

# Brick Stitch

A useful stitch for creating irregular shapes, as it is easy to increase or decrease rows, creating neat edges. This stitch lends itself perfectly for adding fringes.

You can use this stitch for any peyote pattern in simply turning the pattern on its side.

**You need:** Seed beads  
Thread to match your beads  
Beading needle  
Beeswax or "Thread Heaven"

## You do:

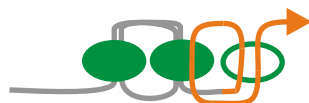
1. This stitch is started with a ladder of beads. Pick up 2 beads and let them slide towards the end of your thread, leaving a 20 cm tail. Stitch through both beads again.



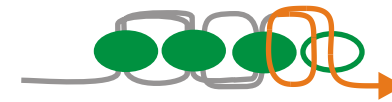
2. Pull thread tight, that the beads lie side by side with the holes top and bottom.



3. Pick up the next bead and stitch downwards



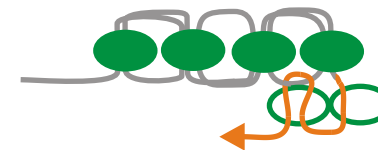
4. Add the following bead by picking up a bead, stitching up through the last bead and again down through the bead just added.



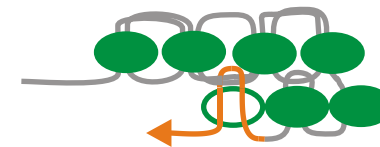
Add in this manner as many beads as you need for row 1.

To start the second row:

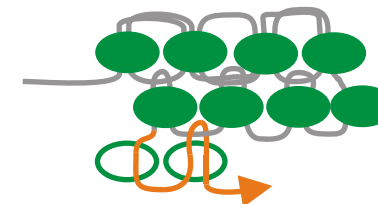
1. Pick up 2 beads and stitch under the thread loop between the last two beads of the previous row (row 1). Stitch up



2. Pick up the next bead and stitch under the next bead loop and up the bead you just picked up.

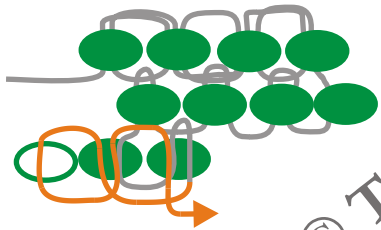


3. Start the next row (row 3) the same way as row 2 in picking up 2 beads.....



**Increasing:**

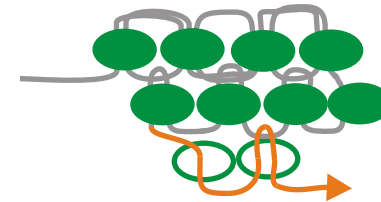
Increasing at the beginning of a row by adding a bead using Ladder Stitch after having worked the first stitch (2 beads) in the usual manner.



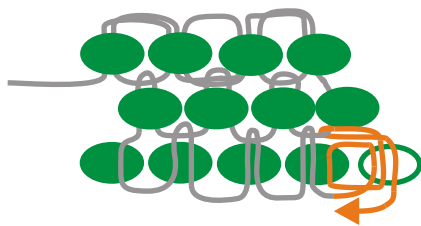
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**Decreasing:**

To decrease at the beginning of a row, simply stitch under the second thread loop between the beads of the previous row (instead of the first loop).



Thread-path for adding a bead at the end of the row:



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Find below the thread paths for adding fringe to Brick Stitch, usually used for embellishing earrings or pendants:

