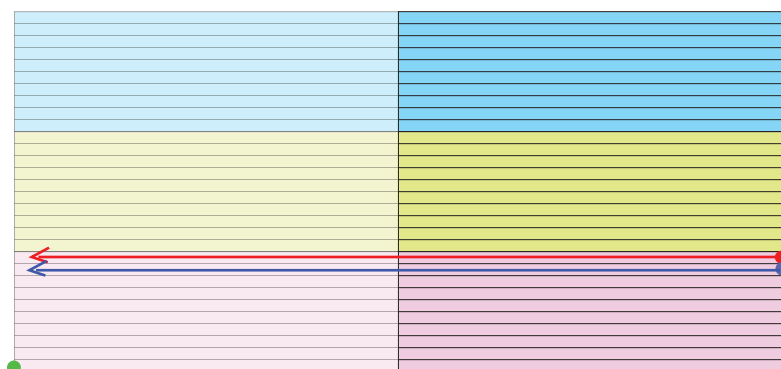


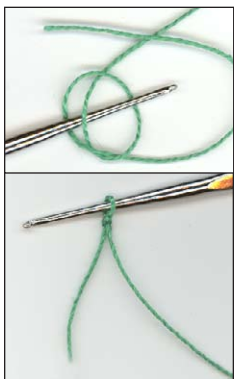
Bead Pattern Central Beading Tutorial

Basic beaded single crochet

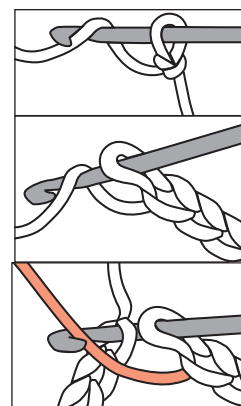
This technique can be used for any square-charted pattern. The trick is in the threading! You'll need to thread the beads in sections. Divide your pattern chart into groups of ten rows; thread each section separately. Always start at the top row of the pattern and add beads from right to left (the design, when crocheted, will be in mirror image if you thread from left to right). You'll be crocheting in the round, and the beads will face away from you as you crochet. Because you're crocheting in the round, you must thread each row twice.



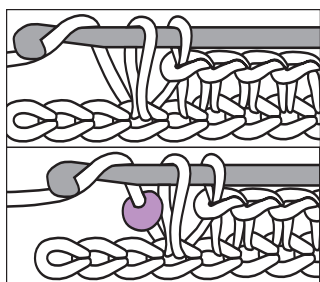
This diagram shows how to thread a pattern that is thirty rows high, in which both sides are the same. You can choose to stitch the reverse side in all one color; as long as you thread on the same number of beads as the front pattern is wide, it will work. Begin at the red dot and work across the row at the top of the pink section. The lighter pink section shows the repeat of the darker pink section. Then go to the purple dot and thread across the row as shown. Continue in this manner until you reach the bright green dot. Crochet this section before threading the lime green section, which is threaded in the same manner as the pink section. Continue threading and crocheting until all sections have been completed.



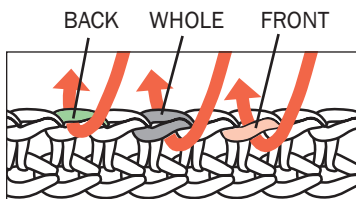
MAKE A CHAIN OF THE NUMBER OF STITCHES REQUIRED IN YOUR DIRECTIONS. Start your initial chain with a slip knot as shown in the photos. Wrap the thread around the hook from from back to front, then pull the thread through the slip know to form a loop. Continue in the same manner until the desired number of chains are created. **REMEMBER:** You are repeating the pattern and crocheting two sides at the same time in the round.



JOIN THE CHAIN INTO A RING WITH A SLIP STITCH. MAKE SURE THE CHAIN IS NOT TWISTED! Insert the hook into the first chain and pull through a loop without wrapping the thread around the hook.



ONCE YOU'VE MADE SURE THE CHAINS IN THE RING ARE NOT TWISTED, make 1 chain stitch, then pull up a loop through the joining slip stitch. This is the point at which your single crochet begins. Wrap the yarn around from back to front, then pull the wrapped thread through the two loops on your hook. Thereafter, pull up a loop in the next chain, wrap the thread around from back to front, and pull the wrapped thread through both loops. Note the position of the bead in beaded stitches; it should be close to and just below the hook. Note that the beads will all be on the side of the work facing away from you. From time to time you should check the accuracy of your pattern by comparing the developing work to the overview chart of the pattern.



Unless otherwise indicated, you will insert the hook through the **whole** stitch, not just the front or the back of the stitch. This creates a strong, self-lining crocheted fabric that requires only minimal finishing.

STEPPING UP AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ROUND. At the end of the round, join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet of the round. Make one chain (no bead), then single crochet with a bead in the same space as the slip stitch. This is the first single crochet of the new round.

TO JOIN A THE THREAD OF A NEW SECTION, simply pull a loop of thread from the new threading into the last loop of the old threading, then continue as if it were the same thread. Secure the thread ends within the crocheted fabric on the wrong side of the work and clip the excess.

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