

RHODES STITCH

This stitch is usually worked by counting threads on an evenweave fabric, but can be worked on any fabric.

It uses a series of straight stitches to create a raised stitch built from overlapping stitches, and can be adapted to suit many shapes.

DENSE RHODES STITCH is worked using every available adjacent hole.

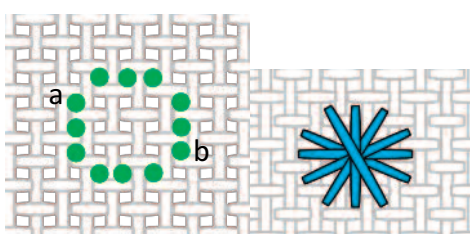
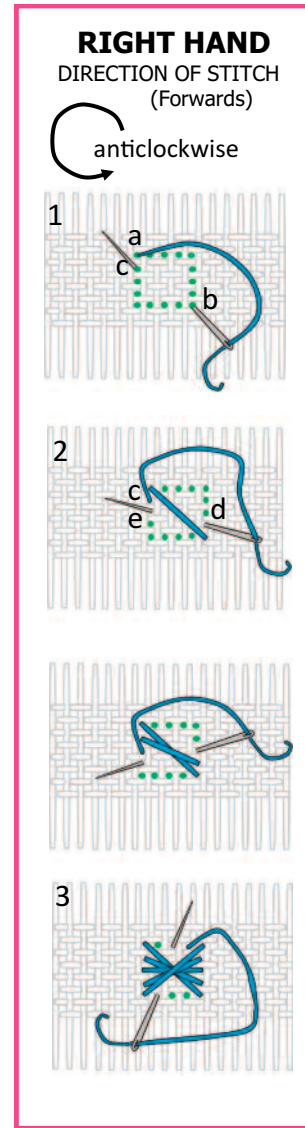
A looser effect can be made by working every alternative hole, although the sequence of stitching remains the same.

1. Bring the thread up at **a**. Count across four holes and down four holes; take the thread back down into the fifth hole, at **b**; bring the thread up at one hole forwards from your starting point, at **c**.

2. Take the thread forwards and down into the next hole up, at **d**. Bring the thread across and one hole forwards from **c**, at **e**.

3. Continue working down each side of your shape, working one hole forwards each time. Threads will overlap each other, creating a raised effect.

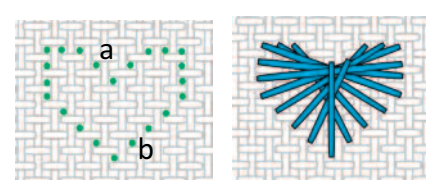
To join a new thread: Take the thread down at the fourth hole forwards. Finish off at the back of the work. Bring a new thread up one hole forward from the start of the last stitch



Rounded Rhodes Stitch —cut off the corner stitches



Work different shapes in exactly the same way, taking threads across the shape hole by hole.



Rhodes Stitch Heart —pay attention to the starting place, to ensure the final stitch is made vertically down the centre.



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