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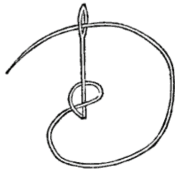
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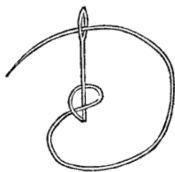
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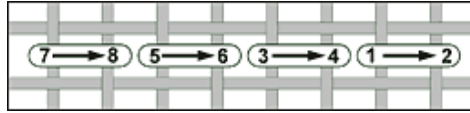
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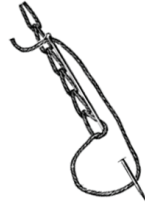
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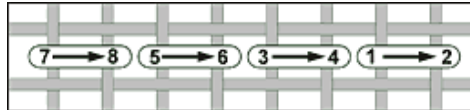
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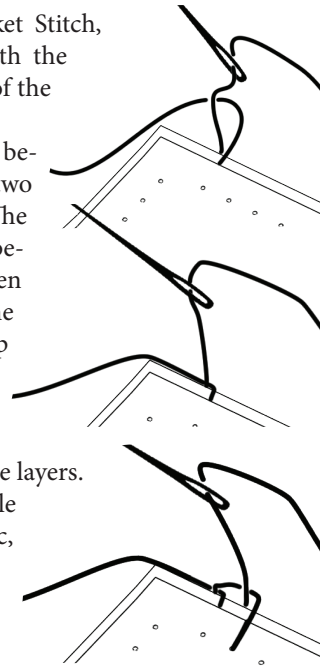
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Pull the thread tight which will set the knot between the layers.

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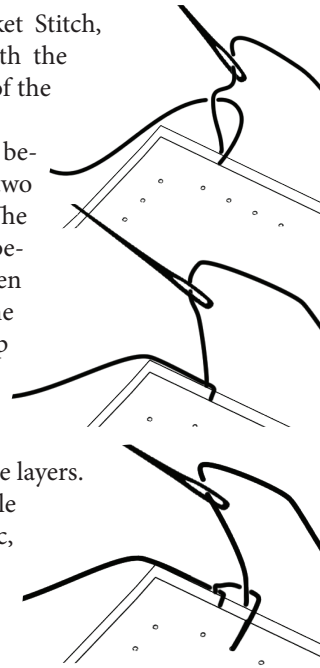
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Repeat this along the edge of the fabric until you have completed the edging.

The stitching should be evenly spaced and have the loop along the seam between the two piece.

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### Design Side

Layout the ladybugs bodies and wings to match the box cover. Pin the black bodies onto one layer of the mat and remove the wings. Blanket stitch the bodies to the mat. Chain stitch the antennae on each ladybug.

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### ***Assembly***

Pin the 2nd base layer behind the first. Stitch along the outside edge of the mat using a Blanket Stitch.

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