

Herringbone Ladder



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ESTABLISHED 1954

Supplies

Miyuki Tilas 5 x 5 x 1.9mm, any combination of colors

Miyuki Cubes 1.8mm, Any Color (or substitute 10/0 Delica, or larger 11/0 such as Toho 11/0 seed beads)

Beading Thread such as 6lb Fireline or .006 Wildfire
Size #11 Beading Needle

1.5mm Leather and a button

Step 1

Work with a comfortable length and plan to add thread. Leaving a 12 inch tail, ladder stitch Miyuki Tila to desired length, minus clasp. You can create a repeating pattern with different colors.

31 Tila = 6-inches

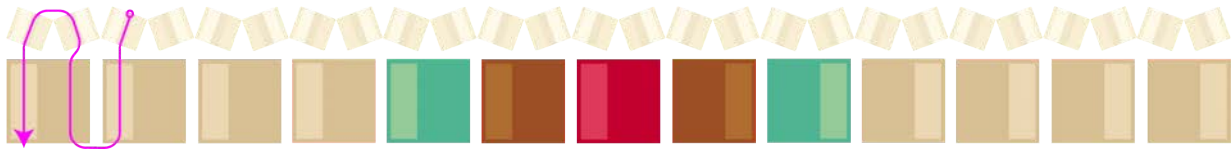


Step 2

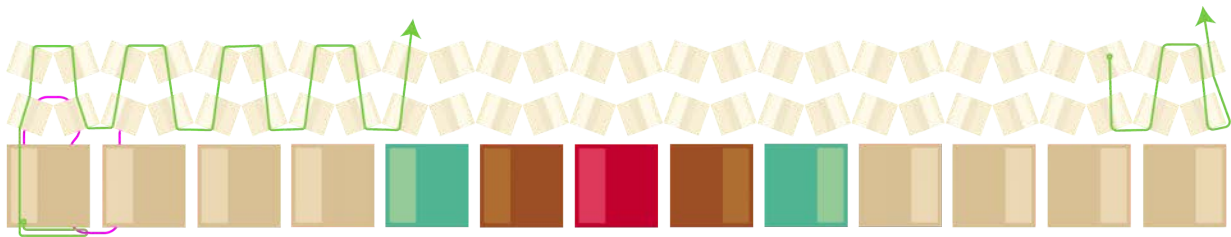
Begin herringbone stitch out of the end Tila. Each Tila will support one column of herringbone. Work this with 1.8mm Cube or above suggested substitute seed bead.



When you reach the end of the laddered Tilas, use the thread bridge connecting the last two Tila as a way to turn your thread. Head back up through the Tila and cube above. Create another row of herringbone.

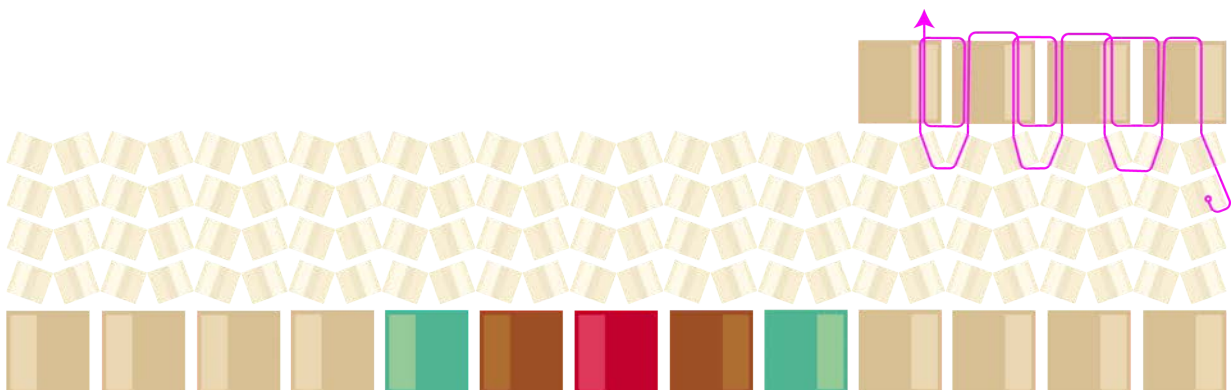


Step up from the last column as shown.



Step 3

Complete two more rows of herringbone. Step up from the last column and add a Tila bead. Go back down through that Tila bead's second hole. Continue through the cube below. Weave through in herringbone to exit the adjacent cube. Add a new Tila. Ladder that Tila to the former, then carry on through the second hole of the new Tila and through the cube below. Repeat this ladder to the end.



Step 4

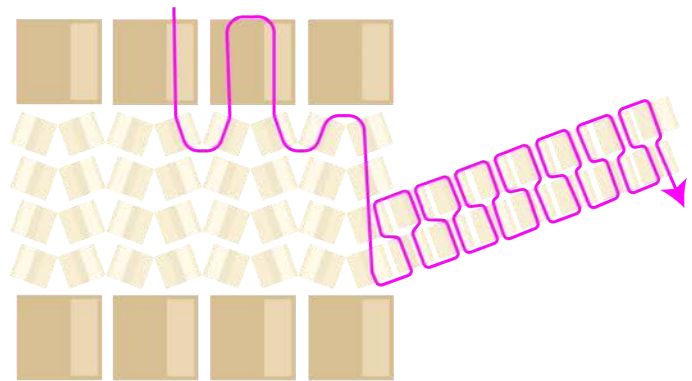
After adding the last Tila, stitch through all four cubes and the Tila below.



Your thread will be exiting from the edge hole of the Tila bead. Use the thread bridge that joins the next Tila as a place to turn your thread and stitch back up through the Tila. String (2) cube, your button and (2) cubes. Go through the top Tila. Use the thread bridge above that Tila to turn and reinforce the connection with the button. Weave in and trim thread.

Step 5

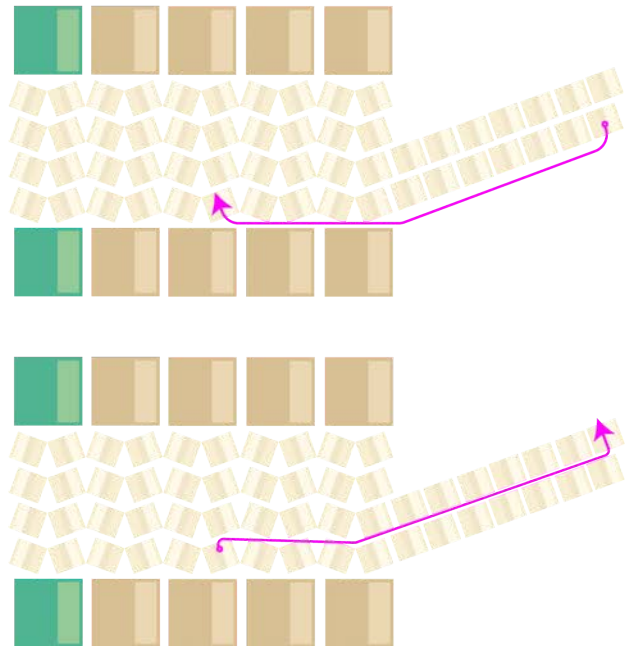
Weave around to lock in a new thread on the other end. Weave to exit from the bottom, edge cube. With your thread exiting on the Tila side of that cube, add (1) cube and go through the cube above. Turn and add (1) more cube. Go back through the former cube. Repeat to peyote stitch 14 total cubes.



Tip: You'll need to be exiting from the bottom cube. It leans inward, and the cube above it sticks out further from it, making it ideal to start single-column peyote off of.

Step 6

Fold over the single- column peyote stitch band you created in step 5. Go through the 5th cube in the bottom row. Then go back through the top, edge bead of the single-column peyote band. From there, reinforce, starting by going down through the cube above the 5th cube you joined to. weave in back through the band to strengthen. Trim remaining thread.



Step 7

Join leather cord under the folded over segment. Tie overhand knots to fit your button.