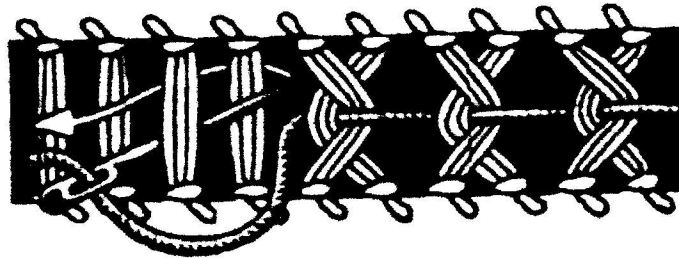


If the threads in one direction (eg horizontal) are cut and withdrawn, the threads in the other direction (eg vertical) are left loose. The threads can be put into groups by the ladder hemstitch. Various techniques (eg. interlacing and knotting) can then be used to combine the groups to produce a decorative border. The number of thread groups (2, 3, 4) bundled together at a time can vary depending on the total number of groups in the band.

Simple Interlacing

A new thread is fastened at the right hand side and is interlaced along the centre through two groups of threads at a time. Pass the needle over two groups, back under the second group and over the first group, and then forward again under both groups (shown by the arrow). Pull the thread taut but not too tight so that the interlaced groups will lie in position.



Simple Knotting

A new thread is fastened at the right hand side and is knotted along the centre bundling three groups at a time. The working thread is placed over the three groups, looped back and held down with the left thumb while the needle is passed forward under the three groups and back up through the loop. This forms the coral knot

