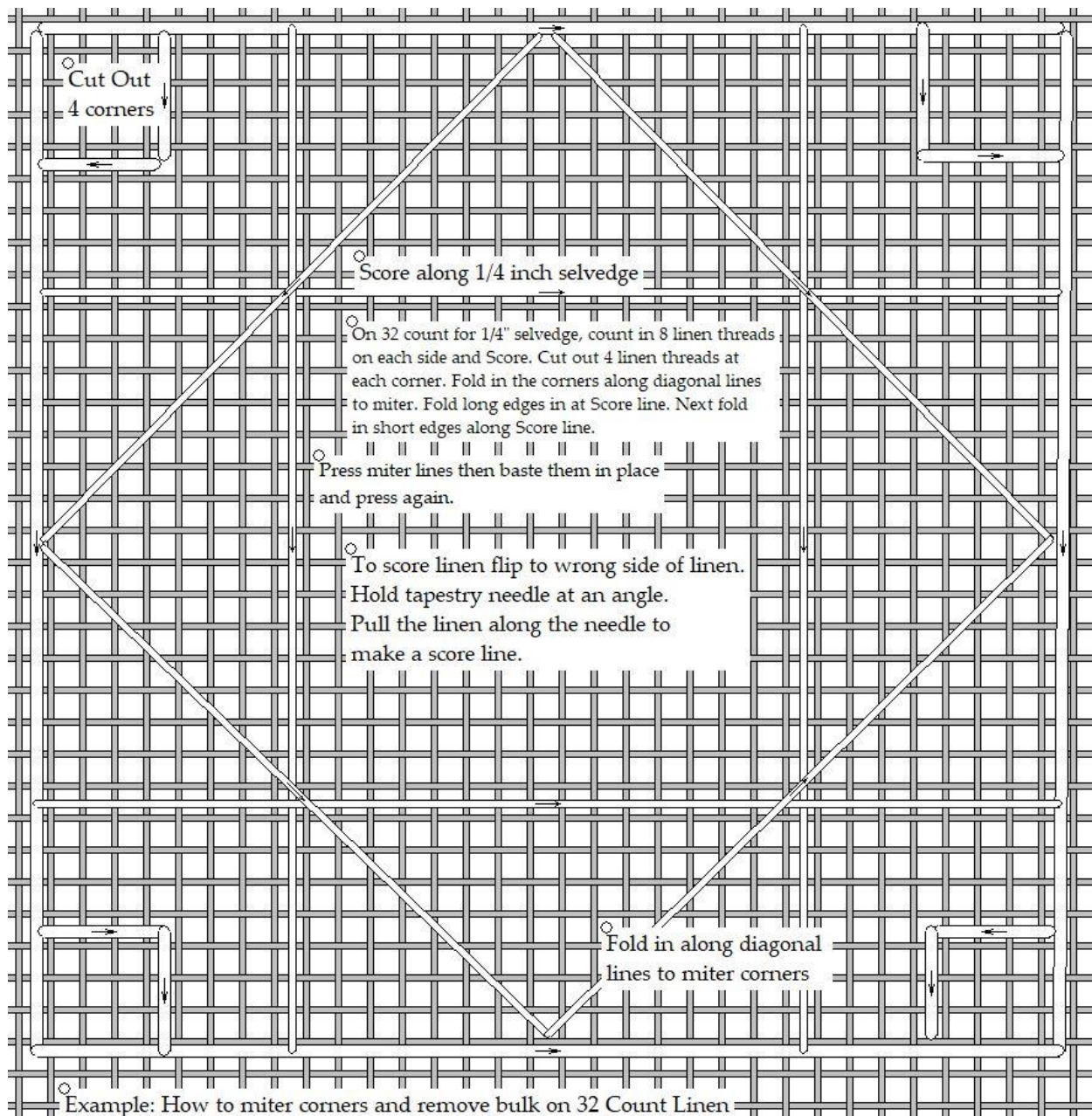


How To Miter Corners – Cissy Bailey Smith



Sometimes I fold the corners on Smalls and other times I miter them. I keep forgetting how to miter corners so I've prepared a visual aid to show the process I like to use.

First, decide how much linen you want to keep around your design area. Next, based on the count of your linen, decide how many threads you need in order to create a 1/4 inch selvedge beyond design plus extra linen area. The chart is based on 32 count linen so 32 divided by 4 is 8

linen threads. You would score the linen between the 8th and 9th linen threads to mark a ¼ inch selvedge line. Cut out the 4 linen threads at each corner as shown above (half of the 8 forming the ¼ inch selvedge). See the diagonal lines on the chart? Fold the corners in along these diagonal lines. Then fold in the top and bottom edges and fold in the sides last. Iron your mitered corners and tack them in place and iron them again.

Let's say you are stitching on 40 count linen. You will need 10 linen threads to make a ¼ inch selvedge. Score the linen between the 10th and 11th linen thread. Cut out half of the 10 linen threads (5 of course) at the corners. Fold along diagonal lines first, fold along the top and bottom score lines next and the side score lines last.

To Score linen, flip to the back side. Put the linen on a flat surface like a table. Hold a tapestry needle at an angle and pull the linen along the needle to make a scoring line.