

COPTIC STITCH WITH BOARD COVERS

First, prepare your sections and boards. Each should have at least 4 sewing stations. It's important in this sewing that the stations on adjacent sections or cover boards should match up with each other, so you cannot vary the spacing of the holes from section to section.

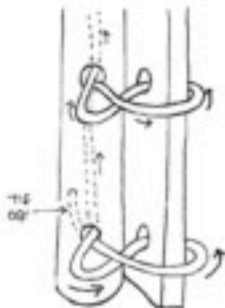
- 1 BEGIN INSIDE THE BOTTOM SEWING STATION OF THE FIRST SECTION AND EXIT TO THE OUTSIDE.

- 2 GO AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE COVER AND ENTER THE BOTTOM SEWING STATION FROM THE OUTSIDE.



- 3 EXIT THE SEWING STATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COVER AND BRING YOUR NEEDLE UNDER THE STITCH YOU MADE IN STEP 2.

- 4 NOW RE-ENTER THE FIRST SECTION FROM THE OUTSIDE.

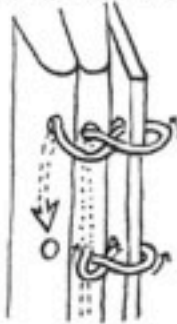


TIGHTEN THE STITCHES SO FAR AND TIE OFF.

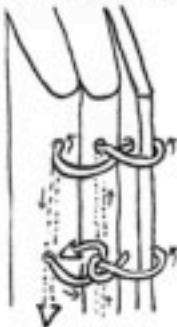
ONCE YOU'VE DONE THAT, PROCEED TO THE NEXT HOLE UP AND EXIT, DOING THE SAME WITH THE REMAINING HOLES UNTIL YOU GET TO THE TOP SEWING STATION.

- 5 WHEN YOU REACH THE TOP SEWING STATION AND SEW AROUND THE COVER, DO NOT RE-ENTER THE STATION AS PREVIOUSLY.

- 6 INSTEAD, PLACE THE NEXT SECTION ADJACENT TO THE FIRST, AND ENTER THE FIRST (TOP) STATION. MAKE SURE YOU GO UNDERNEATH THE STITCH YOU MAKE WHEN YOU GO OUT TO THE COVER.



ONCE YOU HAVE ENTERED THE NEW SECTION, PROCEED DOWNWARDS AND EXIT AT THE NEXT STATION.



- 7 WHEN YOU EXIT, TAKE YOUR NEEDLE UNDERNEATH THE STITCHES THAT COME OUT OF THE ADJACENT HOLE ON THE FIRST SECTION. PASS UNDERNEATH THE STITCHING SO AS TO 'CATCH' IT, AND RE-ENTER THE STATION ON THE NEW SECTION.

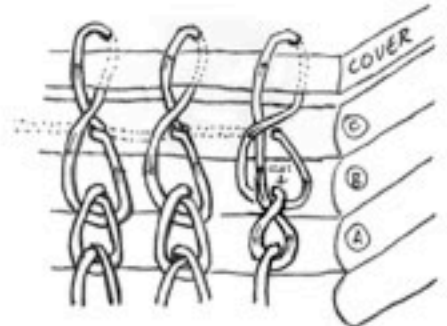
- 8 CONTINUE 'PASSING UNDERNEATH' WITH THE OTHER HOLES. WHEN YOU GET TO THE END OF A ROW,

- PASS UNDERNEATH THE ADJACENT STITCHES
- NOW PASS UNDER THE THREAD COMING OUT OF THE HOLE YOU JUST EXITED
- ...AND CARRY ON TO THE NEXT SECTION.

- 9 WHEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE LAST STATION BEFORE THE COVER BOARDS, STOP. DO NOT ENTER THE LAST SECTION.

IN THE DIAGRAM THE SECTIONS ARE LABELLED: (A); (B) (NEXT TO LAST); (C) (LAST).

THE POINT YOU ARE AT NOW IS LABELLED 'START'



PASS UNDER THE PREVIOUS STITCHING IN THE MOST RECENT SECTION (A), AS NORMAL. BUT INSTEAD OF CARRYING ON TO ENTER (C), CROSS OVER (C) AND ENTER THE TOP OF THE COVER BOARD INSTEAD.

EXIT THE COVER AND PASS THE NEEDLE UNDER THE STITCHES EMANATING FROM (B), FINALLY ENTERING (C) FOR THE FIRST TIME.

- 10 PROCEED ALONG THE INSIDE OF (C) TO THE NEXT HOLE AND EXIT.
- 11 MOVE UP TO THE COVER BOARD, ENTERING THE NEXT HOLE FROM ABOVE AND EXITING BELOW...
- 12 PASS UNDER THE STITCHES EMANATING FROM (B)...
- 13 AND RE-ENTER (C). PROCEED ALONG TO THE NEXT HOLE, INSIDE, AND REPEAT.
- 14 WHEN YOU REACH THE END AND RE-ENTER (C), TIE OFF ON THE INSIDE.