

Like flat herringbone, tubular herringbone works up nicely in many bead sizes and shapes, but seed-bead rounds and cylinders in all sizes are most popular. It's fun to change colors, sizes, and shapes in tubular herringbone, creating stripes or sections of texture in different rounds. Don't try to add a round in too different a size or shape, however, as the piece may gap or become too squishy. You want your tube to stay tubular!

### TIPS from Leslie

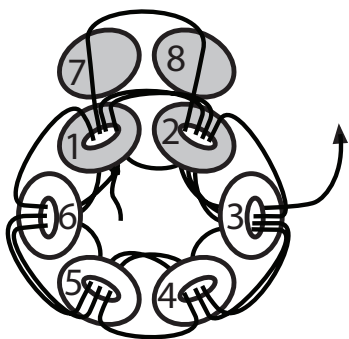
- Working around a tube makes any tubular stitching easier! Roll a 2" long tube of paper to custom fit the size of your ring. Fiddle with the tube to be even along its length (and not get wider at one end), sizing it to fit securely inside your first circle of beads; tape it to hold its shape.



**1** Ladder-stitch 6 beads and knot them securely in a ring, forming Round 1. Have the holes facing up.

**2** Place the ring at one end of the tube so the working thread exits toward the tube. Tape the tail thread of the bead ring to the paper tube to keep it from twisting, until a few rows are stitched.

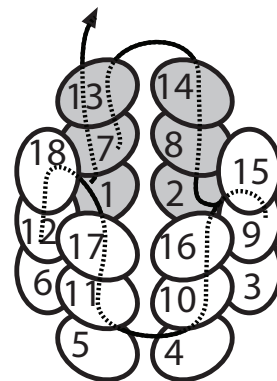
**3** Round 2: Exit bead 1, string beads 7 and 8. Work clockwise around the circle. Pass down through bead 2, up through bead 3.



**4** String beads 9 and 10. Pass down through beads 3 and 4, up through bead 5. String beads 11 and 12.

**5** Complete this round and step up to the next round: Pass down through bead 6 and up through beads 1 and 7.

**6** String beads 13 and 14. Pass down through bead 8, up through bead 9. String beads 15 and 16. Pass down through bead 10, up through bead 11. String beads 17 and 18. Complete this round and step up to the next: Pass down through bead 12, up through beads 7 and 13.



**7** Remove the tube after 4 or 5 rounds or when you are have stitched a long enough piece of tubular herringbone to hold the shape on its own.