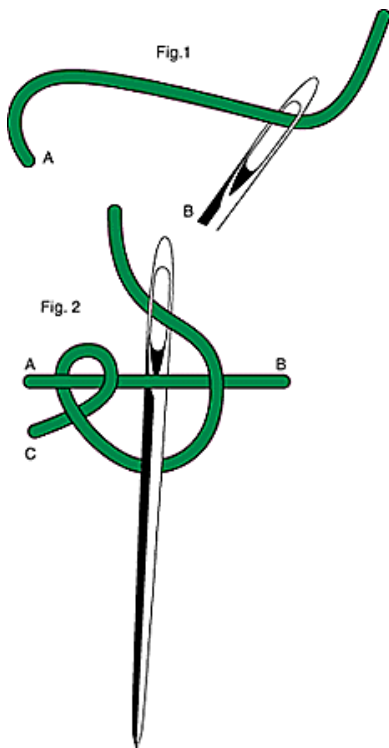
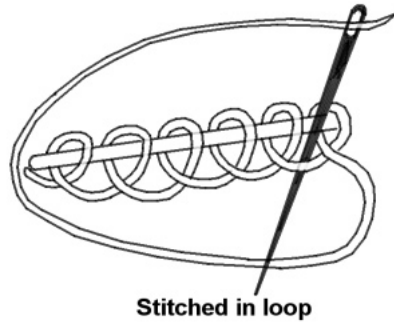


Detached Buttonhole: A Versatile Stitch

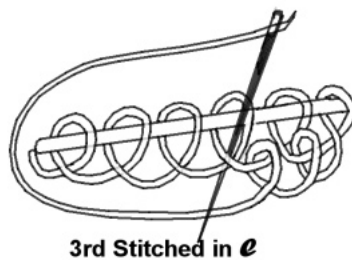
A Technique Class with Robin Berry



stitch - left to right over tack
(source ClassicStitches.com)



Stitched in loop between and
Stitched in stitch loop
(source Brazilian_Dimentional_Embroidery.org)



Variations and Variables

A. Base

- running
- double running
- chain
- bar
- tack
- wire base
- couched thread base

B. Stitched over

- working fabric
- only the base fabric
- thread base
- padding - felt
- padding - thread

C. Stitch Progression

- left to right and then right to left
- left to right with return
- stitched in loop between
- stitched in stitch loop
- skipping stitches
- adding stitches

D. Thread (always single thread)

- pearl type threads
- floss type threads
- change color part way through

Exercises:

1. Chain stitch or double running stitch a small (1") square. Do basic detached buttonhole - left to right and right to left. Anchor threads in base of square.
2. Running stitch a small (1") square. Do detached buttonhole with return.
3. Running stitch a small odd shape like a coke bottle shape. Do a line across the top in regular detached buttonhole. Use remainder of figure to work on skipping stitches (leaving holes), adding and subtracting stitches.
4. Make a tack or bar. Work the detached buttonhole into a triangle with the bar/tack as the base and the stitching working to the point.

Part of an Elizabethan Shirt front - Victoria & Albert Museum.

The flowers, leaves and strawberries are detached buttonhole.

