

# Granitos

RIGHT-HANDED



**1** Granitos are simple stitches that resemble grains of rice. Begin by making a straight stitch the full length of the finished stitch. Three strands of thread are used here.



**2** Pull the thread through and bring the needle up through the same hole as before. Insert it in the original hole at the other end of the stitch.



**3** Keeping the thread lying to the right side of the first stitch, pull it through gently.



**4** The second stitch should be lying to the right of the first stitch, but going through the same holes in the fabric at either end of the stitch.



**5** Make a third stitch through the same holes as before, but this time keep the thread lying to the left throughout.



**6** When you finish pulling the thread through, you should have a slightly elliptical-shaped stitch with pointed ends. This is the basic granitos stitch completed.





**7** For an even more shapely stitch, repeat Steps 2-6 once more, making another stitch to the right and left. Again, you can stop here if you like.



**8** To add even more dimension to the stitch, sew another straight stitch over the centre. There are now six straight stitches forming this rounded granitos.



**9** A slightly angled view shows some of the dimension. As you're pulling the thread through each time, don't pull it too tight so the shape of the stitch is maintained.



**10** Grantitos make lovely petals, buds and leaves, as well as animal eyes when worked quite short. This is a naive daisy with five basic three-stitch granitos.



**11** The centre is filled with French knots. In this example, the needle was threaded with one strand each of yellow and black stranded thread.