

# Retro-Fit Square-Stitch Tubes

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Use size 8° beads to square-stitch a short tube, then add a size 11° between each stitched bead to fill the gap and also provide structural support for a noncollapsible beaded bead.

## MATERIALS

Size 8° beads (A and B)  
Size 11° beads (C)  
Beading needle and thread

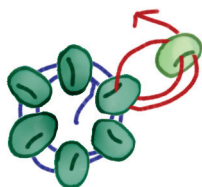


Figure 1

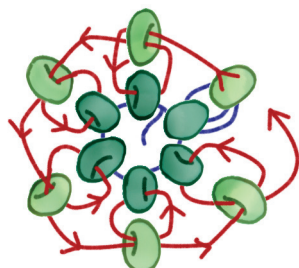


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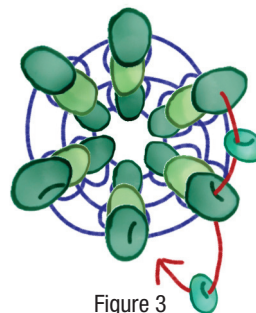


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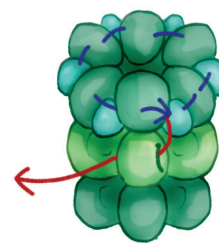


Figure 4

**1:** Make the base tube with size 8° seed beads:

**Round 1:** Use 3' of thread to string 6A; pass through them again, leaving a 5" tail. Pass through the next bead.

**Round 2:** String 1B; pass through the last 1A again and the 1B just strung (Figure 1). String 1B and pass through the next 1A and the 1B just strung; repeat around (Figure 2). Pass

through all the beads of this round plus 1 more to snug the beads into a circle.

**Round 3:** Repeat Round 2, using 1A in each stitch.

**Rounds 4 and on:** Repeat from Round 2 for the desired length.

**2:** Use size 11° seed beads to embellish and strengthen the tube: String 1C and

pass through the next bead; repeat around for a total of 6C (Figure 3). Pass through the adjacent bead in the previous round and repeat (Figure 4).

**3:** Weave the tail threads through beads to reinforce and secure the thread; trim close. ♦

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