



Brick stitch

Start with a needle on a thread.

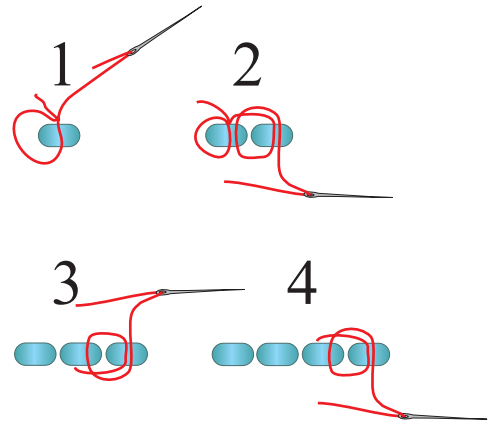
(pic 1) Put 1 bead on the thread and tie a knot to hold the bead in place.

(pic 2) Add 1 bead. Go up through the first bead and then back down through the bead you just added.

(pic 3) Add 1 bead. Go down through the 2nd bead you added and then back up through the bead you just added (the 3rd bead).

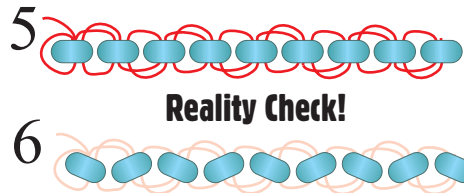
(pic 4) Add the 4th bead the same way you added the 2nd bead.

(pic 5) Continue adding bead in this manner until you have the length you want.



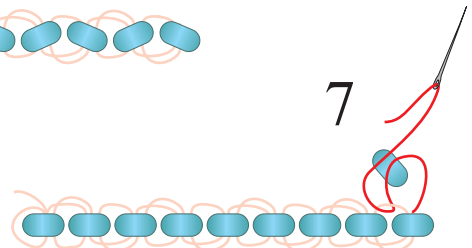
(pic 6) Why in (pic 5) do the beads lay nice and flat, when in reality they look more like the beads in (pic 6)?

After you add a few rows, they will lay flat! The flatter they are to start with the better!

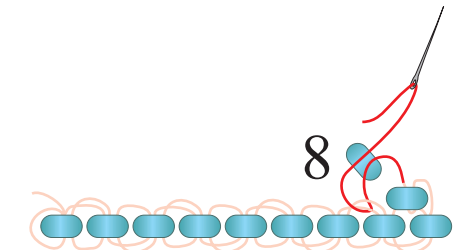


The easiest thing to do with brick stitch is to make a pyramid for the end of a necklace, or the top of earrings. Here is how to do that!

(pic 7) Add 1 bead, catch the thread between the last 2 beads, then go back through the bead you just added.

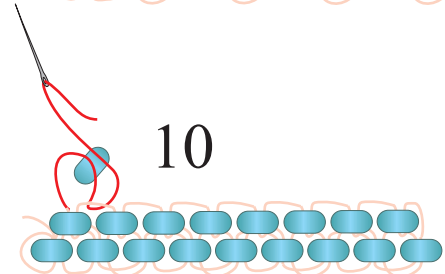
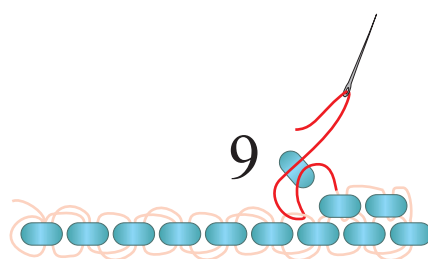


(pic 8) Add 1 bead, catch the thread between the next 2 beads, then go back through the bead you just added.

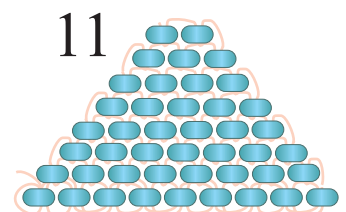


(pic 9) Keep adding beads in this manner.

(pic 10) When you get to the other end, turn around and go the other way!



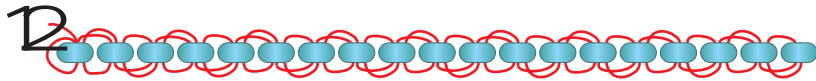
(pic 11) Keep adding beads in this manner. Then pretty soon you'll have a pyramid.



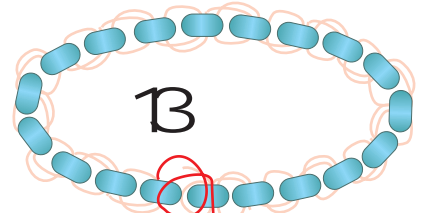


The next easiest thing to do with brick stitch is a tube, or circle for a bag.

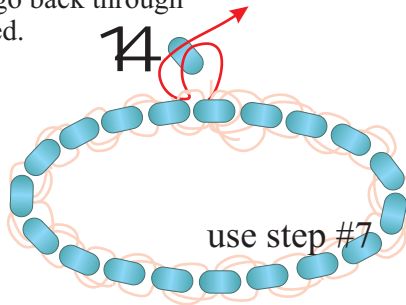
(pic 12) Add the bead as in steps (pic 1-5) as many as needed to go around and make the size bag you want.



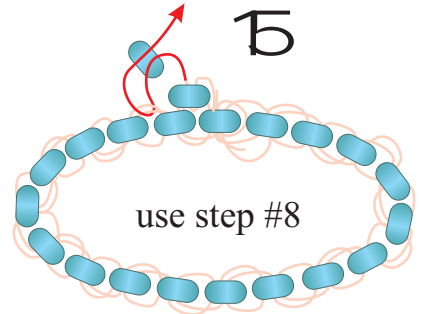
(pic 13) Then connect the beginning bead and the end bead. Go down through the first bead you added, then up through the last bead you added and back down through the first bead.



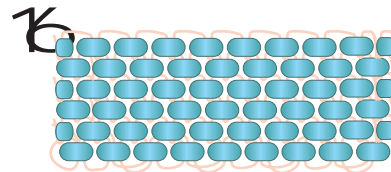
(pic 14) Add this bead as in step #7
Add 1 bead, catch the thread between the last 2 beads, then go back through the bead you just added.



(pic 15) Add this bead as in step #8
Add 1 bead, catch the thread between the next 2 beads, then go back through the bead you just added.



(pic 16) Keep adding beads in this manner. Then pretty soon you'll have the body of a bag!



(pic 17)
Add this bead as in step #7

(pic 18) Add 1 bead. Then go back up through the bead you just added.

(pic 19) When you get to the other end you need to add an extra bead here too!

(pic 20) When you adding the third row, you have to add the first bead by catching the thread you just added.

To make a flat square you have add beads at the ends!

