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On Location with Beth Kraft

Brick Stitch Ring



Materials Needed:

Fireline™
11° seed beads
Closed ring
Beading needle

Instructions:

1. Thread 1 ½ - 2 yards of conditioned Fireline™ through a size 12 beading needle. Tie the Fireline™ around a closed ring leaving a 1-2" tail.
2. Pick up 2 size 11° seed beads, 1 and 2, and move the beads down to the ring so the bottom holes of the beads are sitting on the ring. Pass through the needle through the center of the bead from the back to the front. Pass the needle through bead 2 from the bottom to the top. Pass through bead 1 from the top to the bottom, and pass back through bead 2, bottom to top. The thread will be exiting from the top of bead 2. This is only for starting brick stitch on the ring. The extra steps stabilize the beads.
3. *Pick up 1 seed bead and pass through the ring from the back to the front. Pass back through the bead from the bottom to the top. Repeat from * until around the ring. Pass through the very first bead from the top to the bottom. Pass through the last bead you added from the bottom to the top.
4. Pick up 2 beads, 1 and 2, to begin the second row. Pass under the thread between 2 beads in the previous row. Pass through bead 2 from bottom to top and pass through bead 1 from top to bottom. Again, pass through bead 2 from

bottom to top.

5. *Pick up one new bead. pass under the thread between the next two beads in the previous row, and pass back through the new bead. Repeat from * until the end of the row. Pass through the first bead from top to bottom and the last bead added from the bottom to the top.

6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to add additional rows of brick stitch. To end, weave the thread through several beads and trim.

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