



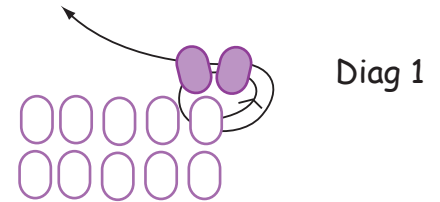
# Basic Beadwork Stitches

## SHAPING in SQUARE STITCH

**To increase on the edge of a row:**

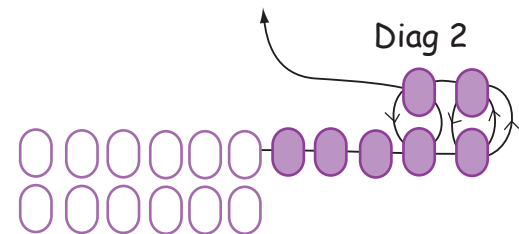
Increasing by 1 bead:

Stitch 2 beads on to the bead on the edge of the previous row and go through both new beads again. (Diagram 1)



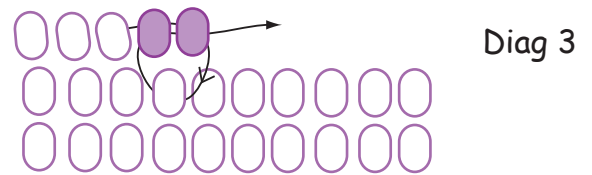
Increasing by several beads:

Pick up as many extra beads as you need, keep the thread taut and square stitch back along them and continue across the row. (Diagram 2)

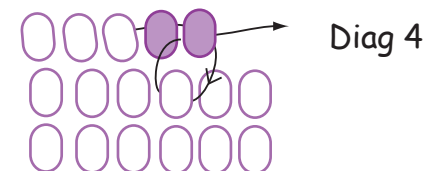


**To increase during the course of a row:**

Stitch 2 beads on to 1 bead of the previous row and go through both new beads again. (Diagram 3)



Tip: When increasing in the exact centre of a row which has an even number of beads: work half the row straight, pick up 2 beads and stitch them on to the next bead, but only go through the 2nd of the new beads a second time - this ensures that the first bead sits centrally in the row. (Diagram 4)

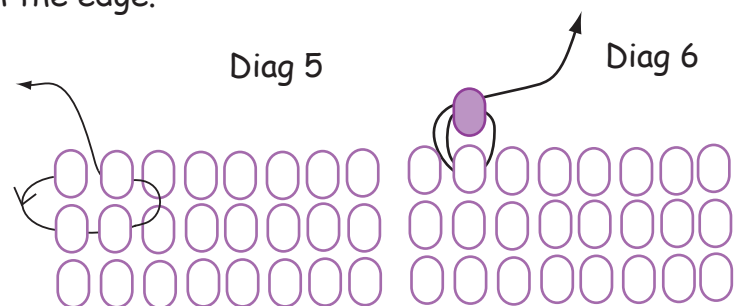


**To decrease :**

At the end of a row, simply turn without stitching the final bead (or beads if decreasing by more than one bead) on the edge.

At the beginning of a row by one bead, go back through two beads of the previous row, then through the second bead from the edge of the last row, pointing the needle towards the edge of the work. (Diag 5) Pick up the first bead of the new row and stitch in place. (Diag 6)

If decreasing by more than one bead, adjust the number of beads you go through accordingly.



In mid-row, just skip a bead.