



How to Stitch a Square for a Homespun Rag Quilt

1. Cut batting 1.5-2 inches smaller than your homespun quilt squares.
2. Center batting on one squares. Top with another square to make a "sandwich"
3. Stitch through all layers from corner to corner to form an X.
4. Backstitching to secure the seams must be done 5/8" from all edges. Otherwise the backstitching will be lost when the homespun "frays".





How to "Clip the Edges" for Homespun Rag Style Stitching

1. Most people will clip the edges of a project after the stitching is done. However, in some cases, it may be beneficial to clip the edges before. It really just depends on your personal preference.

2. Make "clips" into the raw edges of your homespun project pieces. These clips should be 1/2" apart and 1/2" deep unless otherwise specified by your pattern.
3. For rag style stitching, ALL raw edges should be clipped.
4. If you accidentally clip into the stitch line, restitch it immediately and use a liquid non-fraying product to seal the cut so that it will not fray.
5. After washing the finished project, all your clipped edges will become the beautiful fluffy "fray" that is the trademark of rag style stitching.
6. It is extremely important to use 100% cotton homespun fabric. Regular quilting cottons will not fray.



After the fray:

