

Basic Right Angle Weave instructions

Right angle weave is a very versatile stitch that can be done with virtually any type or shape of bead. Think of it as a group of squares with their sides touching. Those sides can have a single bead or multiple beads. The thread path will be the same no matter how many beads make up each side of your square.

The main thing to remember is that when you get to the end of one side and need to decide which way to go next (this is what usually confuses anyone new to the stitch) you CANNOT go straight. You ALWAYS have to turn a corner, but that corner does not always have to be a “right” corner. You can also make a “left” corner.

If this is your first try at right angle weave, I recommend that you do not try the single bead on each side version, but rather start with two or three beads on each side of your square. The square is often easier to recognize when there are more beads on the each side. If you are having problems following the thread path you can even try a different color bead on each side.

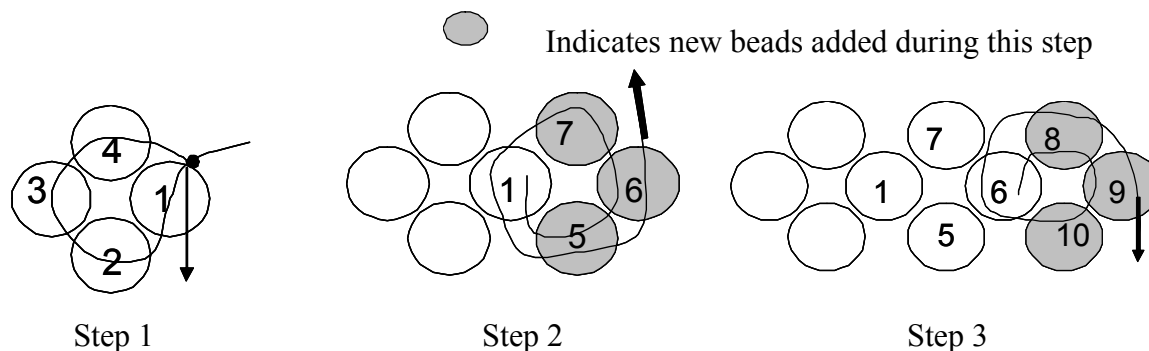
Basic Right Angle Weave (single bead on each side)

Step 1 - Pick up four beads and forming a circle, tie a knot. Pass back through bead #1.

Step 2 - Pick up three beads (5 – 6 – 7) and forming a circle pass back through bead #1, continuing through beads number 5 and 6.

Step 3 - Pick up three beads (8 – 9 - 10) and forming a circle pass back through bead #6, continuing through beads number 8 and 9.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the piece is the desired length

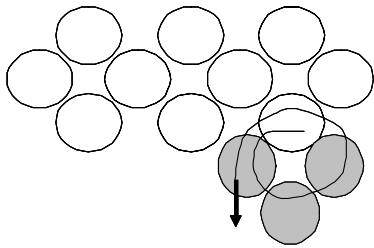


Turning a Corner:

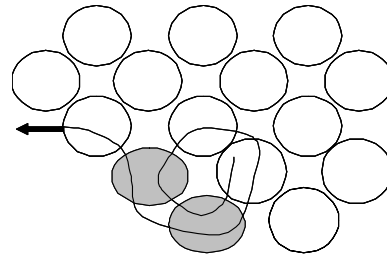
You will pick up three beads on your first stitch at the corner and from then on pick up two beads for each stitch along the rest of the row. What thread path you use to turn the corner and start the row will depend on which way your thread is coming out of the last bead in the row you just completed.

To turn a corner and start a new row follow the left or right thread path and then alternate between steps 4 and 5.

If your thread is exiting to the left follow this thread path:

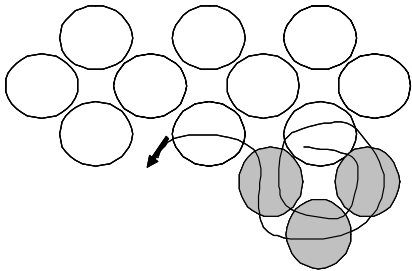


First corner stitch pick up three beads.

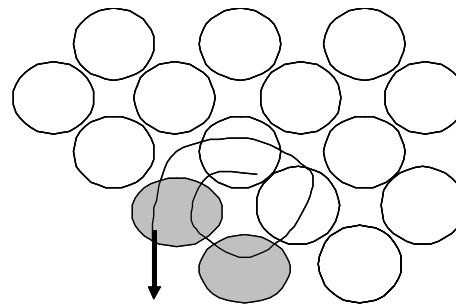


From then on pick up two beads
Step 4

If your thread is exiting to the right follow this thread path:



First corner stitch pick up three beads.



From then on pick up two beads
Step 5

It also works to put different size beads on each side of the square. If you are using different size beads it works best to have the opposite sides match in size. For example, these diagrams show different size beads and different amounts of beads on the sides of the square with the sizes and amounts matching on the opposite side. The lines show the thread path or the shape of your “square”.

