BUBBLES or PAISLEY

This is an excellent background filler stitch pattern. Begin in one corner (I prefer the lower left corner) and make a tear drop. Now echo back around the top of the tear drop back to where you started. Now echo back again. You have two lines of stitching around your original tear drop shape and this is your "bubble". You should be on the right edge of the bubble. Make another tear drop shape, but angle it slightly. Echo the tear drop, just like you did before, two or three times, then make another tear drop. That's all you need to do. I like to work in a (more or less) diagonal direction. Make sure your teardrops go in different directions — avoid having them look like soldiers on parade. Continue making bubbles until your space is filled. If you get yourself into a "dead end" or an area where you can't get out of, just echo back to a new space.

