



# Decorative Darning Bookmark

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- Supplies needed are 28 or 32 count linen, No. 8 Perle cotton, sewing thread to match linen color, tapestry needle 24 and scissors.
- Sew all darning (straight) stitches in No. 8 Perle cotton and hem stitches in sewing thread. (23, 17" long threads)
- Find center by folding linen in half lengthwise.
- Begin darning in the center, approximately two inches from the short edge, leaving enough for fringe. Pro tip: Secure threads at either end by making a couple of stitches prior to stitching pattern and afterward, leaving enough space for fringe. Doing this lets the threads lay neatly and flat ready to be hemmed stitched into fringe.
- Complete darning from center to outer edge, then rotate fabric and complete opposite side. Pro tip: Using the sewing method seems to help stitches lay neatly.
- Repeat center diamond design up to 13 times, or desired length.
- Hem ends over two with sewing thread that matches the color of the linen. Take care to include the pearl cotton threads in the bundles. Pro tip: Try not to gather more than two Perle cotton threads in a bundle. It's important to watch the back while making these stitches.
- Score, cut, fold and baste in place down long sides using sewing thread. Scoring must be done on the back side.
- Hem long sides between hemmed ends using sewing thread. Gather threads in bundles of 3.
- Trim fringe neatly. Pro tip: Count the same number of linen threads on both sides, remove one thread beyond the desired length and cut along the edge.

