Peyote Stitch (Odd-Count)

We suggest that you start by learning the Even-Count Peyote Stitch first.

In this diagram we are making a strip 5 beads wide. You can make it as wide as you would like as long as it is an odd number of beads.

1. Add a stop bead, plus five beads to your thread.

2. Add bead 6 to the thread and go through bead 4. Add bead 7 and go through bead 2. Go through bead 1 before adding bead 8.

3. Add bead 8 to the thread, then go back through bead 1 and back through bead 8 to secure it in place.


5. Go through bead 10 and add bead 12. Go through beads 9 and 8 and then add bead 13. Secure bead 13 to the end of the row as you did with bead 8 in step 3. Repeat these steps to continue your odd-count peyote.

To help keep the first rows from tangling, slip an un-threaded needle through every-other bead to hold them straight until you get the first few rows done. For an easier start, use Quick Start Peyote Templates. (Search for “Quick Start Peyote”).