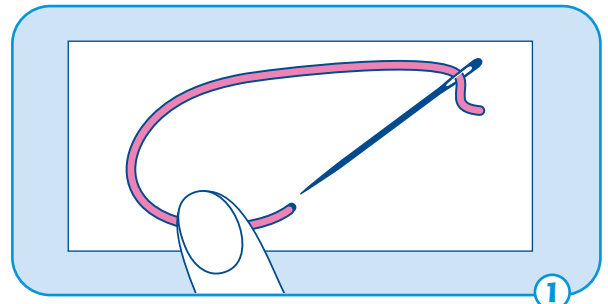


Chain Stitch

Chain stitch is a fun stitch to sew! It is great for making shapes and designs and looks very pretty!

STEP 1

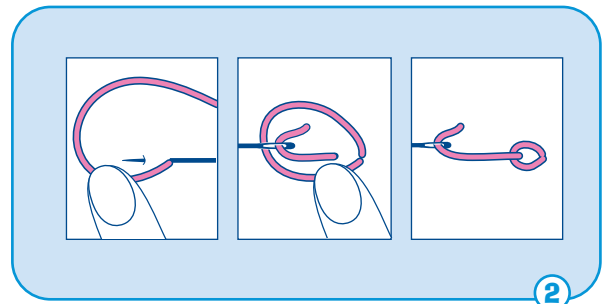
Start by pulling your needle **up** through the fabric until you feel the tug of the knot. With your thumb, hold the thread against the fabric below where you first came out. Loop your needle and thread around to the right.



STEP 2

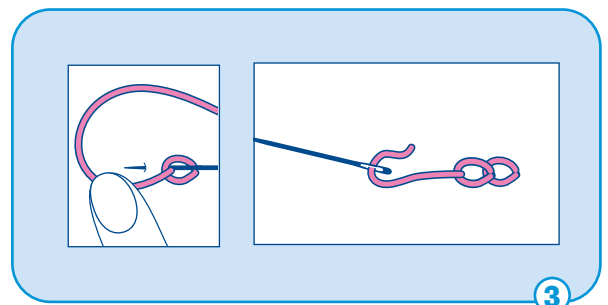
Insert the needle where it first came out, and bring it back out a short distance away. Pull the thread through, making sure the thread loop stays tucked under your needle. Pull your thread all the way.

Hurrah! You've just made the first link in your chain!



STEP 3

For the next link, make another loop like you did in **Step 1**. Then poke your needle inside the last link, next to where the thread came out, and bring it back out a little further along, again making sure the thread loop stays tucked under the needle. Pull.



STEP 4

Keep stitching until you have all the chain links you want. To finish poke your needle down through the fabric, right beside the end of your last stitch. Pull the thread all the way, and weave your needle and thread through the back of the last few stitches to secure it before cutting.

