



ACCELERATED BASIC TECHNIQUE

More fast peyote stitch

Whether you work it flat or tubular, peyote stitch goes quickly with this method

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In the October 2007 issue of *Bead&Button*, we presented Dona Anderson's accelerated approach to working flat, even-count peyote stitch, which allows you to stitch two rows of peyote in a single pass. For even greater versatility, we adapted her method for flat, odd-count peyote as well as both odd- and even-count tubular peyote.

Flat, odd-count peyote

[1] On a comfortable length of thread, pick up a stop bead (Online Basics) and an odd number of beads. Work in flat, odd-count peyote stitch (Online Basics) for a total of four rows (**figure 1**).

[2] Exiting an edge down-bead, pick up the same number of beads you picked up to begin step 1. Cross over the beadwork, and sew under the thread bridge on the opposite edge (**figure 2, a-b**). Sew through the last bead picked up, going in the opposite direction (**b-c**).

[3] Sew through the next up-bead on the previous row, skip the next bead in the group you picked up in the previous step, and sew through the following bead (**figure 3, a-b**). Repeat across the row, zigzagging between the newly added beads and the previous row. Exit the first bead picked up in step 2 (**b-c**).

[4] Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the length of the band, adding thread (Online Basics) if needed.

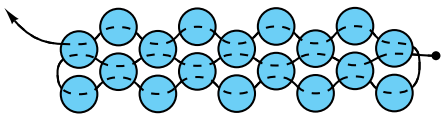


FIGURE 1

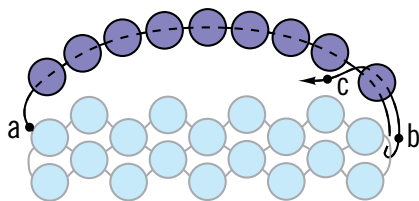


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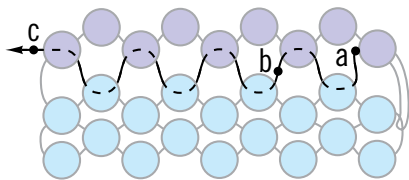
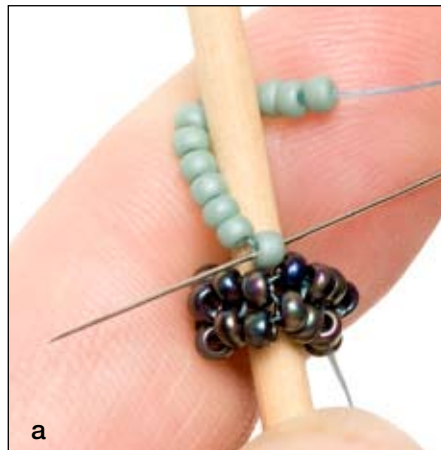
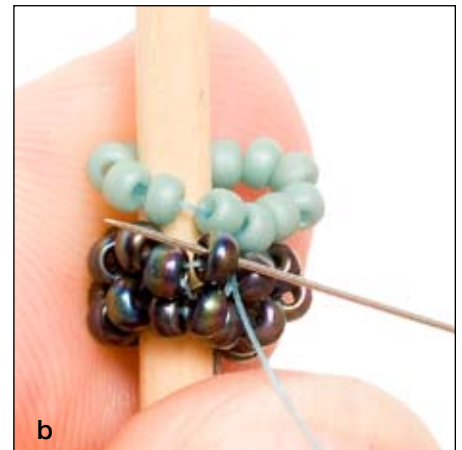


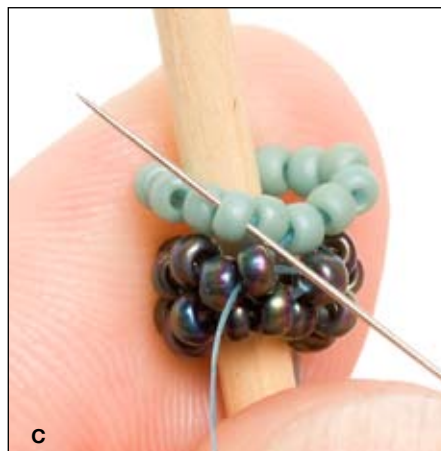
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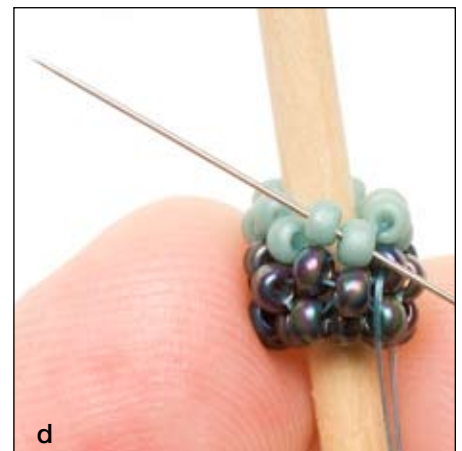
a



b



c



d

Tubular, even-count peyote

[1] On a comfortable length of thread, pick up an even number of beads. Tie them into a ring with a square knot (Online Basics). Sew through a bead and pull the knot into the beadwork.

[2] Work in tubular, even-count peyote stitch (Online Basics) for a total of four rounds to establish the tube. Put your work on a form if desired.

[3] Pick up the same number of beads you picked up in step 1, and sew back through the first bead (photo a).

[4] Sew through the next up-bead on the previous round (photo b). Skip the next bead in the group you picked up in the previous step, and sew through the following bead (photo c).

[5] Repeat step 4 until you've sewn through the bead your thread was exiting when you began this round.

Step up through the first two beads added in this round (photo d).

[6] Repeat steps 3–5 for the desired length, adding thread (Online Basics) if needed.

Tubular, odd-count peyote

[1] On a comfortable length of thread, pick up an odd number of beads. Tie them into a ring with a square knot (Online Basics). Sew through a bead and pull the knot into the beadwork.

[2] Work in tubular, odd-count peyote stitch (Online Basics) for a total of four rounds to establish the tube. Put your work on a form if desired.

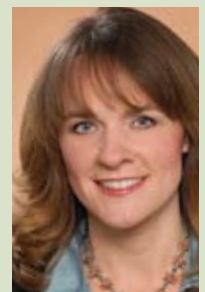
[3] Pick up the same number of beads you picked up in step 1, and sew back through the first bead.

[4] Sew through the next up-bead on the previous round. Skip the next bead

in the group you picked up in the previous step, and sew through the following one. Repeat around until you've gone through the last bead picked up in step 3. You do not need to step up.

[5] Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the desired length, adding thread (Online Basics) if needed. ●

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