The Needle Works

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Store Hours: **Tuesday-Friday**, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; **Thursday** till 8 p.m.; **Saturday** 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Columbus Market

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New in the Store

Presencia Perle Cotton Size 16

Acrylic Laying Tools with Wooden Handles

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The Needle Works will be closed July 4th

—Have a Happy Independence Day!—
Rice stitch is a versatile cross stitch that adds a lot of texture in a small 2 x 2 box. It’s easy to compensate with 1 x 1 crosses when you can’t do a whole stitch. Giant rice expands the stitch to 4 x 4 or larger if you have more space to cover.

Eleonore has taken the stitch a few steps farther in the background of her martini pillow. She offset the 4 x 4 stitches, added upright crosses in the centers and used different threads for each step. The result is an interesting texture with a bit of sparkle. And to think I was just going to basketweave mine!

**Evolution of a Stitch**

**Offset Rice Variation**

- **Rice (right)**
- **Giant Rice (below)**

**Second Thursday**

**Night Classes**  
6-8 p.m.

- **September 13**—Stitch a Christmas Stocking with Kimberly

**July Projects**
Each kit includes a delightful 4½-inch square painted canvas, stitch guide, threads, accessories, and coordinating fabric for finishing. Exclusive to The Needle Works.