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Tubular Peyote

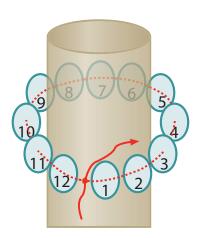
Tubular peyote, like flat peyote, is perfect for cylinder beads or uniformly shaped round seed beads in any size. Start with an even number of beads tied in a ring and make concentric rounds. Start with an odd number of beads and your stitching will create a continuous spiral. This lesson uses even-count tubular peyote. Use enough beads around just to hold a nice diameter for a tube; too many beads and your tube will squish flat. This lesson uses 12 beads. For clarity in the illustrations, Round 1 is shown in blue, Round 2 in purple, and Round 3 in green.

TIPS from Leslie

• Working around a form makes any tubular stitching easier! Roll a 2" long tube of paper to custom fit the size of your ring. Fiddle with the tube to be even along its length (and not get wider at one end) and tape it to hold its shape.



- 1 Round 1: String 12 beads into a ring and tie a knot with the tail and working thread between beads 12 and 1 to secure. Exit through bead 1.
- 2 Place the ring at one end of the tube so the working thread exits toward the tube.



3 Round 2: String bead 13, skip bead 2, pass through bead 3. Note how bead 13 sits directly over the bead skipped, bead 2. String bead 14, skip bead 4, and pass through bead 5.

- Bead 14 sits over bead 4. Continue working around in peyote stitch. When you string bead 18, the last bead in Round 2, you must step up to start Round 3. Finish the stitch by passing through bead 1, step up by passing through bead 13, and string bead 19, the first bead in Round 3.
- Work in tubular peyote for as long a rope or tube as desired.

