

MATERIALS :

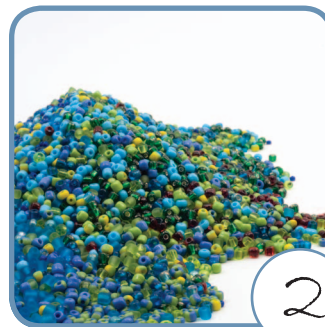
2,5 m	Weaving thread or Wild Fire thread
...	Seed beads #6
1	Scissors
1	Weaving needle 2,25"
1	Clasp



Preparation:



1- Choose your project: either a flat or tubular weaving, and the necessary wire/thread. For a flat or tubular peyote weaving project of 6 ½ in (16.5 cm) long and 6 seed beads wide, measure and cut 2.5 m (2 ½ yds) of wire. If you use weaving thread, we recommend doubling the wire and use a flexible weaving needle.

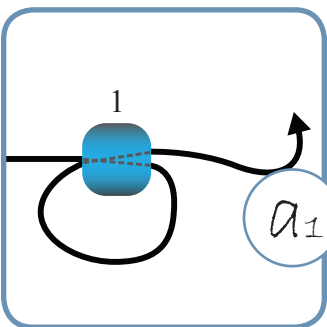


2- Choose your beads. A calibrated (regular) seed bead is recommended. Miyuki brand Delica is a small seed bead with a large hole. Czech seed beads are also a good quality bead which are available in a variety of shapes and colours.

For a first project, we recommend seed beads #6.

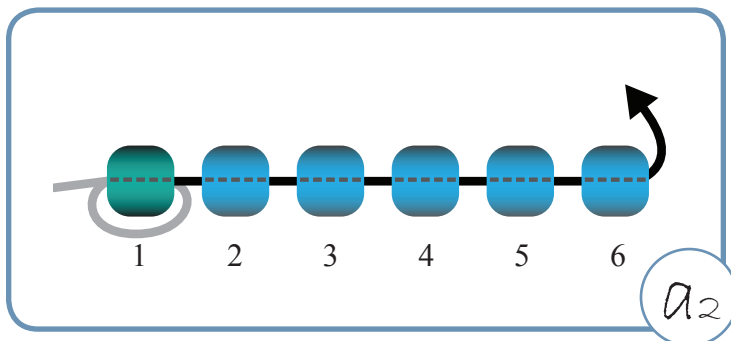
Weaving:

Flat weaving :



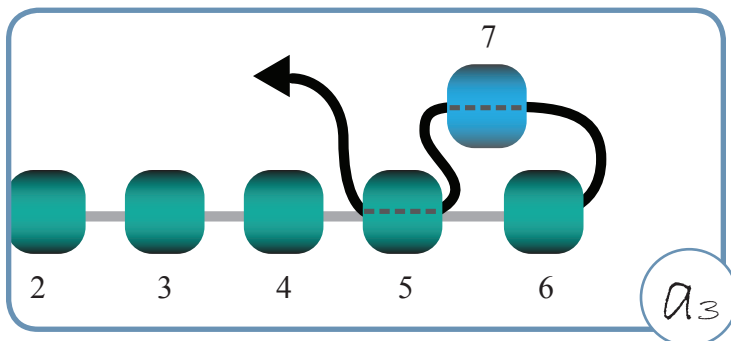
a1- Thread your needle onto one end of the wire, or in the center if you are doubling the wire. Thread on the first bead and lock it in place about 12 in (30 cm) from the end, by threading the wire twice through the bead.



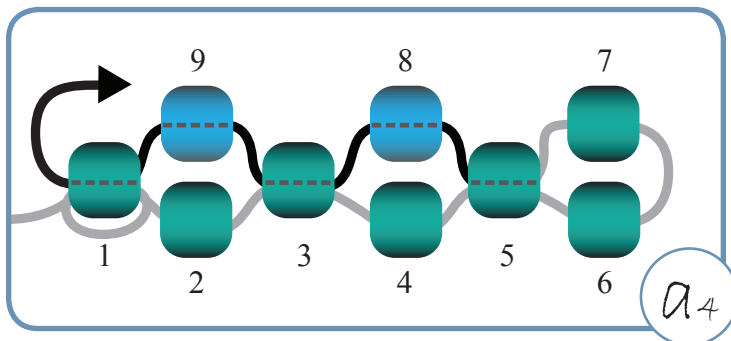


a2- Add the number of beads required for the desired width. In this diagram we used 6 seed beads to form the 1st row.

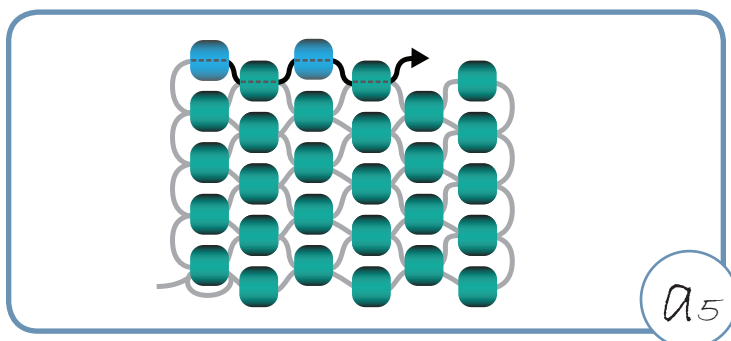
It's easier to work with an even number of beads to form the base.



a3- Add bead #7, then re-thread the wire in through bead #5, going the other way.



a4- Add bead #8, then re-thread the wire in through bead #3, going the other way. Add #9, and then re-thread the wire through #1. On each row, add 3 more beads (#7, 8 and 9). If you have 10 seed beads on the first row, you will add 5 on each successive row. The ratio is always 1 : 2.





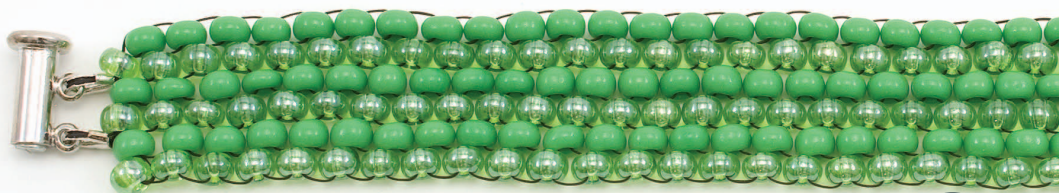
a5- Repeat steps a_3 and a_4 as many times as necessary to obtain the desired length.

The first 3 rows are usually the more difficult to make because the weaving is not yet structured. As you proceed, the project will become easier. To insure a tight weave, make sure that each row of beads is straight and the wire is pulled tightly.

To finish off, add a clasp adapted for your project. We recommend using a finishing loop metal connector to prevent the clasp from rubbing and fraying the wires.

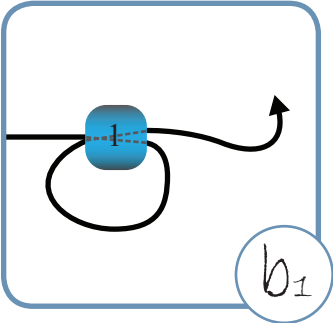
Legend :

-  seed bead : already threaded
-  seed bead : to add
- wire : internal path
- wire : external path
- wire : finished path

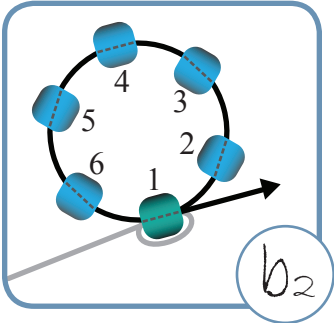


Tubular weaving :

A tubular weaving project uses the same technique as the flat peyote weaving, except that at the end of each row, the wire is re-threaded into the first bead of each row.

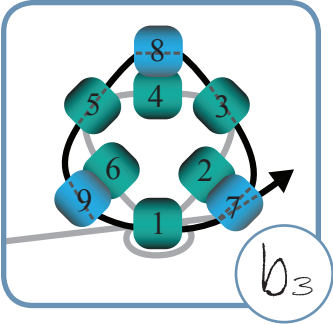


b1- Thread your needle onto one end of the wire, or in the center if you are doubling the wire. Thread on the first bead and lock it in place about 8 in (20 cm) from the end, by threading the wire twice through the bead.

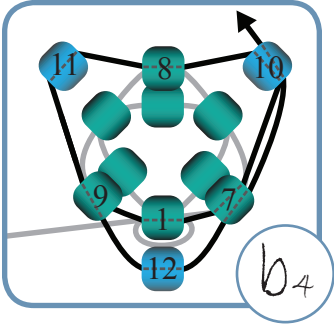


b2- Thread the number of beads needed for the size of your project, then re-thread the wire through the first bead.

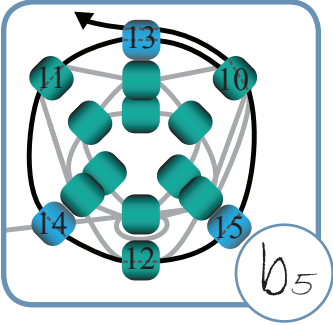
In this example, we used 6 beads for the first row.



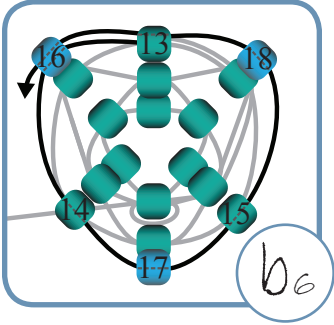
b3- Add bead #7, then re-thread the wire through bead #3. Add bead #8 and re-thread the wire through #5. Add, #9 then re-thread the wire through beads 1 and 7.



b4- Add bead #10, then re-thread the wire through bead #8. Add bead #11 and re-thread the wire through #9. Add, #12 then re-thread the wire through beads 7 and 10.



b5- Add bead #13, then re-thread the wire through bead #11. Add bead #14 and re-thread the wire through #12. Add, #15, then re-thread the wire through beads 10 and 13.








b6- Following the diagram add beads #16, 17, and 18, then re-thread the wire through beads #14, 15, 13, and 16.

On each row, thread on 3 beads. Then re-thread the wire through the first bead on this same row. Add 3 beads on the next row. Repeat these steps as necessary.

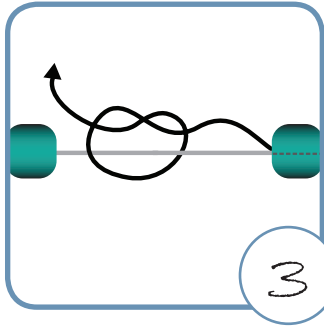
If you have trouble with the beads, you can use a brochette stick or other narrow cylindrical object that will not stretch the diameter of the project. You should always see 6 beads, looking from the top.

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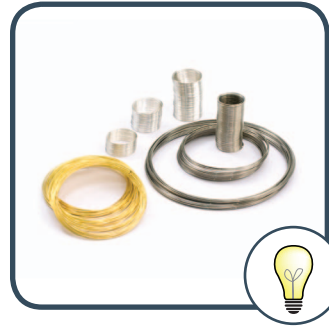
Completion:



3- Before making the final knot, send the thread twice through the last row of beads. Tighten.

Make two knots between two of the beads to finish off the project.

Repeat this step on the other end of the project. Add a drop of glue on the knot to solidify the weaving.



For a tubular project only

You can add a central support such as a piece of memory wire.

