

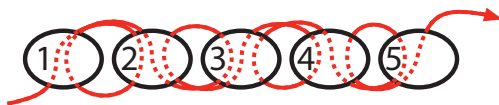
This brick-stitch lesson works the beadwork vertically from the bottom up. Many beaders like to flip their work horizontally back and forth with each new row, to always stitch in the same direction, right to left or left to right.

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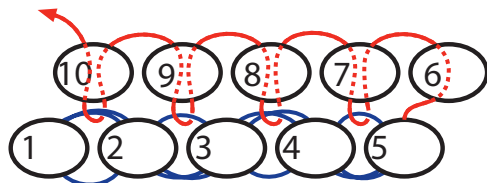
- Pass your needle from back to front when you pass under the thread loops, stitching toward yourself so you can better see where your needle is going.



- 1** Make a ladder-stitched row of 5 beads. Exit out the top of bead 5.



- 2** Brick-stitch rows always start with 2 beads. String beads 6 and 7. Pass under the thread loop between beads 5 and 4, the last 2 beads of the previous row. Pass up through the second new bead you just picked up, bead 7. Gently snug the beads to stack on top of the previous row. Note how bead 6 extends slightly beyond the edge of the previous row—it forms a natural increase in the width of the row on that side.



- 3** Continue to brick-stitch one bead at a time for beads 8, 9, and 10. Always pass under the thread loop of the previous row before passing back up through your new bead. At the end of the second row, bead 10 shown here, the beadwork will appear to be indented, or decreased. This is natural for brick stitch—it appears to alternate in and out on the ends of each row.

