

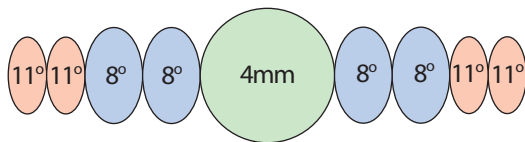
# Bead Pattern Central Beading Tutorial

## Basic Chain Loop Crochet

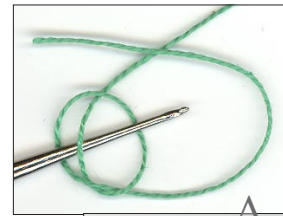
### MATERIALS:

Topstitching or Marine thread  
Seed beads and assorted larger beads  
#10 steel crochet hook  
Threading needle  
Winding card (easily made from cardboard)

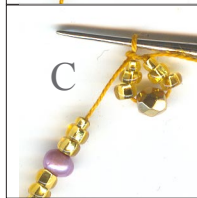
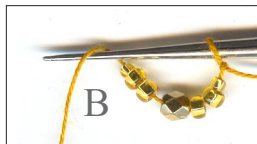
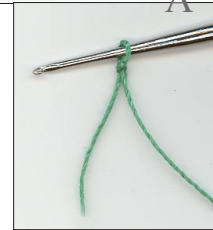
**STEP 1** Thread on beads. In this tutorial, we used the pattern shown below. Thread on ten repeats of the pattern for each inch of desired length. Each crocheted loop will use one repeat of the pattern. The resulting piece will be somewhat flexible and springy, so it may be slightly longer than you anticipate.



Threading pattern



Start with a slip knot as shown in photos A. Leave a tail of about 10" which will be used later in finishing.



**STEP 2** Crochet the looped strand. The entire piece will be crocheted in chain stitch. Each chain will have nine beads in it. As shown in photo B, bring the nine beads down the thread until they are close to the slip knot. Wrap the thread around the hook from back to front with the beads still below the hook. Pull a loop through the slip knot so the resulting stitch looks like photo C. Each stitch is made the same. Photo D shows the next stitch being made. Be sure to take the slack out of each stitch before continuing.

If your finished crochet seems loose or floppy, you can adjust the density by running a thread through the center chain (be careful not to run the thread through the beads or the loops!) and pulling until the density is properly adjusted. This is similar to "gathering" in sewing. This will shorten your chain. If you need to add more length, you can put additional patterns onto a new length of thread and join with a slip stitch to the end of the previous work. Add as many loops as needed (remembering that the loops will be looser than your original if you've gathered it).