

Suture Patterns

Simple Interrupted

Skin closure in mass removals
Large lacerations repairs

Important to practice APPOSING edges and not making them too tight.

Simple Continuous

Close linea alba in abdominal surgeries
Close dermal layer / reduce dead space
in larger mass removals or fat pets.

Take a good "bite" on both sides of the muscular layer of the linea

Intra Dermal / Subcuticular

Close most routine neuter and spays

Most difficult in young patients with thin skin.
Practice not breaking through skin surface.

Far - Near - Near - Far

Use in high tension closures
(ex. mass removal)

Take deep "bites" and appose.
I use one in the middle of an elliptical excision
and then finish on either side with simple continuous sutures.

Miller's Knot

Ligate pedicles in
large dog spays

Game changer for confidence in these surgeries!

Horizontal Mattress

Use in high tension areas where
apposition is needed but
tissue is friable.

Ex. Damaged paw pad

Cruciate

LARGE ANIMAL BONUS

Less knots to tie in
large lacerations!

