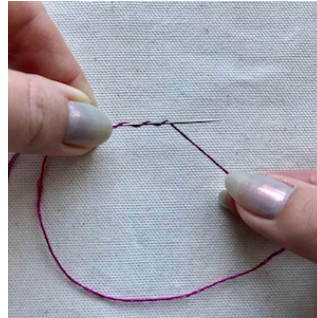


Tigley Textiles Top Tips- Starting and Stopping Hand Embroidery

Starting Off

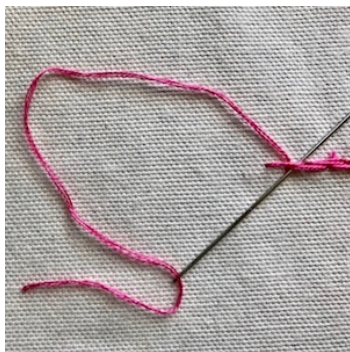
1. **The knot.** -see pictures below. If choosing this method you must make sure that the knot is not seen from the front and is avoided when starting to stitch.



Thread the needle then make a circle with the thread so that the thread tail is held against the eye of the needle with your left thumb and forefinger. With your right hand, wrap the thread around the needle 3 times. Using your left thumb and forefinger, squeeze the wrapped threads gently and pull them down the full length of the thread. The knot will form at the tail end of the thread.

2. **The waste Knot.** I use this when I am working on a pale or thin fabric. Thread your needle, make a knot then take the needle down a few inches away from where you want to start. Stitch as normal then when you have finished, cut the knot off, rethread the tail end and stitch it through the stitches on the back to secure it.

Finishing Off



Take a stitch through the stitches on the back and before you pull it tightly, take it through the loop in your thread to make a knot, repeat a couple of times then cut close to the knot.

Have Fun,

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