knot and then cut off your thread.



LADDER STITCH

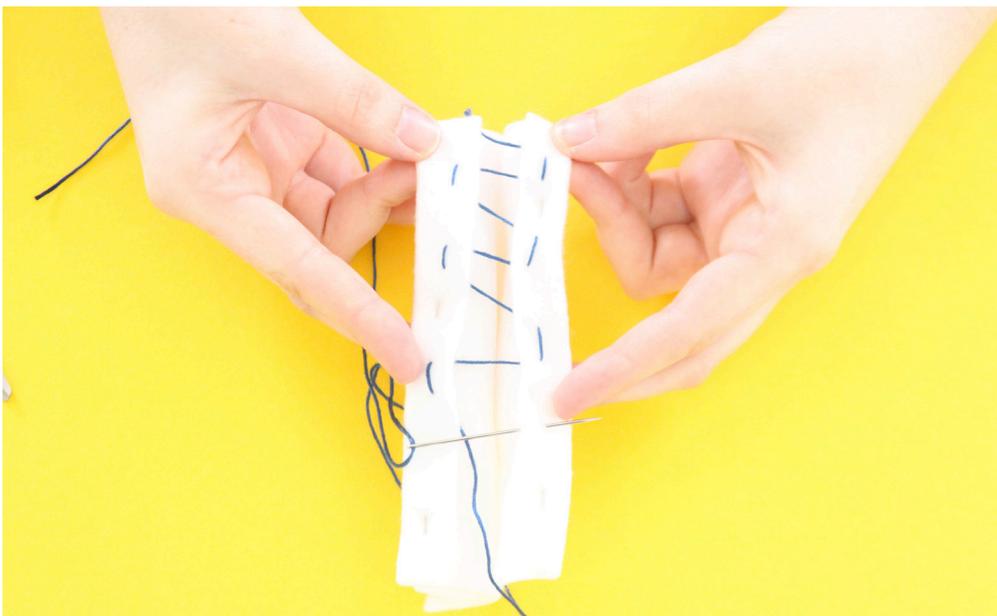
This stitch is used to sew up the opening left after stuffing your softie.

1. Thread your needle with white cotton. Tie a knot in the other end and then tie a couple more knots over the top to make one large knot. Pin your fabric to continue your sewn seams. Open up a seam and push your needle through so the knot is between the layers of fabric.



2. Go across to the other seam and push your needle from underneath, passing only through the hem layer. Make a running stitch only through the hemmed layer. Go across to the other side and push your needle from back to front. Continue the same way until you have reached the end of your opening.

Note: Your stitches will be in white thread and much closer together than the photos show. We had to make them blue and further apart so you can see them.



3. When finished, carefully pull your thread so the 'ladder' gets tighter and pulls both sides together. Tie off to secure.

This stitch is a little tricky, so if you don't get it from this, look for a ladder stitch video on Google or You Tube.