



FLAT PEYOTE STITCH

Tutorial

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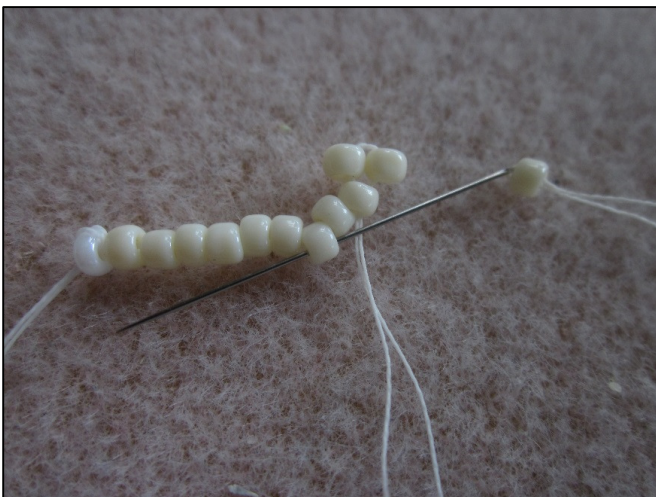
Attach a stop bead to a comfortable length of beading thread and then pick up an even number of seed beads. In this case I have used 10. These initial 10 beads will be your first 2 rows of Peyote stitch



Pick up a seed bead and skipping the bead at the top of your row of 10 take the needle back down through the next bead in the row.



Pull thread taught so that the new bead added and the number 10 bead sit next to each other.



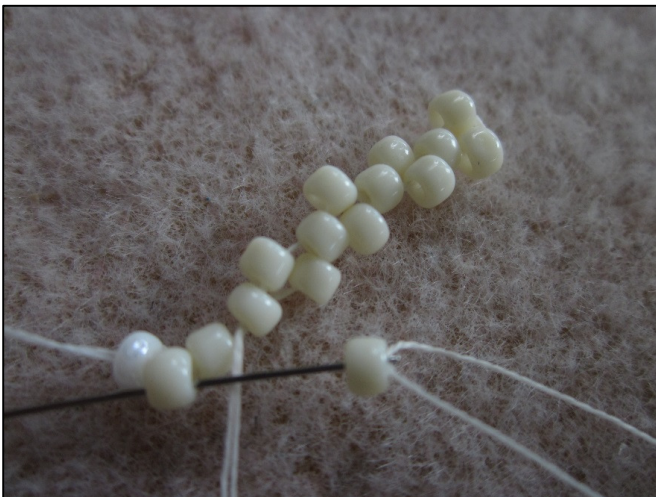
Pick up a new seed bead, skip the next bead in the row and take needle through the following bead and pull thread taught.



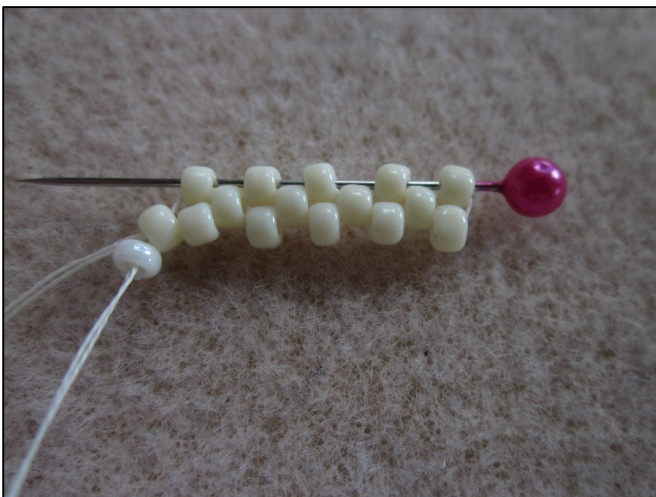
Pulling the thread taught enables the two beads to sit beside each other.



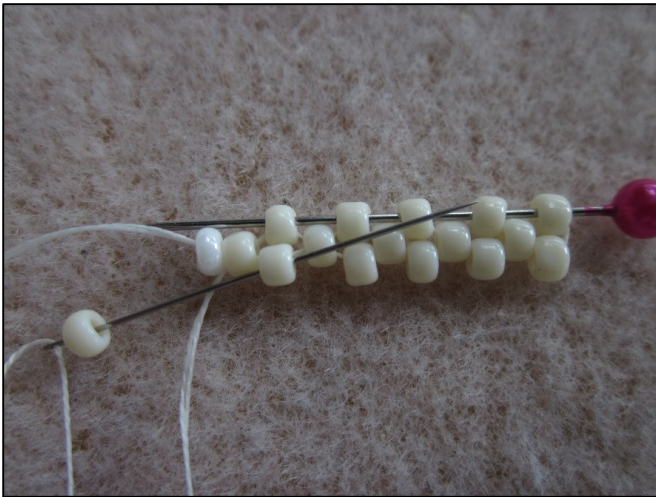
Pick up your next bead, skip a bead and go through the next bead pulling thread taught.



Continue along the row in the same manner until you have added 5 new beads. In Peyote stitch this effectively creates three rows of 5 beads



At this point it may be helpful for you to thread a ball pin through the top 5 stitches as shown as a way to keep your beadwork straight. (Note the skinny white bead at the end is actually the stop bead which you remove at the end of your work.



Pick up a new bead, ignoring the stop bead, skip the first bead which is sitting on its' own at the end and go through the next bead which is the one the juts out. In Peyote stitch these are called "up" beads. Your new bead should then sit snug up against the bead that was on its' own and will be an up bead in the next row.



Pick up a seed bead and take your needle through the next "up" bead. You will often see Peyote stitch written as skip a bead and go through the next bead and this is in effect what you are doing.



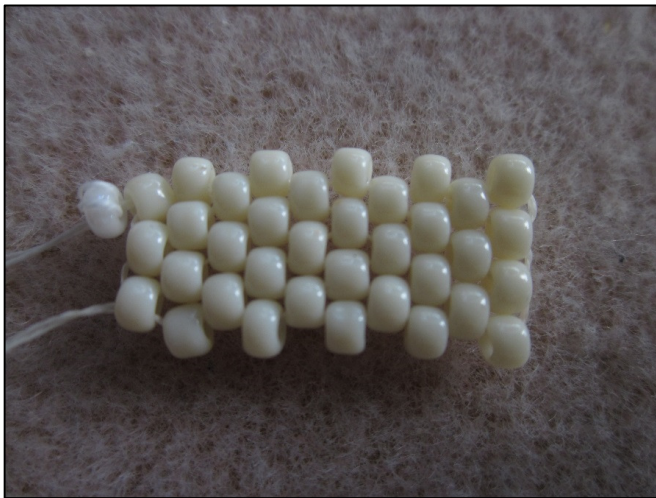
Continue along the row pick up one bead per stitch and going through each" up" bead until the end of the row. You should have 5 new "up" beads. This is row 4



Pick up a bead to begin row 5. Go through the last bead you just added I the previous row which is now an "up" bead.



Continue along the row picking up one bead per stitch.



Continue beading in this way back and forth until the piece is as long as you need it to be. This sample shows 7 rows.