DMC 117MC/970

DMC Stranded Cotton Number 970 Instruction Manual

1. Introduction

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the proper use and care of your DMC Stranded Cotton Number 970. Please read this manual thoroughly before use to ensure optimal results and longevity of the product.

2. Product Overview

The DMC Stranded Cotton Number 970 is a high-quality embroidery floss, known for its vibrant color and durability. It is composed of six easily separable strands, allowing for various stitching techniques and effects.



Image 1: A skein of DMC Stranded Cotton Number 970, showcasing its bright orange color and the product label.

- **Brand:** DMC
- **Model:** 117MC/970
- **Material:** 100% Cotton
- **Length:** Approximately 314.96 inches (8 meters) per skein
- **Color:** Number 970 (Orange)

3. Setup and Preparation

Before beginning your embroidery project, ensure you have all necessary tools and prepare the floss appropriately.

3.1 Unwinding the Floss

Gently remove the paper band from the skein. Locate the end of the floss and carefully pull it to unwind without tangling. It is recommended to cut lengths of approximately 18-24 inches (45-60 cm) for easier handling and to prevent fraying.

3.2 Separating Strands

DMC Stranded Cotton consists of six individual strands. For most embroidery techniques, you will need to separate these strands. Hold the desired number of strands between your thumb and forefinger, and gently pull the remaining strands

downwards until they separate. This allows for varying thicknesses and textures in your stitching.

4. Operating Instructions (Usage)

This section outlines general guidelines for using DMC Stranded Cotton in your embroidery projects.

4.1 Threading the Needle

Once you have separated the desired number of strands, moisten the end slightly or use a needle threader to easily pass the floss through the eye of your embroidery needle.

4.2 Stitching Techniques

DMC Stranded Cotton is versatile and suitable for a wide range of embroidery stitches, including but not limited to:

- Cross Stitch
- Backstitch
- Satin Stitch
- French Knot
- Chain Stitch

Refer to specific embroidery guides for detailed instructions on each stitch.

5. Maintenance and Care

Proper care ensures the longevity and vibrancy of your finished embroidery projects.

5.1 Washing Instructions

DMC Stranded Cotton is colorfast and can be machine washed. For best results, follow these guidelines:

- **Machine Wash:** Use a gentle cycle with mild detergent.
- **Water Temperature:** Use cold or lukewarm water (up to 40°C / 104°F).
- **Drying:** Air dry flat or tumble dry on low heat. Avoid direct sunlight to prevent fading.
- **Ironing:** Iron on a medium setting if necessary, preferably on the reverse side of the embroidery.

Always test a small, inconspicuous area first if you are unsure about the fabric or other materials used in your project.

5.2 Storage

Store unused floss in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and humidity to prevent fading or mildew. Organizing floss on bobbins or in storage boxes can help prevent tangling.

6. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues encountered when working with embroidery floss.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Floss tangles easily	Too long a piece of floss; improper unwinding; not separating strands correctly.	Cut shorter lengths (18-24 inches); unwind carefully; separate strands one by one.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Floss frays at the end	Repeated pulling through fabric; needle eye too small.	Use shorter lengths; use a needle with a larger eye; re-thread needle if fraying occurs.
Color bleeding after washing	Incorrect washing temperature or detergent; fabric not colorfast.	Ensure cold/lukewarm water and mild detergent; pre-wash fabric if unsure of colorfastness. DMC floss is colorfast, but fabric dyes may not be.

7. Specifications

- **Product Name:** DMC Stranded Cotton Number 970
- **Model Number:** 117MC/970
- **Material Composition:** 100% Cotton
- **Item Length:** 314.96 Inches (approx. 8 meters)
- **Item Weight:** 0.317 ounces
- **Package Dimensions:** 3 x 2 x 1 inches
- **Care Instructions:** Machine Wash (as per Section 5.1)
- **Number of Pieces:** 1 (per skein)

8. Warranty and Support

DMC Stranded Cotton is a consumable product. For specific inquiries regarding product quality or manufacturing defects, please contact DMC customer support directly through their official website or authorized retailers. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.
For more information and creative inspiration, visit the official DMC website:www.dmc.com

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