

# Wool Acorn Scissors Fob

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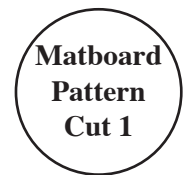
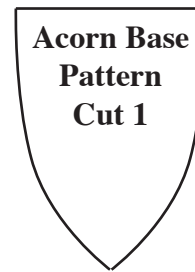
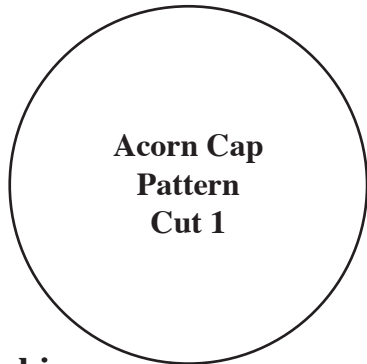
## Materials

- 1 3/4" x 3 1/4" medium brown wool for acorn base
- 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" dark brown wool for acorn cap
- Small piece of matboard
- DMC #5 Pearl Cotton - color to coordinate
- DMC #3371 Floss for cording and for sewing on cap
- Seed beads or walnut shells for filling fob

## Instructions

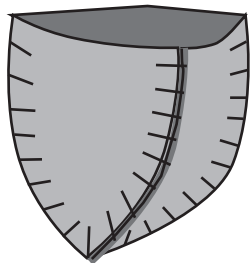
### Preparation:

1. Cut three acorn pieces from medium brown wool using acorn base patterns below.
2. Cut one acorn cap from dark brown wool using acorn cap pattern.
3. Cut one 7/8" circle from matboard.



### Stitching:

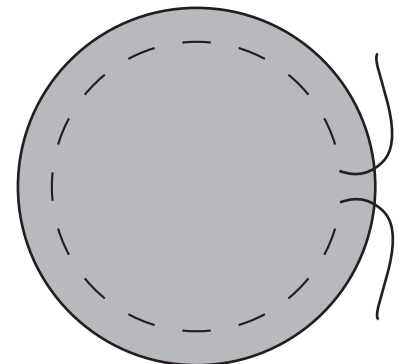
1. Using blanket stitch (see blanket stitch diagram on page 3) and pearl cotton, stitch the three acorn base pieces together into an acorn shape. See Diagram A.
2. With pearl cotton, decorate acorn cap piece with random cross stitches or French knots or a stem stitch spiral or other stitches of your choice. Another idea would be to attach beads with floss. See Diagram B.
3. Do basting stitches around edge of acorn cap. See Diagram C. The basting stitches will be pulled to gather the cap in a bit when sewing it to the base.



**Diagram A: Stitch three acorn base pieces together.**



**Diagram B: Acorn tops.**  
Left – stem stitch spiral.  
Right – random cross stitches.



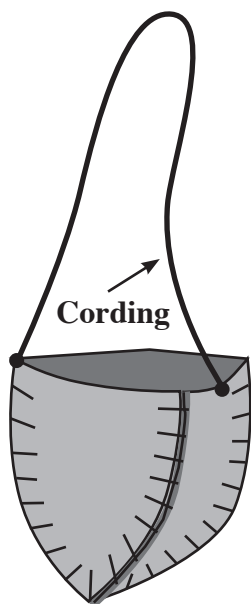
**Diagram C: Basting around acorn cap circle.**

## Cording:

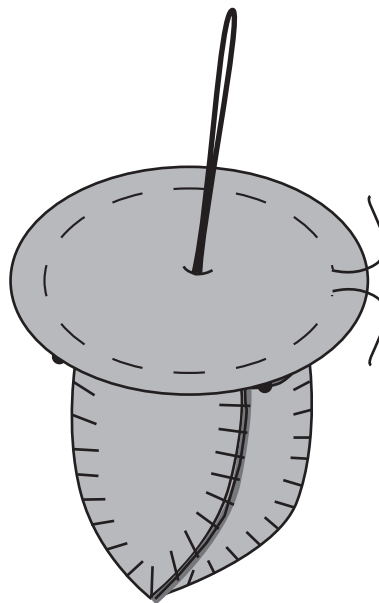
1. This method of making cording uses the “drop and hang” method. To begin cut two 24” pieces of the Pearl Cotton. Put the two pieces together and make a knot in each end. Attach one end to the corder and have a friend hold the other end. Being sure to keep the thread taut, twist until it is tightly twisted. Next, place a weight in the center of the cording and keeping it tight by holding the weight, bring both ends together, with the weight at the bottom. Let go of the weight, and let the pearl cotton twist into cording. Knot the top end to keep it from unraveling. Remove the weight. Knot the bottom end. The piece of cording should be approximately 9” long.

## Construction:

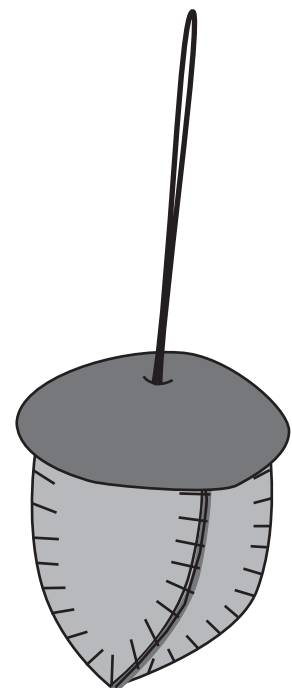
1. Stitch one end of cording to one side of acorn base and the other end to the opposite side of acorn base. One end will be attached at the seam and the other end will be attached halfway between the opposite two seams. See Diagram D.
2. Fill acorn shape with seed beads or walnut shells. You may use fiberfill stuffing as well but the seed beads or walnut shells add a nice weight to the fob.
3. Place the matboard circle on top of the filling. This will help hold the round shape of the acorn and keep the filling in place while attaching the acorn cap.
4. Fold the attached cording and push it through the wool at the center of the acorn cap. See Diagram E. Do not cut a hole for the cording, just spread the wool threads open with a needle to create a hole for the cording and pull it through.
5. Slide the acorn cap down the cording onto the acorn base (Diagram E). Gather the gathering stitches as needed. The idea is to roll the edge of the cap circle under so the raw edge will be inside once the stitching is completed. Stitch the cap to the base using ladder stitch (page 3). Place the ladder stitches on the cap just above the basting stitches. Place the ladder stitches on the acorn base about a quarter inch or so from the top edge. Use one strand of floss or sewing thread. Also, once the cap is stitched onto two of the acorn base pieces, put a little fiberfill stuffing under the cap to make it a bit more cushy. Finish stitching on the cap and enjoy your Acorn Scissors Fob!



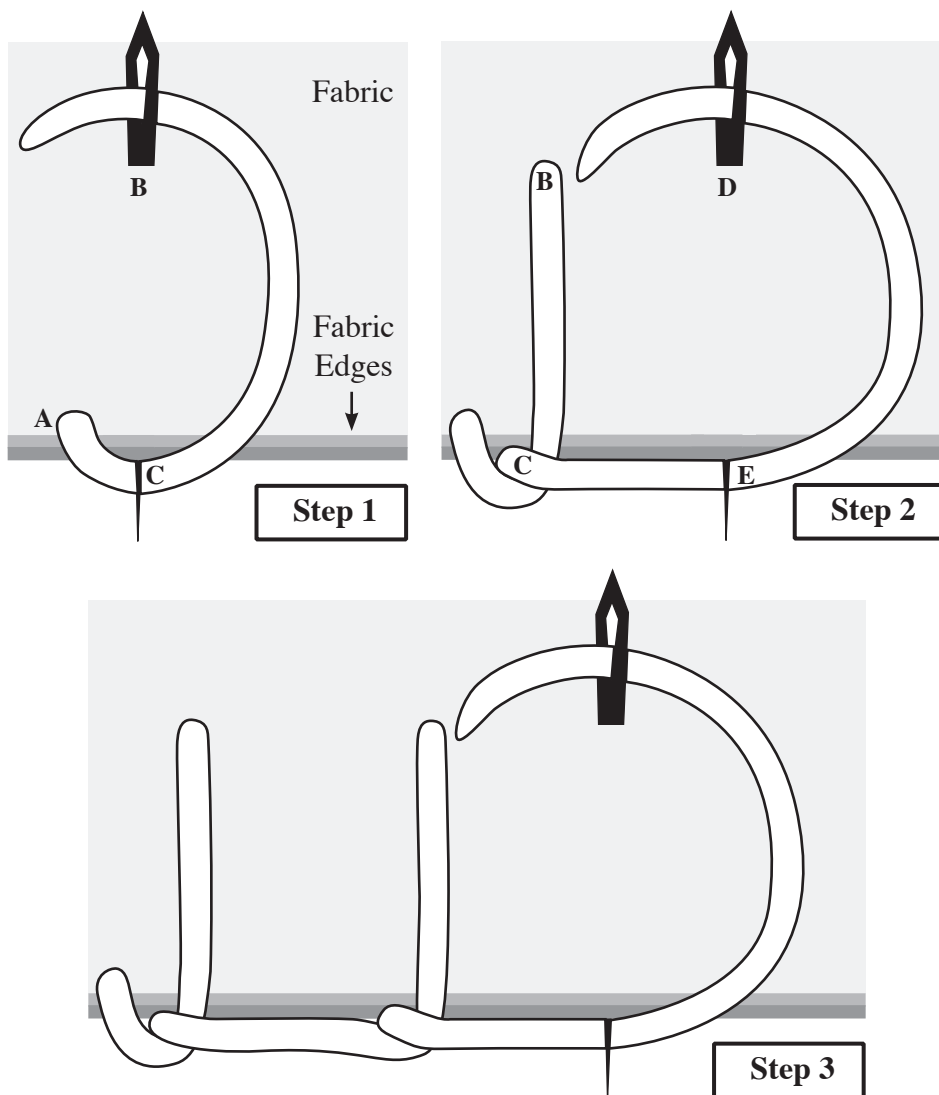
**Diagram D: Attaching cording.**



**Diagram E: Insert cording through center of acorn cap.**



**Diagram D: Stitch acorn cap to acorn base.**



### Blanket Stitch Edging

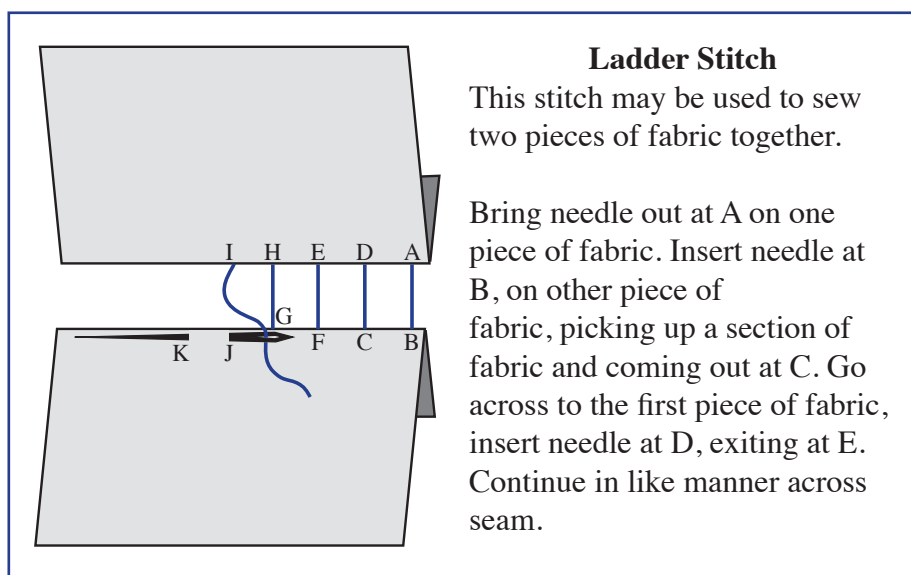
This is a decorative stitch that can be used within a design or to finish an edging. It can also be used to sew two pieces of fabric together as explained here. It is often used this way in wool work.

**Step 1:** Bring needle up at **A** near edge of fabric. Loop thread to the right as shown. Put needle down at **B** and up at **C** in one motion, piercing both pieces of fabric at **B**. Bring needle out beneath both pieces of fabric and over the thread loop at **C**. Pull thread through.

**Step 2:** Loop thread to right again. Put needle down at **D** and up at **E** in one motion, bringing needle out over thread loop, in same manner as before.

**Step 3:** Repeat above process, continuing to end of seam.

**NOTE:** Ideally each blanket stitch should be a tall as it is wide.



### Ladder Stitch

This stitch may be used to sew two pieces of fabric together.

Bring needle out at **A** on one piece of fabric. Insert needle at **B**, on other piece of fabric, picking up a section of fabric and coming out at **C**. Go across to the first piece of fabric, insert needle at **D**, exiting at **E**. Continue in like manner across seam.