

ANOTHER IDEA

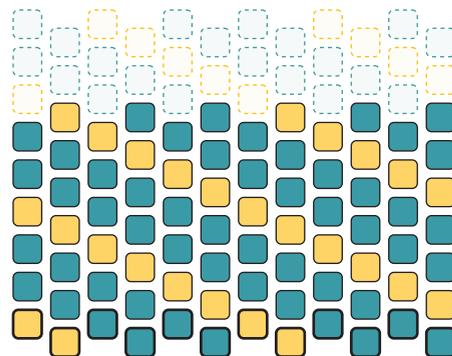
Peyote stitch locks beads together in a consistent, regular pattern, making it great for creating patterns and pictures using different colors of beads. The beads in peyote stitch make stepped patterns, perfect for diagonal stripes, diamonds, and zigzags. This pattern alternates a single diagonal line with a double line, making the pattern easy to see from a distance.

Read a peyote stitch **pattern** starting at the bottom. To work the pattern, pick up all the beads for the first two rows (outlined in bold), keeping in mind that the first two rows are staggered. Turn, and pick up the first bead in the third row.

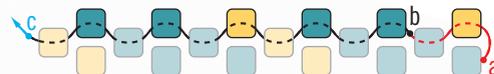
Skip the end bead in the first row, and sew through the next bead [figure, a–b]. Pick up the next bead, skip a bead in the initial strip, and sew through the next bead. Repeat across the strip [figure, b–c], keeping a close eye on your pattern as you stitch. Turn, and stitch the next row.

It's very easy for the beads in the first two or three rows to twist as you stitch, which can distort your pattern, so make sure you are sewing through the correct up-bead with each stitch.

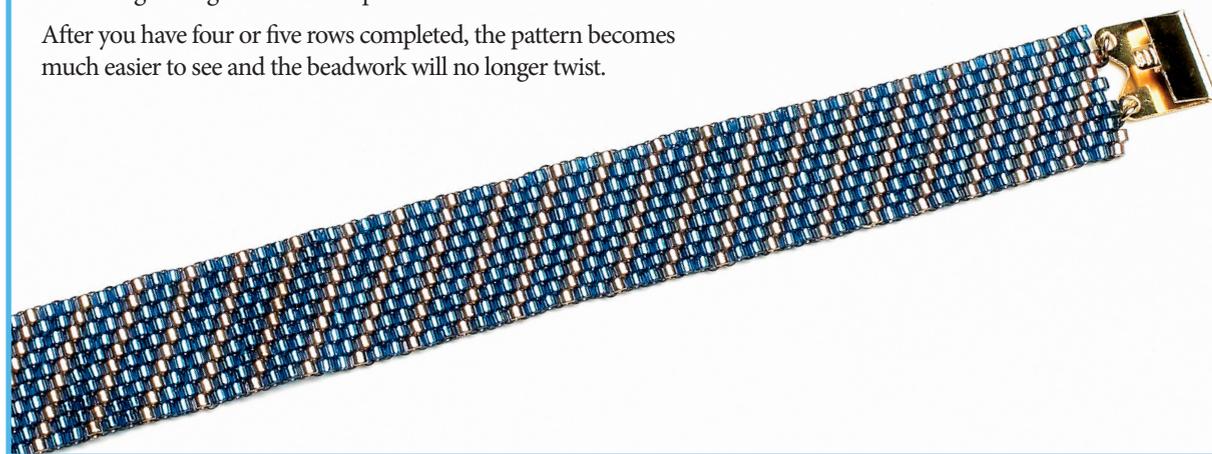
After you have four or five rows completed, the pattern becomes much easier to see and the beadwork will no longer twist.



pattern



figure



TIP

When you have a complicated pattern, a sticky note can be your best friend: Place the note below each row of the printed pattern to help you keep track as you stitch. (You'll see the top half of the beads in the previous row peeking out.)

Peyote patterns usually only show the beads for the first repeat. After you've worked those rows, start over at the bottom of the pattern.