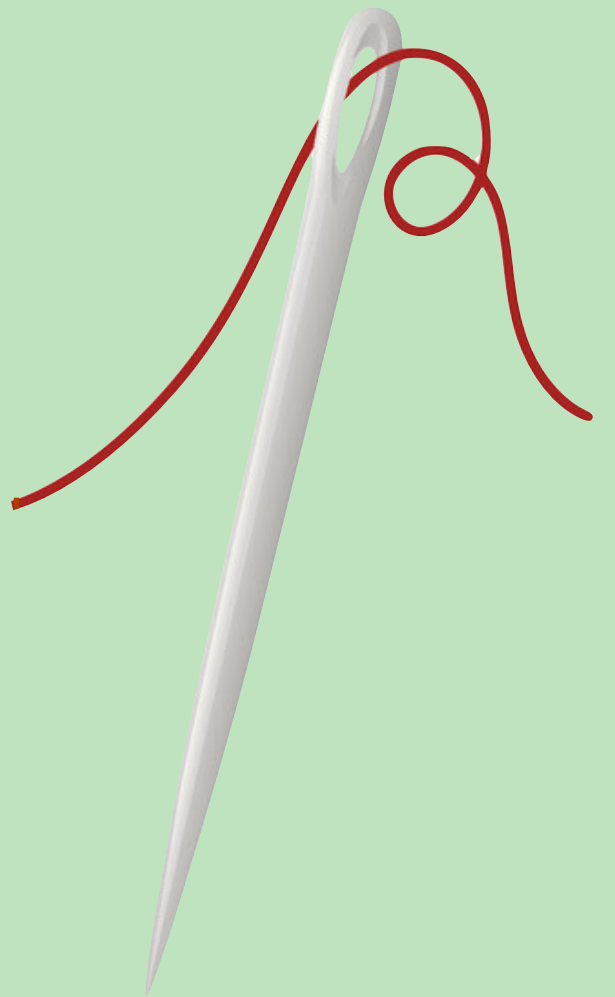


SEASONAL



STOCKINGS



Learning Objective:

To explore different ways to join fabric  
using sewing skills





Thinking back to what we  
learnt last lesson, what  
makes a successful  
Christmas stocking?

Think, pair, then share your ideas.



We learnt that the following two important aspects can affect how successful a Christmas stocking can be:



## FUNCTION

This relates to how suited it is to its purpose. Size, joins and fabric can affect this.

## VISUAL APPEAL

This means how attractive and eye-catching it is! Colour, decoration and fabric can affect this.



Today we are going to focus on the function of a Christmas stocking, by using our sewing skills to explore different stitches to join pieces of fabric together.





If we wanted to sew these two pieces of fabric together, what equipment would we need?



Think, pair, then share your ideas.





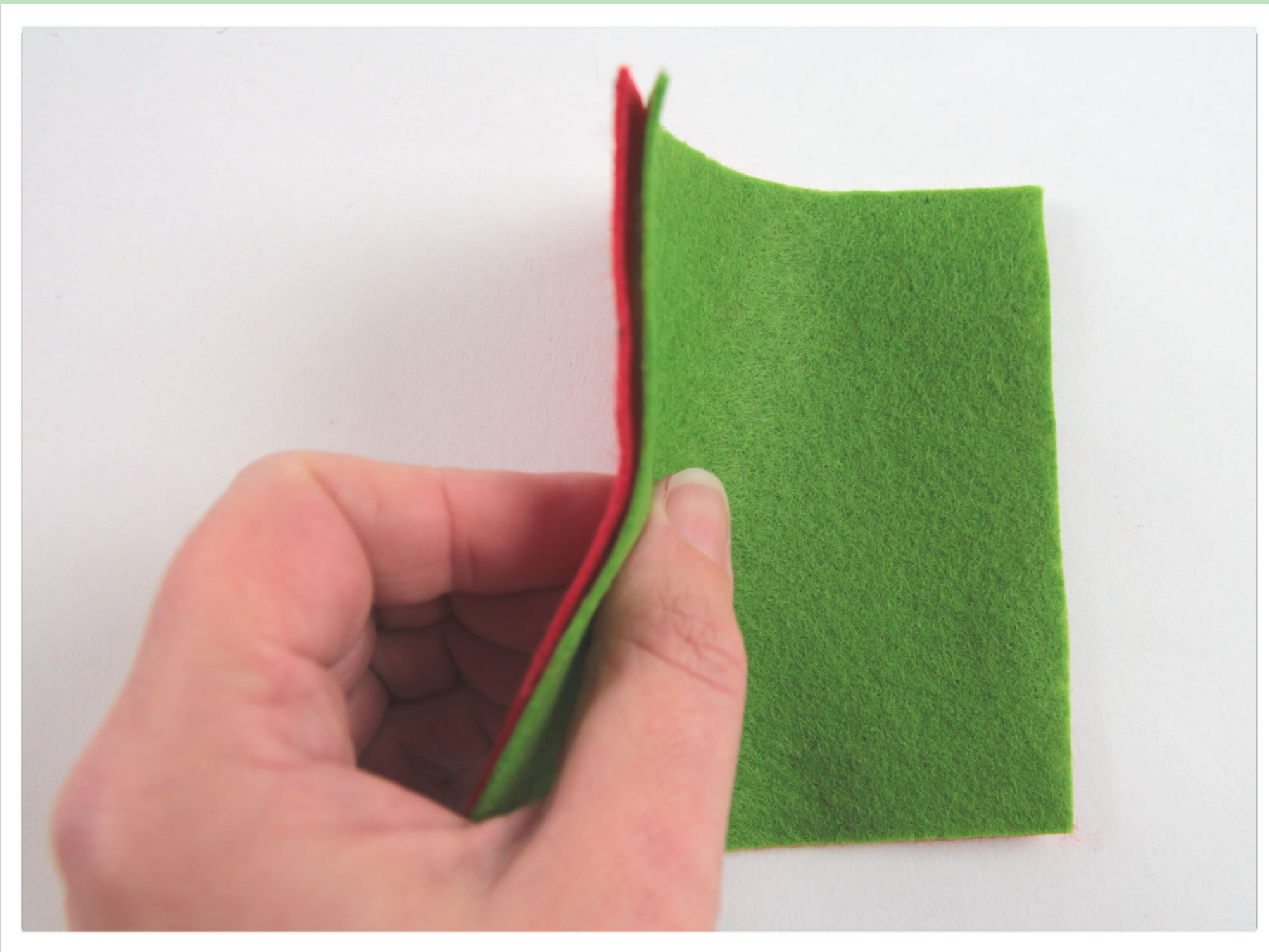
We would need a needle, some thread, some pins and a pair of scissors.



Do you know what we need to do with each of these pieces of equipment?

Think, pair, then share your ideas.





First, we need to line up the edges of the two pieces of fabric that we want to join together.

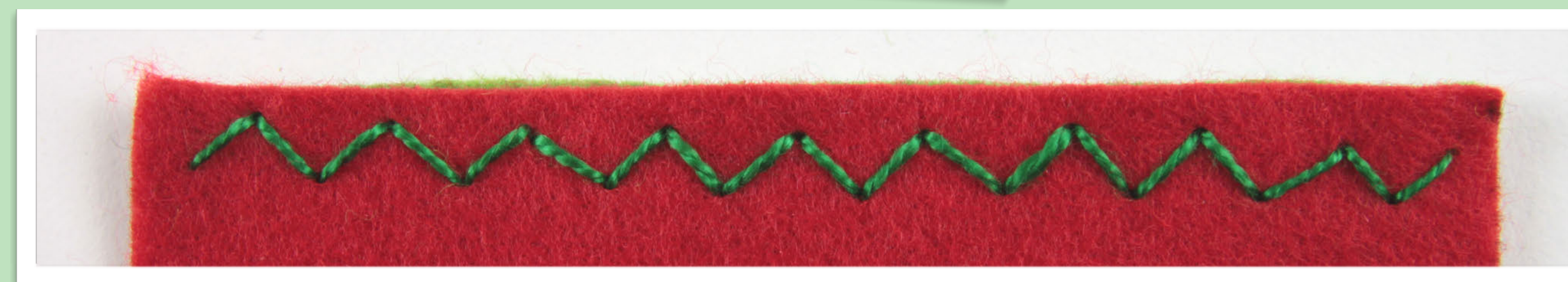
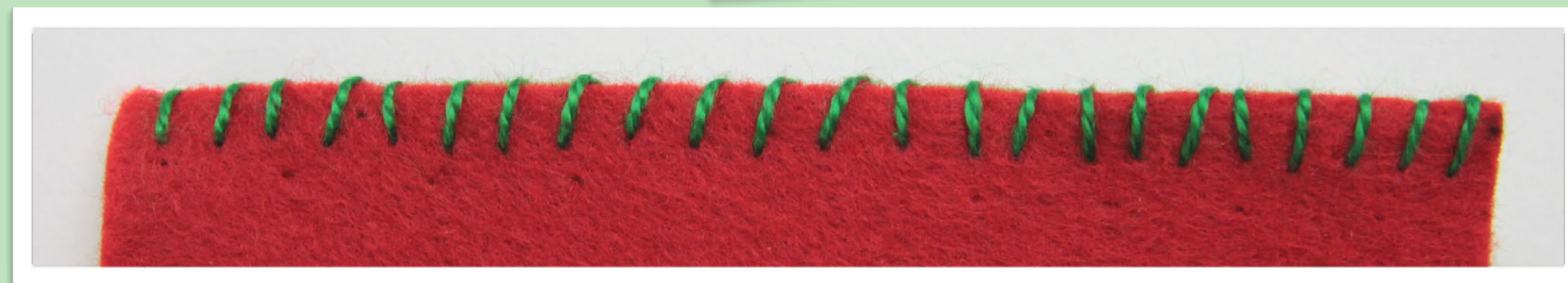
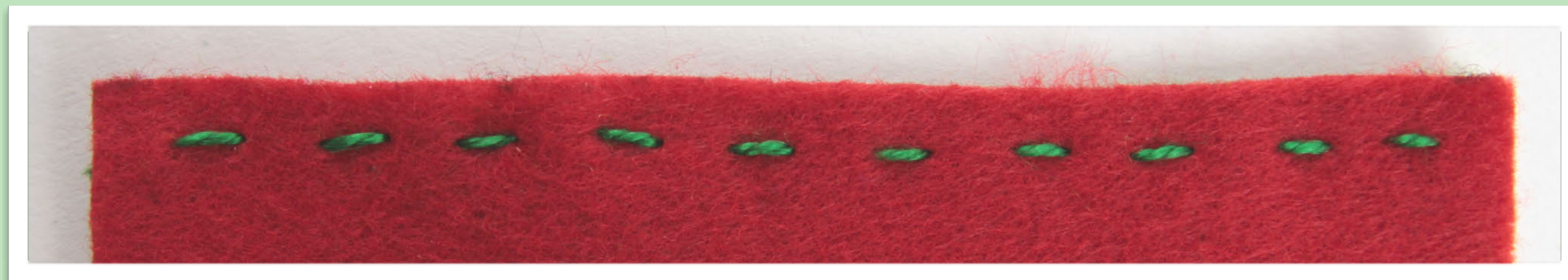


Next, we need to use pins to temporarily fasten the fabric together so the pieces do not move when we begin sewing.

Now we need to decide what type of stitch to use!



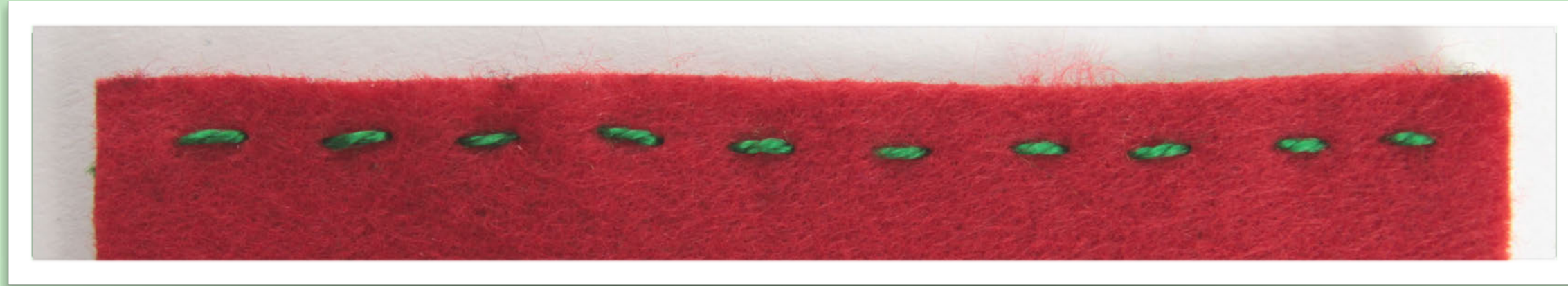
Do you know what any of these stitches are called?



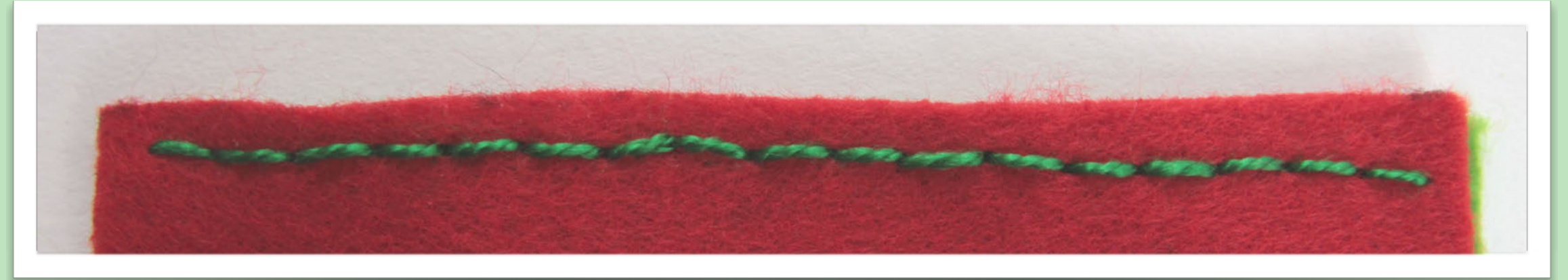
Have you used any of these stitches before?



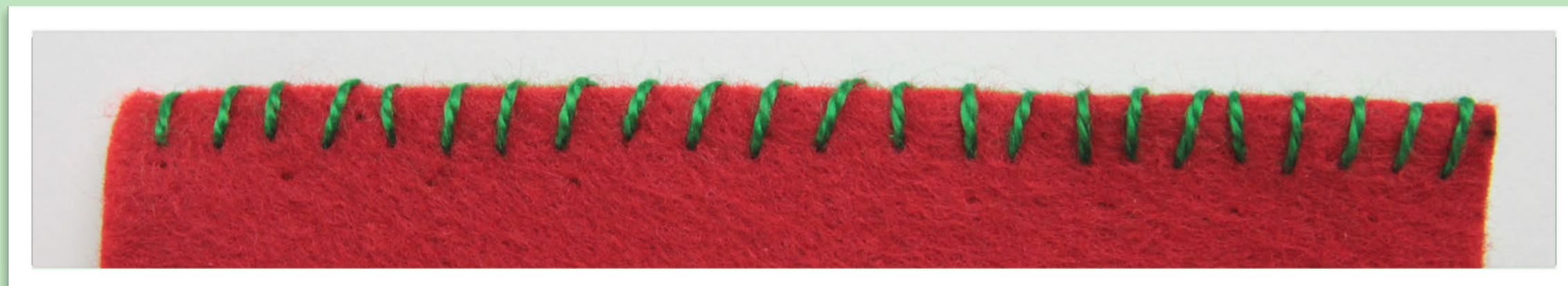
Running stitch



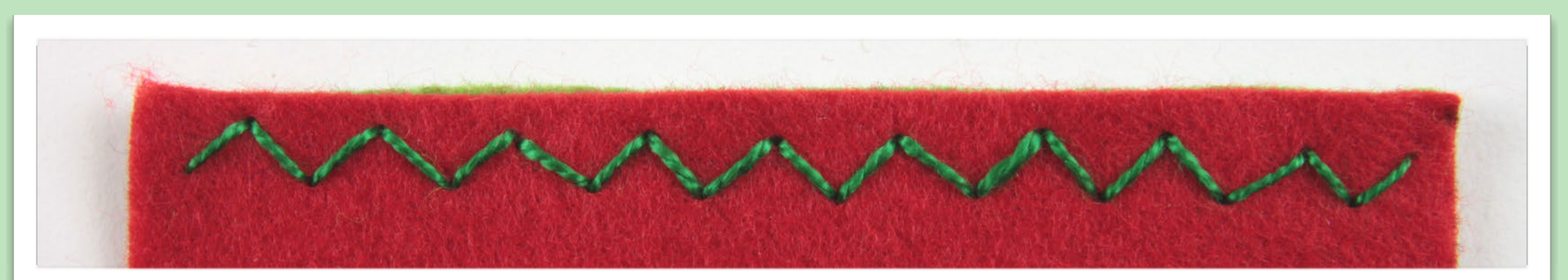
Back stitch



Overstitch



Zigzag stitch



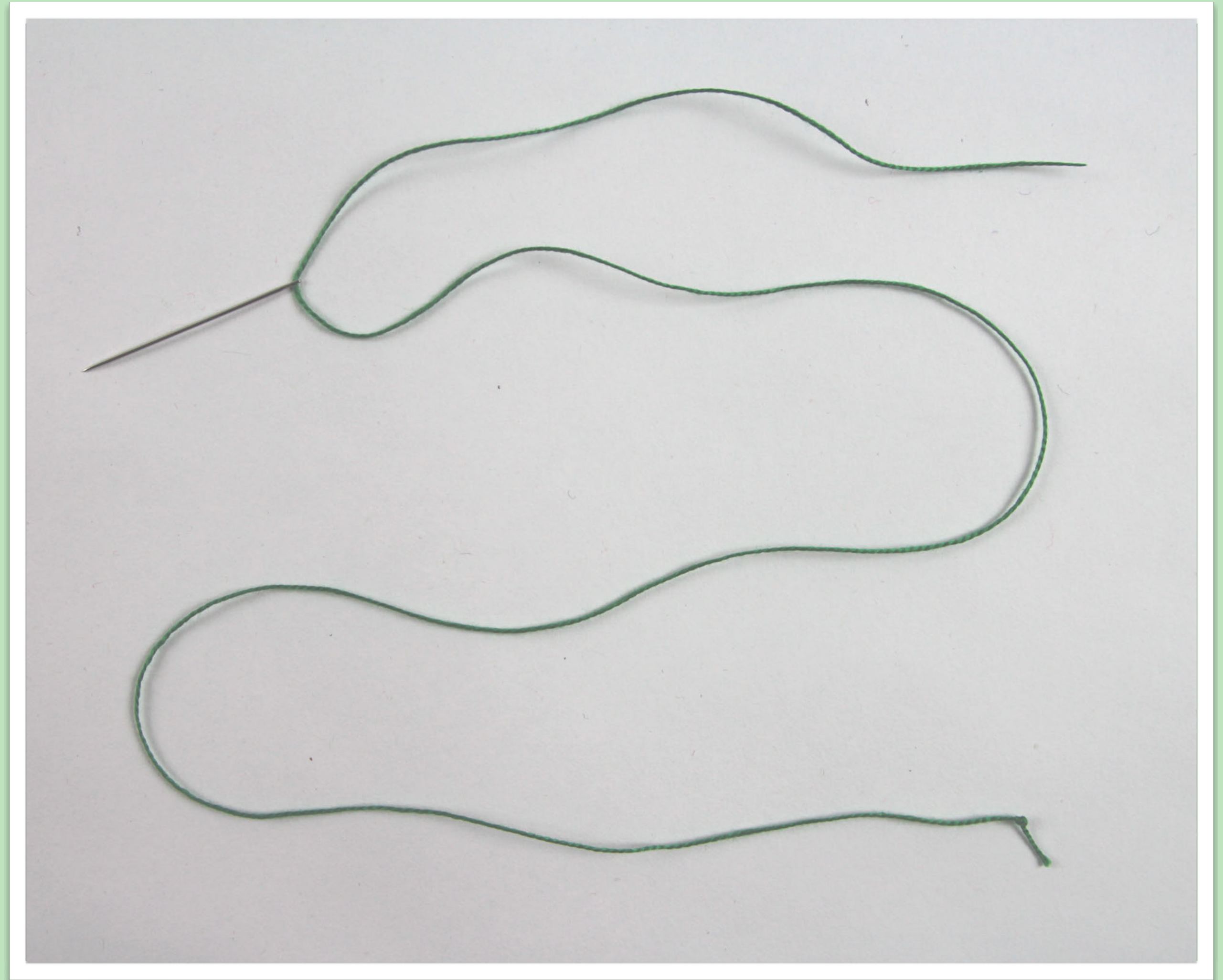
Once we have decided what stitch we are going to use, what do we need to do next?





You need to thread your needle.

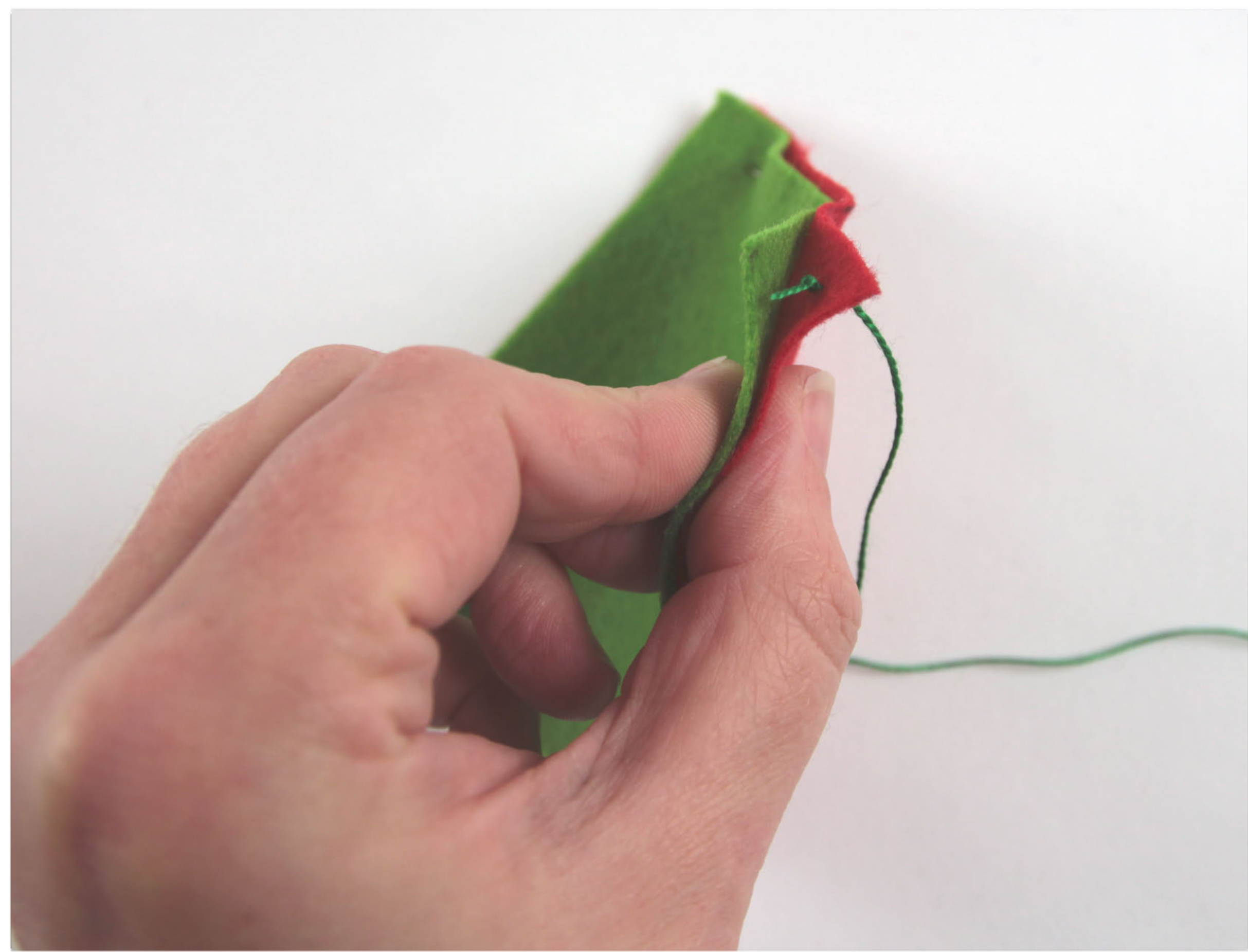
Make sure that you pull the thread about a quarter of the way through the other side. This means that it is less likely to slip off the needle when you start to sew.



Don't forget to tie a knot at the other end.



# Now you are ready to begin sewing!



You can hide the knot on your first stitch by pushing your needle through only one of the pieces of fabric, from the inside to the outside. Then when you begin to sew, the knot will stay hidden between the two pieces of fabric.



Can you see how the knot will become hidden?

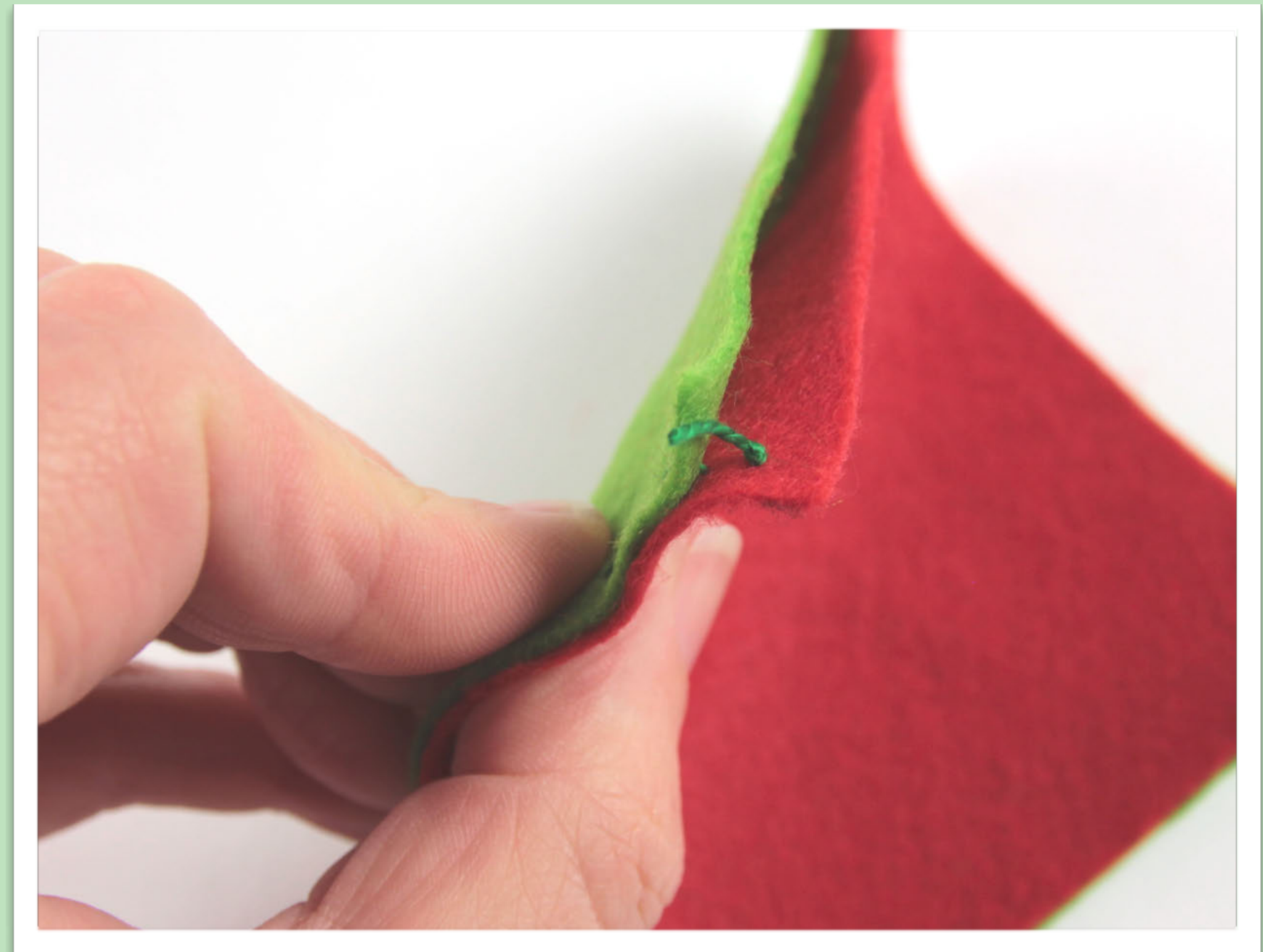


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When you start sewing, make sure your stitches are not too far away from the fabric edge – about half a centimetre is right.



After completing the finishing knot (to hide it, just push the needle through one of the pieces of fabric), make sure that you leave about one centimetre of thread when you cut it, so that the knot does not come undone.





Now that you know how to sew two pieces of fabric together, you are going to explore which joining stitch will be the best to make a Christmas stocking with!

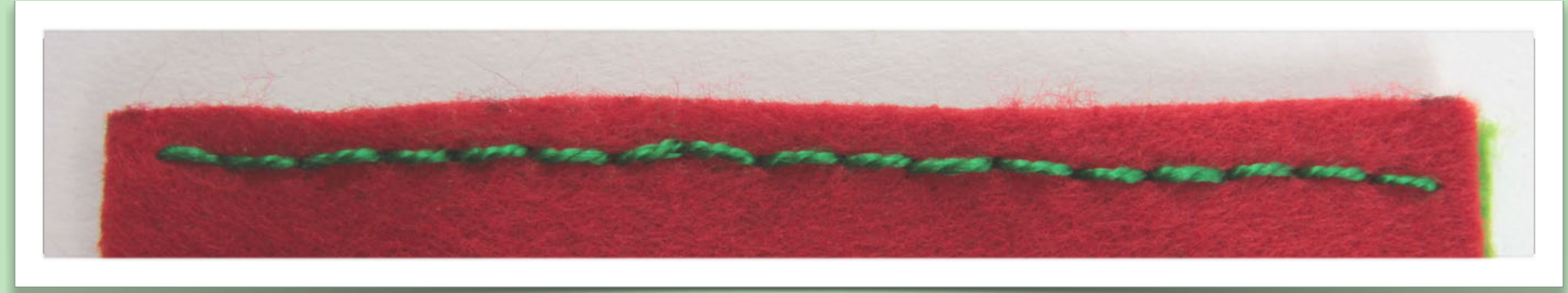


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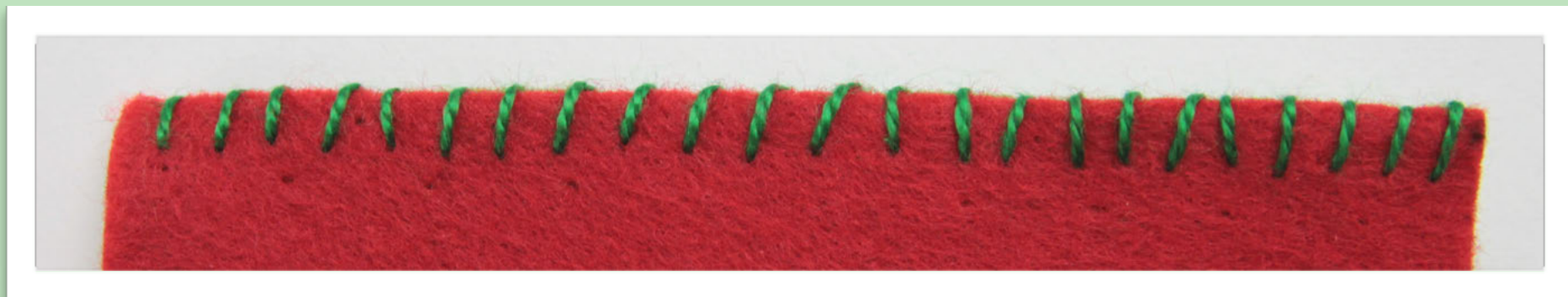
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Which of the stitches that we have looked at today do you think you would use to make a Christmas stocking? Why?

