



Basic Stitch Instructions

Herringbone Spirals

Herringbone weave produces a very characteristic 'V' shaped alignment of beads. A pair of beads is added with each stitch, each pair sitting in a 'V' shape.

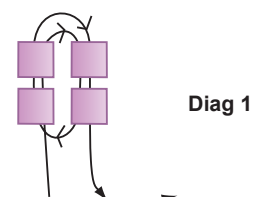
Herringbone needs to be started from a foundation of beads with holes arranged 'North-South', so a foundation of ladder stitch is ideal.

Herringbone Spirals are worked continuously and, unlike with Tubular Herringbone, there is no need to 'step up' at the end of a round.

Foundation

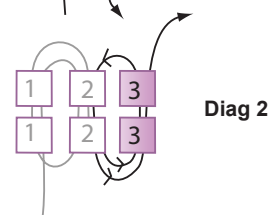
Using 2 beads per stack, make a row of ladder stitch an even number of stacks wide, as follows. (There are occasions with this stitch when you might prefer to use a single bead per stack, but it is more fiddly)

1. Pick up 4 beads and join them together by going through the first 2 beads again (from the tail of thread) and then through the next 2 beads. (Diag 1)



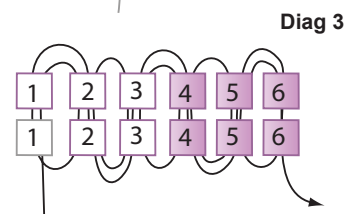
Diag 1

2. * Pick up 2 beads and go through the stack of beads the thread is coming out of, from the opposite side of it, and then through the 2 beads just picked up. (Diag 2)



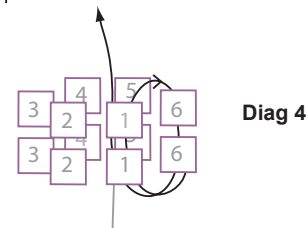
Diag 2

3. Repeat from * until the row is as long as required and has an even number of stacks. The diagram here shows a row of six stacks. (Diag 3)



Diag 3

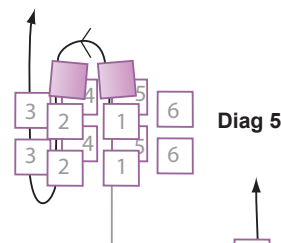
4. Turn the little strip of beadwork into a ring by joining the first and last stacks together: go into the first stack from the same side as the tail of thread and back through the last stack. Finally, go through the first stack again so that the working thread and tail of thread are on opposite sides of the foundation. (Diag 4)



Diag 4

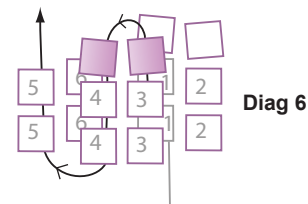
1st round

1. Pick up 2 beads and go down through the next stack of beads along; bring the needle up through the next stack of beads. (Diag 5)



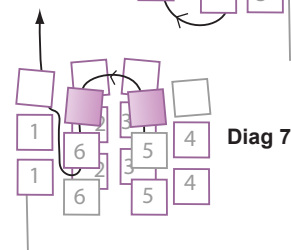
Diag 5

2. Pick up 2 beads, go down through the next stack and up through the next. (Diag 6)



Diag 6

3. Pick up 2 beads, go down through the **top bead only** of the next stack along and then go **directly** up through the **first bead picked up in this round**. (Diag 7) The thread will show a little, so pull it up as tight as you can.



Diag 7

