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Techniques: Flat Square Stitch

This strong, versatile beadweaving stitch is an off-loom technique that looks just like beadwork woven on a loom. Use simple graph paper to design a pattern, and weave it with Delica beads or seed beads to make intricate, lightweight jewelry.

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Materials

- Seed Beads (We used size 8 Delicas)
- Size B Beading Thread or FireLine Braided Bead Thread

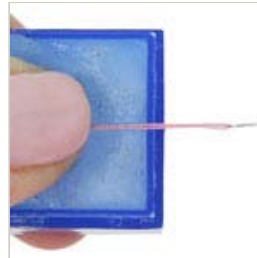
Tools

- Size 10 or 12 Beading Needles
- Thread Heaven
- Mini Bead Stopper
- Scissors
- Perfect End Thread Burner

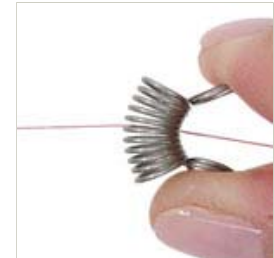
Tip: Square stitch is a strong, versatile stitch that looks just like loom work when complete, so you can use it with any loom work graph. Square stitch makes designing geometric patterns easy. Even count and odd count rows are stitched the same way, with the beads forming a grid.



Step 1
Cut a piece of thread about 5 feet long. Thread your needle.



Step 2
Use Thread Heaven to condition your thread. This will help prevent fraying.



Step 3
Add a mini bead stopper about one foot from the end of your thread. Squeeze the two loops to open the bead stopper.



Step 4
Add thread to the mini bead stopper and release the loops. This will help prevent the beads from falling off your thread.



Step 5
Begin your square stitch piece by stringing several beads. For this technique we are making a piece that is six beads wide.



Step 6
To make the turn to the next row, pick up one bead.

Ear Wires
Links, Caps, Components
Bangles and Rings

GOLD COMPONENTS

Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links, Caps, Components
Bangles and Rings

PEWTER COMPONENTS

Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links, Caps, Components

BRASS COMPONENTS

Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links, Caps, Components

COPPER COMPONENTS

Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links, Caps, Components

BASE METAL COMPONENTS

Findings
Clasps
Ear Wires
Links and Components

STRINGING MATERIALS

Chain
Wire
Beading Wire
Beading Thread

Elastic, Cord and Ribbon

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

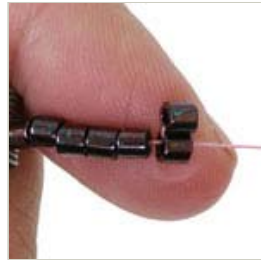
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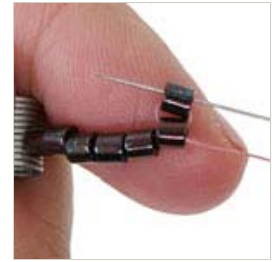
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Add a Bead Products



Step 7
Then go through the last bead of the first row.



Step 8
Your bead will sit right on top of the bead in the previous row.



Step 9
Then go back through the top bead. You will be working in a circular loop.



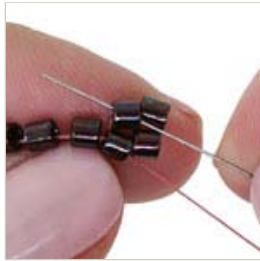
Step 10
Pick up one bead.



Step 11
Then go through the next bead in the previous row.



Step 12
As you pull your thread through the bottom bead, the bead you picked up in Step 10 will sit on the top of the bead in the previous row.



Step 13
Go back through the top bead. You may have to adjust your beads as you work so they will lay nicely on top of each other.



Step 14
Pick up one bead.



Step 15
Then go through the next bead in the previous row.



Step 16
Go back through the top bead.



Step 17
Pick up one bead.



Step 18
Then go through the next bead in the previous row.

Bead Craft Findings

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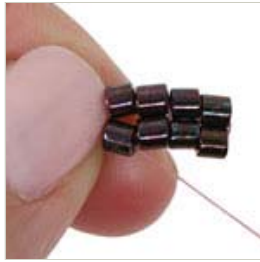
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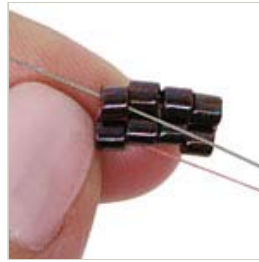
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Step 19
Your beads will sit right on top of the beads in the previous row.



Step 20
Go back through the top bead.



Step 21
Pick up one bead.



Step 22
Then go through the next bead in the previous row.



Step 23
Go back through the top bead.



Step 24
Pick up one bead.



Step 25
Then go through the next bead in the previous row.



Step 26
Go back through the top bead.



Step 27
You will now have two completed rows.



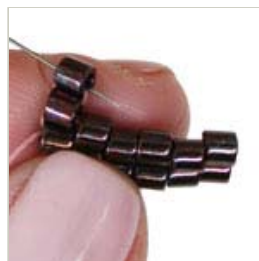
Step 28
Reinforce the row by going back through the entire first row.



Step 29
Then go back through the entire second row. Always reinforce the rows just stitched before adding a new row.



Step 30
To make the turn to the next row, pick up one bead.



Step 31
Then go through the next
bead in the previous row.



Step 34
Then go through the next
bead in the previous row.



Step 37
Then go through the next
bead in the previous row.



Step 40
Then go through the next
bead in the previous row.



Step 43
Then go through the next
bead in the previous row.

Step 32
Go back through the top bead.



Step 35
Go back through the top bead.



Step 38
Go back through the top bead.



Step 41
Go back through the top bead.



Step 44
Go back through the top bead.

Step 33
Pick up one bead.



Step 36
Pick up one bead.



Step 39
Pick up one bead.



Step 42
Pick up one bead.



Step 45
Pick up one bead.



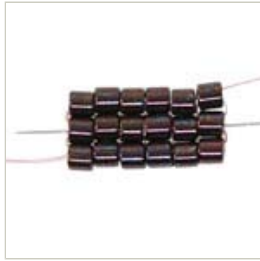
Step 46
Then go through the next bead in the previous row.



Step 47
Go back through the top bead.



Step 48
You will now have three completed rows.



Step 49
Reinforce the the row by going back through the entire second row.



Step 50
Then go back through the entire third row. Always reinforce the rows just stitched before adding a new row.



Step 51
Continue by repeating the pattern from steps 6 to 48 until you have reached your desired length.



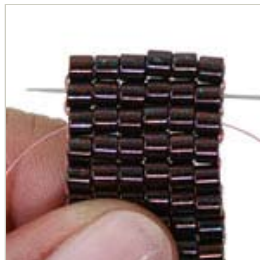
Step 52
To end your thread, weave the thread back and forth across several rows.



Step 53
Cut your thread as close to the beads as possible. Clean up the ends of your thread, using a Perfect End Thread Burner. Burn, or melt, the end of your thread until the end is no longer visible.



Step 54
To add thread, cut another piece of thread approximately 5 feet long. Remember to use your Thread Heaven again as shown in step 2.



Step 55
Weave in the new thread into the same row as the old thread, but at the opposite end, so the old and the new threads are running in the same direction through the beads.



Step 56
Continue until you have exited through the last row.



Step 57
Continue the pattern by stringing one bead.



Step 58
Then go through the bead directly below it.



Step 59
Go back through the top bead and continue the pattern to your desired length, shown in steps 6 to 48. To add a clasp see our Square Stitch Clasp - Option 1.

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