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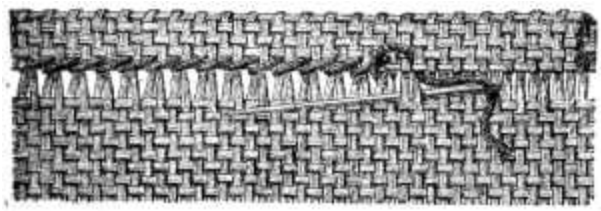
Second Hem-Stitch

The second hem-stitch: a little tress along the edge, at home on the right side too.



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"Gather right to left, skip what you took, then dip below."

1. **Prepare the Hem**
   Prepare the hem first, the same way as for the single hem-stitch: draw out the threads below the edge of the turning, and tack your hem down to the line they leave.

2. **Work Left to Right**
   Work this stitch moving from left to right along the edge of the hem.

3. **Gather Cross-Threads**
   Draw two or three cross-threads together, working from right to left as you gather them.

4. **Skip Matching Threads**
   Skip the same number of upright threads that you took up below.

5. **Insert and Bring Out**
   Insert your needle downward from above, and bring it out at the bottom edge of the hem.