

BIG THREADS BRING BOUNTIFUL STITCHES: —✦✦✦— USING 12 WEIGHT THREAD FOR A ✦✦✦— HAND-EMBROIDERED EFFECT



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What We Will Cover

- Learning what 12 weight threads are available
- Working with Wool Blend Burmilana
- Working with Cotton Blend BurmilanaCo
- Working with Classic Rayon #12
- Design considerations
- Which needles to use
- Achieving a hand-embroidered look
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Working With Thick Threads

Wool Blend #12
Burmilana

Cotton Blend #12
BurmilanaCo

Lustrous #12
Classic Rayon



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Using Burmilana

- 50/50 wool/acrylic blend
- 135 solid colors; 12 mélange
- Hand-embroidered effect
- Use #100/16 large eye needle
- Ballpoint needle on knits

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Using Burmilana

- Digitizing concerns
- Reduce machine speeds
- Clean out bobbin case often
- Set tensions to accommodate for thickness and texture

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Using BurmilanaCo

- 50/50 cotton/acrylic blend
- 65 solid colors; 7 mélangé
- Hand-embroidered effect
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- Ballpoint needle on knits

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Using Classic Rayon #12

- Available in 57 solid colors
- Use #100/16 large eye needle
- Set tensions to accommodate for thickness and texture

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Creating Fringe

- Long satin stitches
- Cut bobbin thread



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Creating Animal Fur Effect

- Burmilana brush
- Digitizing
- Use heavy fabric



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Mixing Threads

- Hand-created look
- More dimension
- Shading
- 3D effect
- Go for it! (*after* a test stitch out!)



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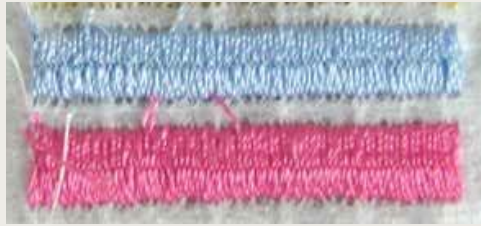


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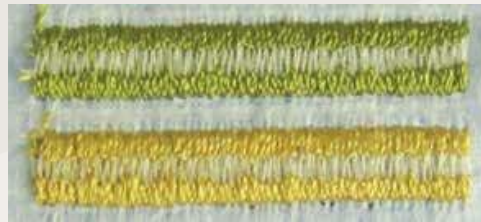
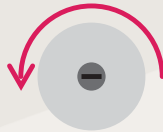
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Top Tension is
Too Loose!



Top Tension is
Too Tight!



Just Right!



- Tensioning Thick Threads
- Top thread is too tight
 - Top thread is too loose
 - Tension is just right:
1/3 – 1/3 – 1/3
 - Loosen tension for thick threads



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This week, Urban Threads is featuring new designs using thick thread. **These designs are 50% off through Monday, October 30 at noon Central Time.** In the search field, type in “thick thread.”