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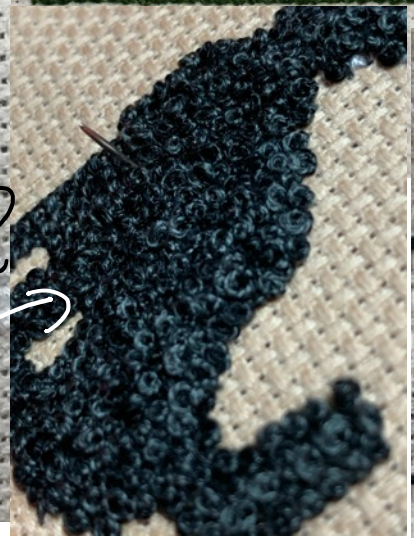
CROSS STITCH

Taking the next step into textures . . .



Types of texture

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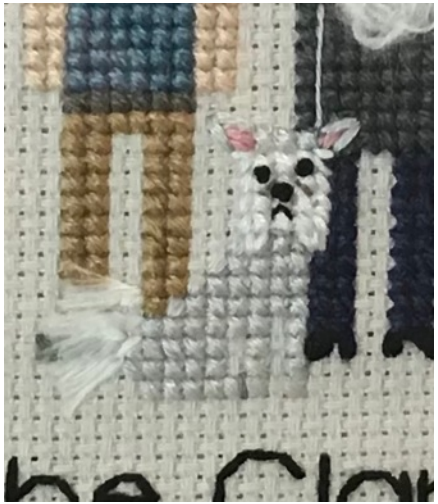
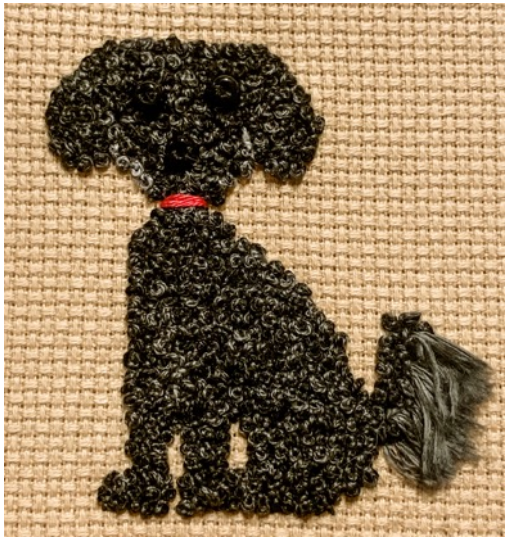
Ready to take it to the next level

Easy way to add detail is to add texture

It's like a haircut in reverse.

Detailing one specific area



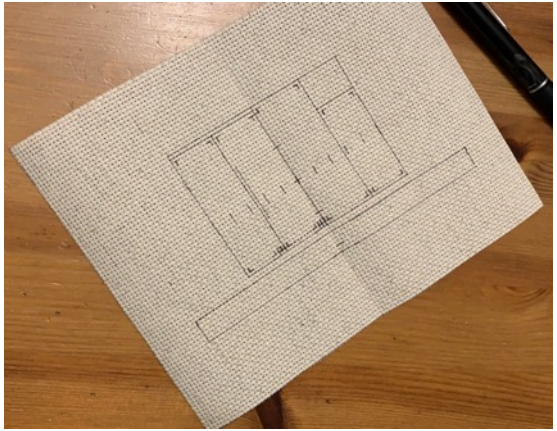


Not every furry pet needs to be turkey stitched

A Tale of Two Labradors

My Process

- 1. Design your portrait.
- 2. Determine if there are any elements that you want to add a texture stitch to.
- 3. Plot your pattern on your fabric



- 4. Choose your floss colors and remember agitating the floss gives you a chance to really show multi-tones of a coat.

See video at https://link.stitchpeople.com/watch

5. Stitch the turkey stitched piece FIRST

- 1. If it goes bad, it's less painful to scrap the project if you haven't already stitched more.
- Ripping out turkey stitch is awful.

- When you go to brush out the floss, overzealous brushing can agitate things you didn't want.

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My Process, continued

- 6. Get your nap riser, suede brush or comb and agitate the turkey stitched floss.
- 7. Stitch the rest of the portrait.
- 8. Trim up the dog/cat/beard (can be done before or after you finish the rest.)
- 9. Wash your portrait. Floss, like hair, is very easy to manipulate when it's wet. I will comb and shape a coat after it's been wet. I also might trim a bit more if needed.
- 10. Allow portrait to fully dry, press with iron, mount and then gift/ship/admire.

Difference between before and after washing.

Playing with colors

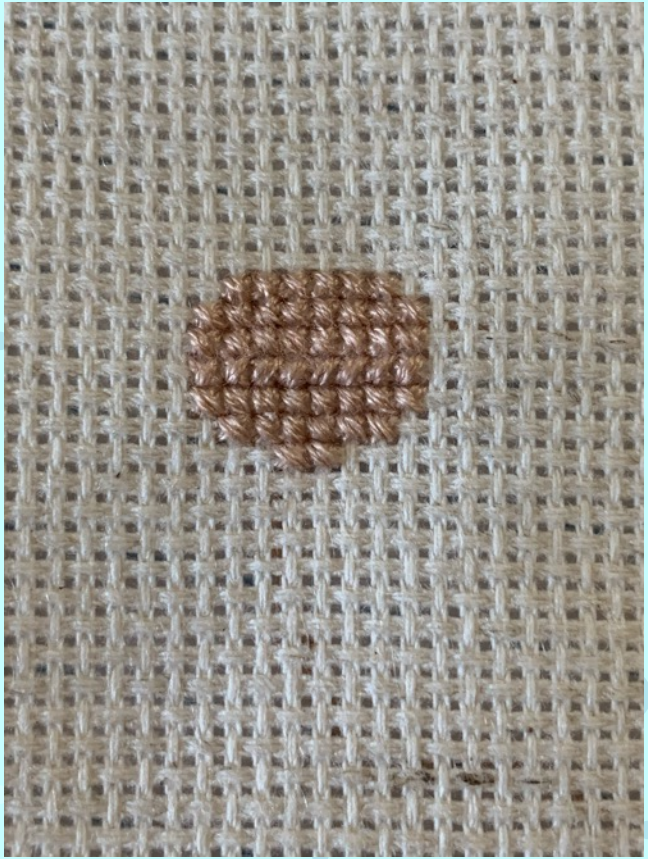
Adding a splash of color to a coat or beard can really bring in some fun, unique characteristics.

Handy tools to have

1. Aida fabric counter*
2. Nap riser brush
3. Suede brush
4. Eyelash/brow comb brush
5. Extra fabric
6. Needleminder*
7. Sticky lint remover
8. Pinch scissors
9. Pins
10. Foam quilting/knitting block *

* Not needed for the turkey stitch but helpful for stitching in general.

Unintentional texture



Early 2019

Perfection

Blanc

Fall 2019

Didn't write down my colors

Wrong white

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Break Time!