



Basic Stitch Instructions

Tubular Herringbone Weave

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. The 'V's pile up on top of each other, creating columns of beads all lined up at the same angle as each other.

We refer to each of these columns as a 'stack'.
There will always be an even number of stacks.

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

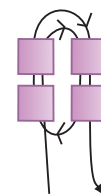
Herringbone is a one-way stitch because of the 'V' shaped pattern.

For example, if you return to the foundation and work more Herringbone on the other side of it, the 'V's will be pointing in the opposite direction from the first side.

Foundation

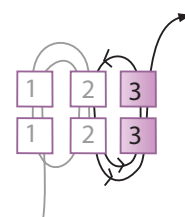
Using 2 beads per stack, make a row of ladder stitch an even number of stacks wide, as follows. (There are occasions with this stitch when you might prefer to use a single bead per stack, but it is more fiddly)

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)



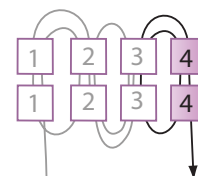
Diag 1

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)



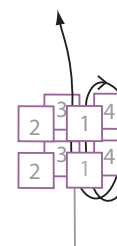
Diag 2

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 just four stacks and this is the smallest tube you can make. (Diag 3)



Diag 3

4. Turn the little strip of beadwork into a tube 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



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When working tubular beadwork, whatever the stitch, it is necessary to 'step up' at the end of each round. This keeps each round of beadwork on the same level - rather like making a cake of different layers. If you forget the 'step up' at the end of a round (even only once) the beadwork will begin to spiral. So be very careful!

The instructions which follow describe tubes with 4 stacks around and then 6 stacks around.

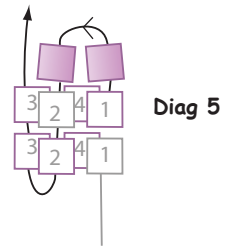
For wider tubes, add extra stacks to the foundation and then work as for a 6 stack tube but with extra repetitions of Steps 2 and 5 as required.

TUBULAR HERRINGBONE WITH 4 STACKS AROUND

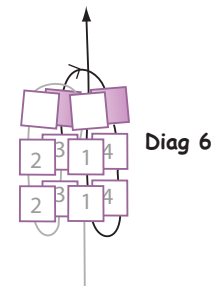
First make a foundation of 4 stacks around. (see Page 1)

1st round of Tubular Herringbone

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)

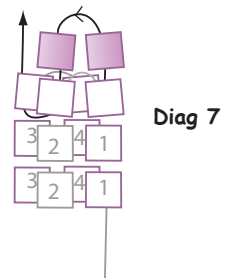


2. Pick up 2 beads, go down through the next stack along and then go up through the next stack **and** the first bead picked up in this round. (Diag 6)

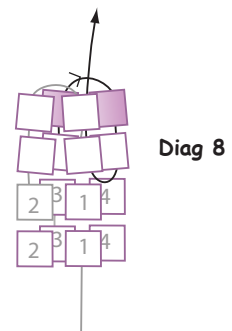


Subsequent rounds of Tubular Herringbone

3. Pick up 2 beads. Go down through the next bead along and up through the next bead. (Diag 7)



4. Pick up 2 beads, go down through the next bead along and then go up through the next bead at the same level **and** the first bead picked up in this round, ie down through 1, up through 2 beads. This is very important as it is the 'step up' into the next round. (Diag 8)



Repeat Steps 3 & 4 until the work is the length you require.

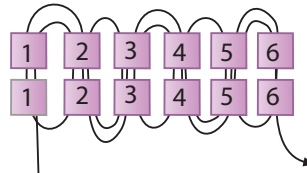


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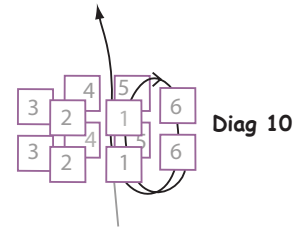
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TUBULAR HERRINGBONE WITH 6 STACKS AROUND

First make a foundation of 6 stacks around.
(Diags 9 & 10)



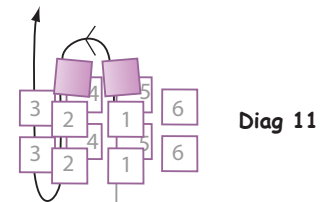
Diag 9



Diag 10

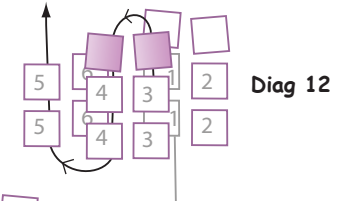
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1. Pick up 2 beads and go down through the next stack of beads along; bring the needle up through the next stack of beads. (Diag 11)



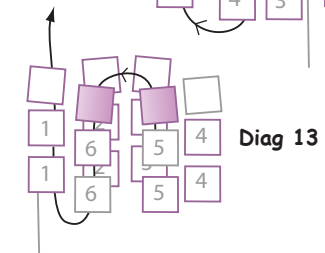
Diag 11

2. Pick up 2 beads, go down through the next stack along and then go up through the next stack and the first bead picked up in this round. (Diag 12)



Diag 12

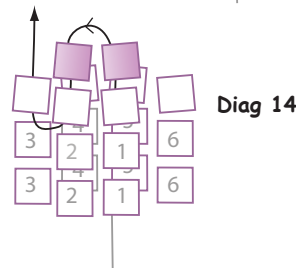
3. Pick up 2 beads, go down through the next stack along and then go up through the next stack and the first bead picked up in this round. (Diag 13)



Diag 13

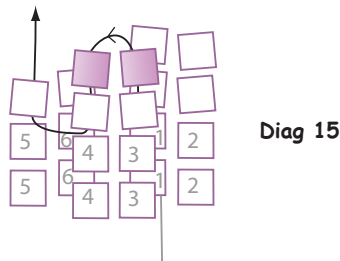
Subsequent rounds of Tubular Herringbone

4. * Pick up 2 beads. Go down through the next bead along and up through the next bead. (Diag 14)



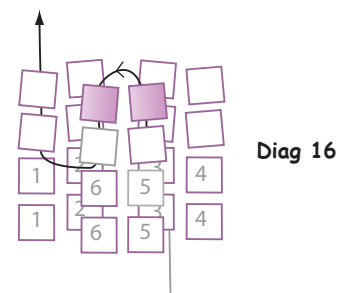
Diag 14

5. Repeat from *. (Diag 15)



Diag 15

6. Pick up 2 beads, go down through the next bead along and then go up through the next bead at the same level and the first bead picked up in this round, ie down through 1, up through 2 beads. This is very important as it is the 'step up' into the next round. (Diag 16)



Diag 16

Repeat Steps 4, 5 & 6 until the work is the length you require.