



ELEMENTARY (Quilt-As-You-Go) QUILT

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stitching line.

So my thread's up on top now. I take my needle and go over about an 1/8 to a 1/16 of an inch and I'm going to go down through all layers of the fabric. So I am on this side, the back side, and keep my needle underneath here and then I am going to poke up till I find that line. About an 1/8 to a 1/16 over and I am going to go back down and I'm going to continue doing this – going down, my thread's underneath, going to come back up and just work my way down. Down, now I am underneath the piece and I need to stay underneath and try to see where my needle is poking; try to get it on the line - equal distance from the other stitch.

Now another way of stitching, that's a little bit faster, is loading your needle with stitches. So to load your needle, you go down and underneath here is my finger.. . this finger. And I am kinda pricking my finger. You can use a thimble if you want to but it is easier to feel that you've made it all the way through. So let me do that again. I am going down and I am pricking on my finger and I am pushing up now because I can feel that that needle is now through all three thicknesses. I'm going to....

Whoops, let's get this. I am going to go down again, pricking my finger and then I am going to slide the needle back. Then I am going to come about a 1/16 or an 1/8 away, and then I am going to go down, prick my finger and then I am going to load these stitches. You see I have got one stitch here, one there and one going on the back. Push through and I just did a couple of stitches at once. So let me do that again. I am going to push down till I feel it on my finger on the bottom; going to come up, going to push down, going to come up again and I am going to continue working my way all the way across.

I can either work it like that – loading my stitches like I just did or I can go down ...