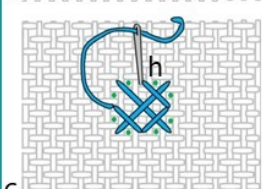
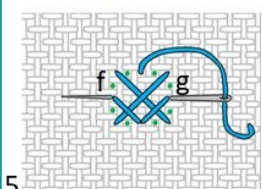
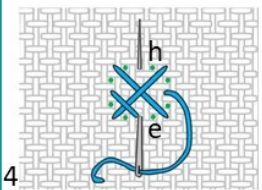
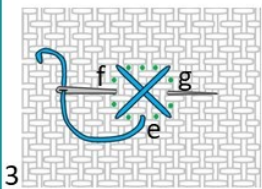
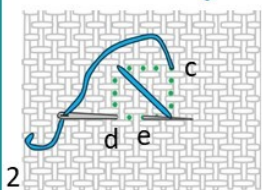
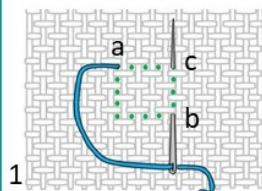


## LEFT HAND



## RICE STITCH

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

It can be worked as a single stitch or in multiples side by side, as a fill stitch.

**1.** Bring the thread up at **a**. Count down four holes and across four holes; take the thread back down into the fifth hole, at **b**; bring the thread up four holes above, at **c**.

**2.** Take the thread across and down four holes in the opposite direction to Step 1, working diagonally across the stitch just made. Take the thread down at **d**. Bring the thread back up in the second hole across from d, at **e**.

**3.** Take the thread across two holes and up two holes, taking it down at **f** (halfway between a and d). Bring it back up directly across, at **g** (halfway between c and b).

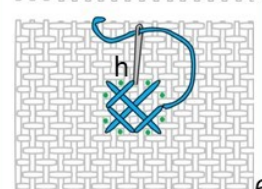
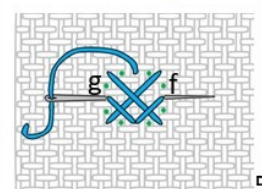
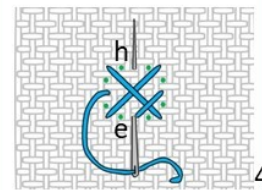
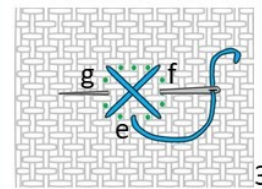
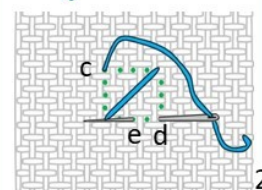
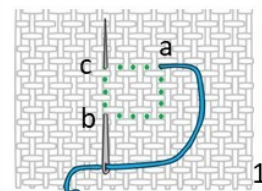
**4.** Take the thread back down at **e**. Bring it up directly above, at **h** (halfway between a and c).

**5.** Take the thread back down at **g**. Bring it back up directly across at **f**.

**6.** Take the thread down at **h**. Finish off at the back of the work.

**To join a new thread:** Take the thread as indicated at the step being worked. Finish off at the back of the work. Bring a new thread up up where the step being worked indicates, and continue stitching.

## RIGHT HAND



Turn and work at 45°, sometimes called diagonal rice stitch



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