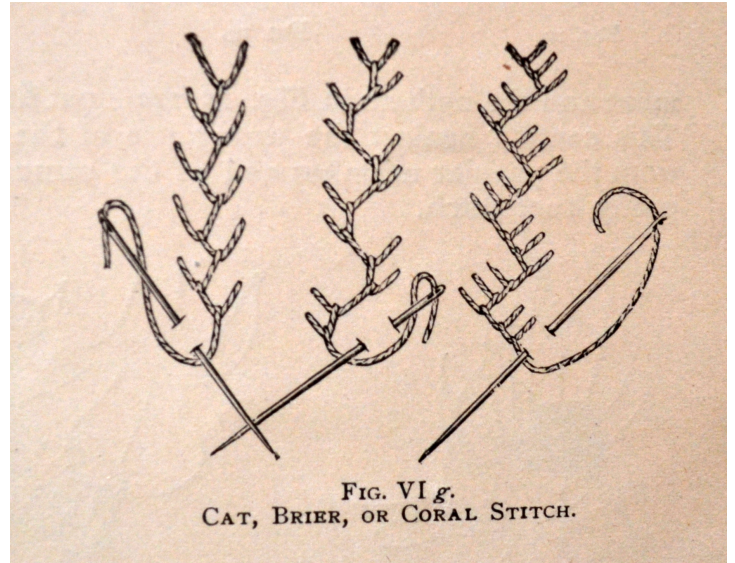


## Cat, Brier or Coral Stitch

I found this stitch on one of my grandmother's old crazy quilts and just loved it but didn't know its name. So I went on a search through my antique needlework magazines and books and finally found it in one of my Corticelli Embroidery Magazines from 1901. It had three different names depending on where one grew up, cat, brier or coral stitch. Because brier and coral stitch generally resemble the two outer stitches in the diagram, I decided that the stitch on my grandmother's quilt must be the cat stitch.

It is stitched in the same manner as a featherstitch.



Here is an example I used in one of my crazy quilts. I spaced the two stitches on either side of the center line in the same manner as my grandmother did on one part of the quilt because I like the way it looks.

This is how it looks without any additional embellishment.

Add some beads, french knots, or lazy daisy stitches for the secondary row and your crazy quilt will have a nice looking row of stitches.

