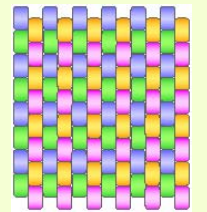


Bead Pattern Central Beading Tutorial

PEYOTE STITCH handweaving technique (diagonal)

Peyote stitch is a popular handweaving technique that produces a flexible diagonal weave. It can be worked flat or in the round, and can be shaped and molded to fit a three-dimensional object. This guide teaches peyote stitch using Delicas or Treasures where the width of the pattern is an even number of beads. The technique is the same with seed beads, but the proportions of the resulting stitched piece will be narrower. When stitching a pattern, use the recommended size and type of beads for best result.

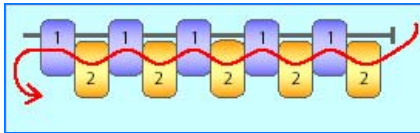
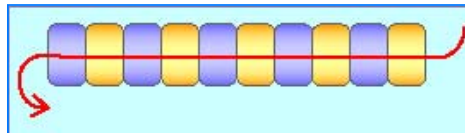
Peyote stitch patterns can be charted or in text. In this tutorial, we show a charted pattern in which each row is a separate color. In design patterns, the rows will be different. Using one color in each row shows more simply how rows are counted. Each row is numbered in the diagrams.



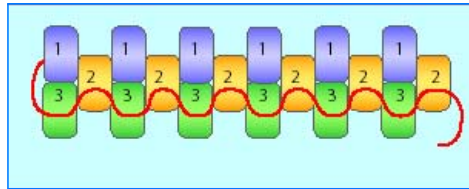
What you'll need:

Delica or Treasure beads in four colors, #10 or 12 beading needle, lightweight beading nylon such as Nymo B, scissors

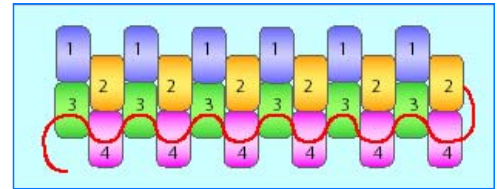
STEP 1 Thread on rows 1 and 2 together from left to right, starting with a bead from row 2.



STEP 2 (optional, but helpful for beginners) Insert a headpin through all the beads of row 1. The thread should emerge from the last bead of row 1. The headpin will be removed later, but will help keep the weave stable until you have several rows in place.



STEP 3 Add the beads of row 3, one at a time. Note that the beads of row 2 have "dropped" after the insertion of the headpin. You will run your needle only through the dropped beads of row 2, while you skip the recessed beads of row 1. The thread should emerge from a row 2 bead.



STEP 4 Continue in the same manner for each additional row. After several rows, the weave will stabilize, and you will be able to remove the headpin. Be sure to take out the slack in the thread after completing each additional row before moving on to the next.

In tubular (round) peyote, the pattern must be an even number of stitches around. Patterns are also charted, but will have a "step-up" line, showing where each new round begins. Work as for flat peyote stitch, but at the step up point, follow these directions to begin a new round.

