Widow Maker's Crafternoon

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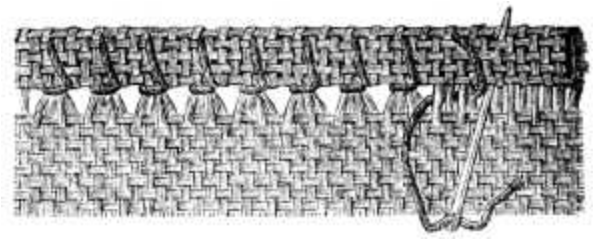
Antique Hem-Stitch. Wrong Side

A hem stitch old enough that modern needlework books forgot it existed.



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"The needle goes right to left; the stitch lands dead center."

1. **Draw the Hem Thread**
   At the depth needed to form a narrow hem, draw a thread. In very fine textures, roll the edge rather than laying it.

2. **Fasten Left, Stitch Right**
   Fasten your working thread in at the left. Work the stitches from left to right.

3. **Form the Cluster Stitch**
   Pass your needle from right to left under three or four threads, and draw the thread round the cluster. Then carry the needle on through as many threads of the upper layer as you took up below, so the stitch always emerges from the middle of the cluster.