



Working with Rustic Wool Moire Thread

Rustic Wool Moire Thread (RWM) is a great quality product that can be misunderstood because it is 100% wool. It is a spun fiber, not a blend. RWM is more rustic and hairy in nature with slubs compared to others because they are a blend and NOT 100% wool like RWM. Since this is a spun fiber, it may break if you pull to hard. There is slight twist in the threads created in the spinning process. As you are stitching do not untwist the threads, this will weaken the thread. Instead, you may want to twist (slightly) as you're working to help strengthen it. Be sure to twist in the same direction of its natural state off the spool This thread will not glide through wool like perle cotton or floss. I realize this makes it sound like these threads are too finicky to work with. **NOT AT ALL!** A little knowledge about the characteristics of wool threads will give you an advantage when working with it.

Needles... A large eye chenille needle is a must. I prefer and suggest No.24 and sometimes use a No.22, which is a little larger. When stitching on a cotton background that has a tighter weave, I may use a No.20 or on occasion a No.18. This will help create a slightly larger hole to pull your threads through with ease. With that being said, this has the same concept when using a fusible web or glue.

I typically will use a piece about 18" long. When pulling your needle through to the top, DON'T use your needle to pull the thread through. Instead, give short little pulls on the thread itself.

RWM threads work beautifully with Wool Applique, Punch Needle, Embroidery and Cross Stitch.

With Punch Needle, your result will be a little more dense so you may want to space each punch out slightly. The secret is to not let your thread feed directly from the spool. Cut it into shorter lengths to work with.

When using for embroidery, the end result will have a slightly more raised primitive look.

Cross Stitching will have similar results you will find with embroider. Each 'X' will not be clearly defined.

I hope you find these little tidbits helpful and that you enjoy working with Rustic Wool Moire Threads as much as we do. If you have any hints or suggestions please feel free to share them with us. I personally have every color available and absolutely love the look it gives all my projects.

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Happy Stitching!

