

## - Even Count Peyote - Embellishing your Carrier Beads

There are two types of Peyote, Even Count and Odd Count. The 'count' refers to the number of beads across the width of the beadwork. Even Count is used in this project as it is the easiest to learn because the turn at either side of the beadwork is formed in the same way.

To embellish your Carrier Duo Beads, you will make a strip of peyote measuring 6 beads across and 24 rows long. The two ends of the strip will then join together to form a ring that can be fitted over the carrier bead. You may want to add a drop of glue underneath your peyote to keep it secure on your carrier bead.

To start your peyote pattern, take a length of thread measuring approx. 25" long and add a needle. Separate out your chosen beads into their colours. You will start at the bottom of the the pattern and work upwards. Make sure to keep your beadwork in the same position as your pattern while you hold it, so it is easier to see which beads to add next.

Pick up a larger seed bead which you will use as a stopper bead. Thread through this bead again to keep it in place on the thread. This will be used to keep your peyote pattern in place as you create it. Our stopper bead is the shiny rose gold bead shown in the images.

**A.** Pick up your first 6 beads in the order shown on your pattern. Our images will show this striped pattern in purple tones. Follow the simple numbered diagram to the right here to learn which order to pick up your beads.

**B.** After adding the first 6, you will change direction and add a bead on top of the 6th bead. Pick up bead 7, and thread through bead 5.

**C.** Pick up bead 8 and thread through bead 3 to sit it on top of bead 4.

**D.** Pick up bead 9 and thread through bead 1 to sit it on top of bead 2.

**E F G.** Continue with bead 10 to start a new row, thread through bead 9. Pick up bead 11 and thread through 8. Pick up 12 and thread through 7.

Start a new layer and continue your pattern...





**H.** Continue to fill in your design, following the pattern to make your strip of peyote. It can be helpful to set out which beads to add next as shown here, these beads will sit in the 2 gaps and one on top of the white bead on the left.

**i.** Once you have added all 24 rows, remove your stopped bead. Check that your strip of peyote fits around your carrier bead and check that the first row and the final row slot together. Sew these together, threading in a zigzag pattern to pull the two ends together link a zip.

Weave your working thread back into your beadwork and make small knots over the threadpath along the way. Continue to weave your thread into your design to secure it so that your beadwork won't unravel. Repeat this process with your tail thread, weaving it into your design and knotting along the way to secure in in place.

Trim off the excess thread when you are happy.

**J.** Finally, slot your peyote ring over your carrier bead! Add a drop of glue underneath the beadwork if you feel it isn't secure enough. You can now use your bead as part of your jewellery! Make as many carrier bead designs as you want and use them inbetween crystal beads, fire polish beads, other seed beads, or string them together.

Continue to the next pages to try some different patterns and create your own!





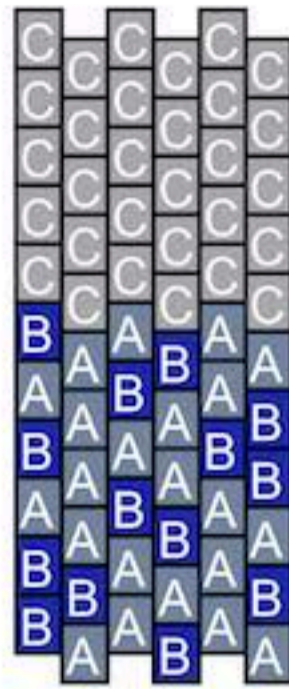
# CHOOSE YOUR PATTERN

Separate out your chosen beads into their colours and label them with letters according to your pattern or match the coloured beads to the colours on each diagram here.

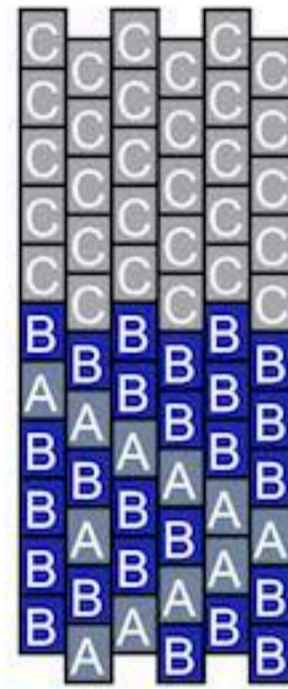
Remember, start at the bottom left of the the pattern and work to the right, then go up a row and work left again.

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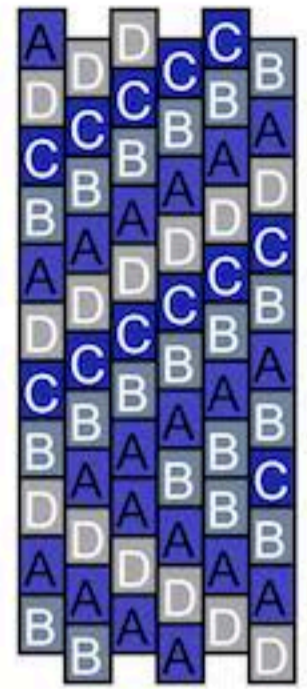
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