LATTES & LLAMAS PRESENTS Catch 'Em All: Duplicate Stitching

The Fourth geek-a-long socks of 2022



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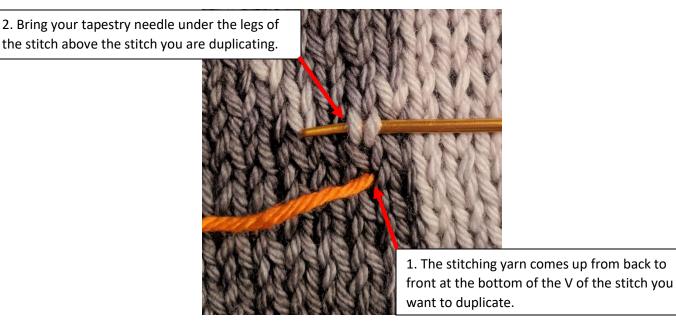


Duplicate stitching is done by applying a second yarn over the original knitting with a tapestry needle. It's a great technique for adding little pops of color to your work.

Getting ready to stitch: Cut a long enough length of yarn to work all the stitches you want to add duplicate stitching to, but don't go longer than 24" or so. If the sewing/duplicate yarn is too long it gets unwieldy to work with. Thread that yarn through a tapestry needle. Before duplicating the first stitch you can secure the end of your stitching yarn with a knot, or if you're anti-knot, you can just catch the end of the yarn behind your work in the loop of the next few stitches. I typically knot the end of my stitching yarn to one of the floats on the back of my piece that is very close to the first stitch I will duplicate.

Working Duplicate Stitches:

- 1. Bring the tapestry needle up, from the back of the work to the front of the work, at the bottom of the stitch you want to duplicate. The bottom of the stitch is the point of the V made by knit stitches.
- 2. Slip your needle horizontally under the 2 legs of the stitch ABOVE the stitch you are duplicating.



3. Bring your tapestry needle from front to back at the same point that you brought it to the front of the work in the first step.



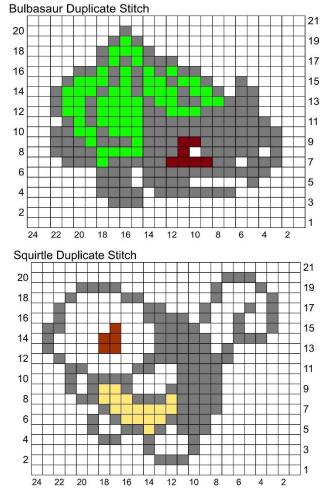


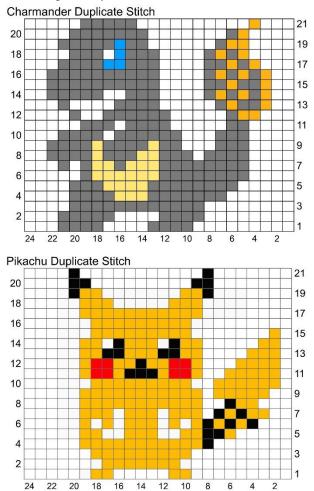
4. Repeat 1-3 for all stitches you want to duplicate. The tapestry needle should always begin behind your work, come up through the point of the V at the bottom of the stitch you want to duplicate, then slip under the legs of the stitch above, then return to the back of the work at the same exact point it came to the front of the work at the start of the duplicate stitch.



Catch 'Em All Duplicate Charts

If you want to add duplicate stitching to enhance your Pokémons with pops of color you can add those pops anywhere you like. The charts below are recommendations of where you might want to add color. This is a great way to use up scraps from prior projects. The only yarn consideration is you'll want to use yarn for duplicate stitching that is the same weight or heavier than the yarn you knit your original piece with. If you use yarn that is lighter weight than your knitting yarn the duplicate stitches will not show up clearly.





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