



Brick Stitch Hearts

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Supply List

6lb Fireline or beading thread of your choice

Size 12 beading needle

46-Delica A

170-Delica B

104-Delica C

38-Delica D

130-Delica E

156-Delica F

Less than 1g -Size 15/0 seed beads-I used ones to match Delica B

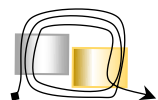
All Delicas used are size 11/0

***All Delicas quantities are doubled from the word/color chart because you will be making two.

Thread a needle with a large wingspan of beading thread. You will begin your brick stitch on the longest line which is the row 8 in your word chart. This should be enough thread to create one side of the heart and zip on side once you sandwich both pieces together.

Ladder Stitch-first row only

You will begin with a ladder stitch for row 8. This is the longest continuous row of the pattern. Pick up first two Delicas and bring them down your thread and pass through the tail end of both beads and



continue passing through the first Delica again (leave a small tail that you can weave in later). Situate the beads so that they are sitting side by side with holes pointing up.

Continue passing the needle through the next Delica.

Pick up the next Delica and pass the needle through the opposite side of the Delica you are exiting and then pass the needle through the Delica just added.



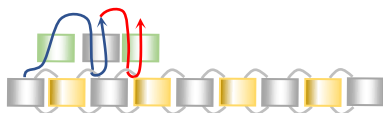
Continue this last step until you have added all (22) of the Delicas in row 8. To tighten up

the row I passed my needle through each bead again to get back to the first bead added. Your needle should be exiting the opposite side of the Delica where your tail is.

Brick stitch

I worked each side of the top of the heart first

With your needle exiting the first Delica in Row 8 pick up the first two Delicas for row 7. Pass the needle from the back to the front underneath the thread in between Delica two and three because this is a longer line (though broken in the middle) so your first bead will be to the right of Delica 1 in row 8 as shown in the colored diagram. Once you have passed underneath the thread you will then pass up through the 2nd Delica added in this row. Make sure that your beads are sitting side by side with their holes pointing up.



Continue adding the next Delica from the word chart or the colored diagram. Pass the needle from the back to the front underneath the thread and continue passing the needle up through the Delica just added. Continue until you reach the end of the row. This is (9)

Delicas before the break in the middle of the heart.

Remember that when you start a row you always add two Delicas and then continue each row by adding one Delica at a time.

Once I reached the top row, I then wove my needle back down to exit row 8 to continue the 2nd edge of the heart on the opposite side. Position your needle so that it is exiting the 13th bead in row 8. Continue adding the Delicas as shown in the colored diagram or the word chart. Once this side was complete I then made sure that my needle was exiting the first Delica in row 8.

You will then continue your brick stitch to bead the bottom of your heart.

I left both threads so that I could use them to stitch the hearts together. You can weave in the tail and clip those threads.

Remember to repeat for a 2nd heart

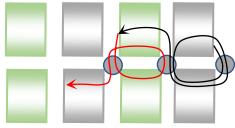
Notes-I use the color chart when I bead so once I finished both side of the top of the heart and wove my needle to the original ladder stitch row I turned the heart and the pattern upside down so that I was beading up across the top.

Also, if your edges aren't sitting squarely on top of each other you might have to do a square stitch to line them up. Your needle will be exiting the 2nd bead so that you will pass the needle down through the first bead and pull the thread so that they line up better and then continue passing the needle through the 2nd bead where your thread was exiting. This should make the beads sit side by side.

Right Angle Weave Edge

Once you have completed both hearts you will then sandwich them and stitch them together. Both threads should be exiting the bottom two Delicas.

Using one of the threads, I picked up (1) 15/0 and passed the needle through the matching Delica on the other side of the heart. This will position your needle so that it is heading up towards the top of the heart.

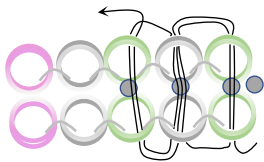


String (1) 15/0 and pass the needle through the Delica that your needle started from. You will then follow a thread path through the first 15/0 added, Delica and the 15/0 just added. Continue through the next Delica in the next set of two.

String (1) 15/0 and pass the needle through the Delica on the opposite side and once again follow the thread path through the 15/0 from the last step, the Delica your thread was exiting and the 15/0 just added. Continue through the Delica in the next set of two and repeat.

You will be going through all the Delicas on the edge though it looks like they may not fit, they do once they are pulled tight.

I added stuffing after adding a couple of stitches all throughout the heart. I found it was too hard to add it all at once especially at the top of the heart. You can use a pair of pliers or any small tool to push it gently into the edges. You can also add as little or as much as you want.



At the top of the heart you will be adding a 15/0 and going down through the next 15/0 so that the 15/0 is sitting on top and in between two Delicas. There is no right angle weave on the sections that the holes are pointing straight up. This will be around the curve at the top of the heart and at the dip in the middle of the heart.

Once one side is complete I used the other thread to complete the opposite side.