

To do the hemstitch detail on your towel, you will need:

- Sharp small scissors
- Laying tool or awl or large tapestry needle for use in pulling out threads
- Red DMC or sewing thread to match the red border
- Small tapestry needle
- White thread to run thru middle of drawn threads. This can be a 12 pearl cotton, or two strands of DMC, or if you have it, a cordonnet #30. You just want it to match the white of the towel and be the same density as one towel thread.

I did this hemstitching in hand. If you are finding it difficult, after starting the edge, you can put the towel hem into a hoop and move it as you go.



Using sharp scissors, cut vertically thru the red border threads right at the side stitching. You want to leave **three red threads at the top and the bottom.**



Do this on both sides. You will have a slit when you are finished.



Using an awl, or a laying tool or big needle, withdraw all the cut threads across the width of the towel.



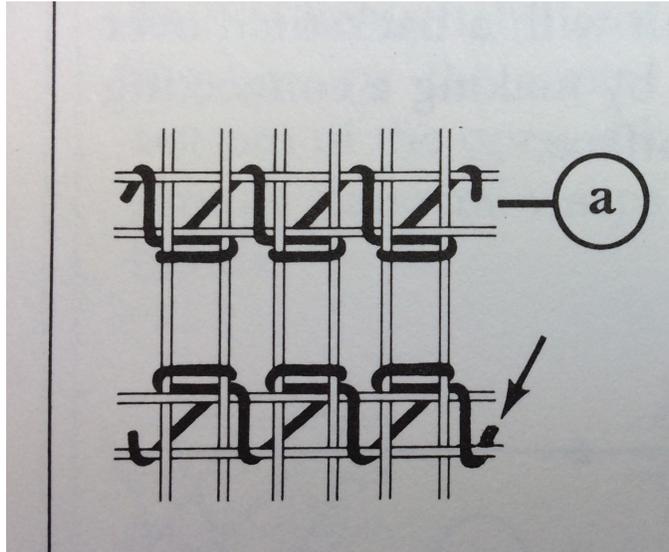
I find it easier to work in small sections at a time until the whole width is done.



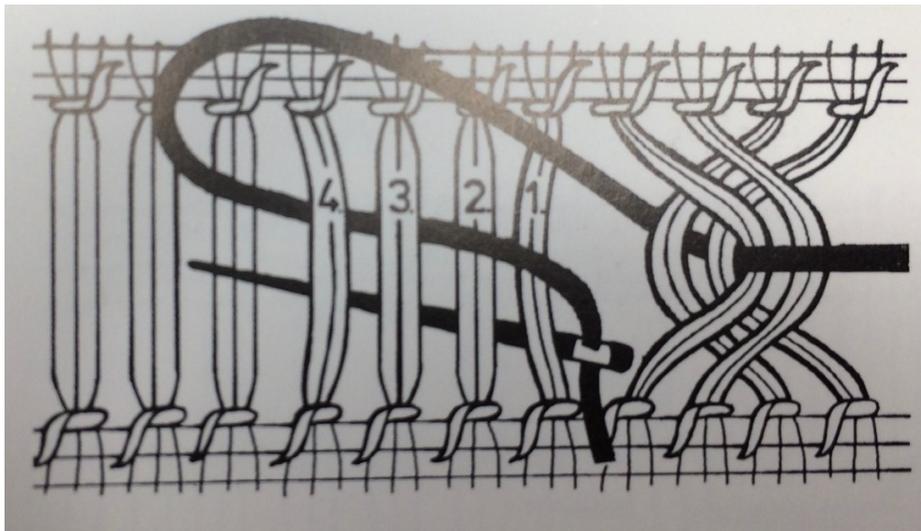
Thread a small tapestry needle with one strand of red thread. Anchor it with a hidden knot behind the fold. Sew a satin stitch down the side as shown to hide the cut edge.



Using the same thread, begin the hemstitching. See photos on next page for details.



Bring thread out two threads down from drawn section, go down under two drawn threads, wrap around them, and go back down two threads under and over, as shown above. Do this across the entire width of the bottom, then do a satin stitch up the opposite side, and flip over and do the top edge exactly the same way as the bottom.



Using the white cordonnet, or DMC, or pearl, anchor a knot in the back of the side hem. Following the diagram above, come out in the center of the drawn thread area, and begin to weave the twisted thread design across the entire width of the towel. When you are finished, pull the thread and towel until they feel equally tensioned, and anchor the thread behind the fold.

Done!!!