

Diamond Stitch

Diamond Stitch, a variant of Right Angle Weave (RAW), works best done with beads in two different sizes, e.g. 08/0 and 11/0, 11/0 and 15/0, 3 mm or 4 mm cubes and 11/0, etc.

The thread path in Diamond Stitch is the same as in RAW. Working one unit in a clockwise direction, the next one anti-clockwise, next clockwise again, and so on. This stitch can be used to make earrings, bracelets and necklaces.

You need: Seed beads in sizes 11, 08
Thread to match your beads
Beading needle
Beeswax or "Thread Heaven"

You do:

- Unit 1 (clockwise):** Thread a needle with a good length (+
- Continuing in the same direction, stitch through the next 08/0, skipping the three 11/0 in between. Pull tight. Repeat this in the round with each 08/0 plus the two following 08/0, until the needle exits the 08/0 indicated in fig. 2.
- Stitch through the following two 11/0 (fig. 3).
- Unit 2 (anti-clockwise):** Pick up one 11/0, one 08/0, three 11/0, repeat from * to * twice more, lastly pick up one 11/0. Stitch in anti-clockwise direction through the 11/0 on the point of Unit 1 (the same 11/0 the thread is exiting from at the end of step 3) as shown in fig. 4.

- Continuing in the same direction, stitch through the next 11/0 and 08/0. Stitch through the following 08/0, skipping the three 11/0 in between. Pull tight. Repeat this in the round with each 08/0 plus the following 08/0, until the needle exits the 08/0 indicated in fig. 5.

- Stitch through the following two 11/0 (fig. 6).

- Continue working in this manner (steps 4 – 6, but take care to alternate the stitching direction of the units added between clockwise and anti-clockwise, as in RAW.)

NB: Unit 3 is stitched in a clockwise direction!

- When joining a strip of diamonds, work as shown in fig. 7.

