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Katie Hacker demonstrates the Peyote Stitch.

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1501-1 Seed Beads

This season, our theme is "All About the Beads." What better place to start than with seed beads? For many beaders, they're the equivalent of a painter's palette because seed beads are available in such a huge range of colors, shapes and sizes. Everything from tiny 15/0 to large size 3/0 can be used to create intricate beadwork.

A lot of beaders fall in love with seed beads when they learn their first basic stitch and peyote stitch is the most common one that beginners learn. If you're a beginner, start with 6/0 beads because you'll be able to see the stitch coming together quickly.

Use Bead Fix™ squares or industrial strength adhesive to attach a strip of beadwork to a leather cuff.

6/0 seed beads
WildFire™ beading thread
#10 beading needle
beading scissors
2 BeadStoppers

Instructions for a striped flat peyote strap

1. Cut a 2-yard length of beading thread.

2. Thread the needle and attach a stopper.

3. Pass the thread through six seed beads in alternating colors.

4. Pass a needle through the green beads. These will be the "up" beads.

5. Attach a stopper to each end of the needle.

6. Pick up a green bead and pass the needle through the first blue bead on the way back through the row.

7. Pick up another green bead and pass through the next blue bead on the way back through the row.

8. Continue the pattern, skipping one bead and adding another to continue the pattern of the peyote strap.

9. When the peyote strap is the desired number of rows, weave the tails back through the work to secure the peyote stitch.

WildFire™ thread and tools from Beadalon, www.beadalon.com.

Host Katie Hacker

Materials