Basic Herringbone Stitch



Image 1: You will start by creating a ladder stitch with an even number of beads. Pick up two beads (1A & 1B) on the thread and bring your thread up through 1A.

Image 2: Bring your thread down through 1B. Add another bead to the thread (1C) and bring your thread back down through 1B.

Image 3: Bring your thread back up through 1C, add another bead to the thread (1D) and bring your thread back up through 1C again.

Image 4: Bring your thread down through 1D, add another bead (1E), bring the thread down through 1D again, and then back up through 1E. Add another bead (1F). Bring the thread back up through 1E then down through 1F. You have completed the first row with the ladder stitch.

Image 5: Turn your row so your thread is exiting the top of the last bead (1F).

Image 6: The next row will begin the herringbone stitch. Add two beads to the thread (2A and 2B). Bring the needle down through 1E and up through 1D. Add two beads (2C and 2D) and bring the needle down through 1C and up through 1B. Add two beads (2E and 2F) and go down through 1A. Bring the needle around the outside edge and up through 2F.

Image 7: For the third row, add two beads to the thread (3A and 3B). Bring the needle down through 2E and up through 2D. Add two beads (3C and 3D) and bring the needle down through 2C and up through 2B. Add two beads (3E and 3F) and go down through 2A. Bring the needle around the outside edge and up through 3F.

Image 8: You can add beads along the outside edges of the rows if you like. When you go down through a bead at the end of a row (1A) add a bead or beads to the thread and then go up through the bead in the row above (2F).

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