

SEPARATING FLOSS

When I first started cross stitching, I almost gave up on the craft because I found separating floss to be entirely too frustrating. But then I learned a simple trick that makes separating your floss the easiest part of the process.

To separate floss, simply hold one end of the floss between two fingers. With your other hand, separate the ends of the floss by lightly twisting back and forth.

Now, grab a **single strand of floss** and, keeping the remaining floss pinched between your fingers, pull the single strand up and away from the rest. You will notice that it smoothly pulls away from the rest of the floss.

As you continue to pull the single strand away, the remaining floss may begin to bunch and bundle under your pinched fingers. This is fine, but make sure to pull your floss slowly and if you begin to feel resistance, stop pulling. The resistance is caused by the floss getting to tightly bundled under your fingers. Simply tug on the other end of the floss to undo some of that bundling and then continue to pull your single strand free.

Once completed, straighten out the bundled floss by pulling both ends in opposite directions.

Important note: This method can only be used with a single strand of floss at a time. If done with two or more strands you will cause knotting that may make the floss unusable. If you do not use the loop method and need to remove more than one strand of floss, simply do both strands separately. This method is so fast and simple, taking only seconds, that separating the strands separately is still faster than other methods of floss separation.



Tip: When pulling a length of floss from a skein, always pull from the barcode end. (DMC specific)