

# Chicken Scratch

## Embroidery Stitch Guide

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When I was first learning this style of embroidery I found it confusing trying to remember which stitch was worked on which color and so I thought a "cheat sheet" of sorts would be helpful for others learning to embroider on gingham.

Below are the common stitches used in Chicken Scratch (or Gingham Embroidery) along with the traditional thread and square colors worked for each stitch. I like to use only two strands of embroidery floss for all stitches except the outline stitch for which I use three strands of floss.

### Common Chicken Scratch Stitches

— or	<p><b>Straight Running Stitch</b> Worked in white thread on medium color squares</p>	
*	<p><b>Double Cross-Stitch</b> (or Snowflake Stitch) Worked in white thread on dark color squares</p>	
X	<p><b>Cross Stitch</b> Threads vary</p>	
/	<p><b>Half Cross Stitch</b> Threads vary</p>	
O	<p><b>Lace stitch</b> (or Woven Circle Stitch) Worked in white thread on white squares</p>	
●	<p><b>Double Cross Stitch Outline</b> Worked in dark color thread (same color as gingham) on white squares for outline</p>	