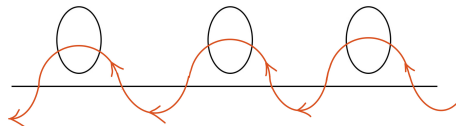


# BEAD IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT

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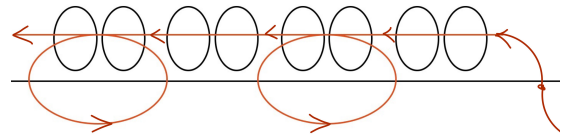
## RUNNING STITCH, DOTTED LINE OR SINGLE BEADS

- Make your knot and pull your needle to the top of the cloth where you wish to place your first bead.
- String on one seed bead. Slide it down the thread, hold thread taught, push the bead against the end of the thread.
- Take your needle down through the fabric perpendicular to the cloth.
- Your goal is to create a stitch the exact width of the bead.
- If the work you are making will be frequently handled or worn, backstitch and loop through each bead and knot every fifth or sixth bead. There is nothing worse than a thread breaking and losing an entire line of beads.



## SOLID LINE, CURVED OR STRAIGHT

- Mark your line with pencil on the fabric if you wish.
- Make your knot and pull your needle up at the beginning of the line.
- Load four seed beads onto the needle then slide them down to the end of the thread and snug them up tight.
- Place the tip of your needle in at the end of your line of beads
- Move the beads out of the way and backstitch, coming up two bead lengths back and pull your needle through the cloth and pull the thread tight.
- Send your needle back through the last two beads in the line so the thread is exiting the line of beads, not the cloth.
- Without going back down into the cloth, load four more beads on and repeat.
- At the end of your line of beads, send the needle to the back of the fabric and knot the thread with a securing stitch into the backing.
- If you need to smooth out a line, take one long line of thread straight through the entire line of beads without going back into the fabric then send the needle to the back and make a securing knot.



## A LINE OF BUGLE BEAD

- Choose seed beads to cushion every bugle bead. They can blend in or be an accent. This keeps that tube with a sharp glass edge from cutting your thread.
- Use the same technique as a line of beads, but you backstitch will only be the length of one seed bead.

