Hexagon Brick Stitch Pendant

Materials

Delica beads - in multiple colours.
Size 10 or 12 beading needle
Beading Thread
1 x 6mm jump ring
chain or cord

*New beads added in each step will be highlighted in purple and new thread paths in **red.***

This necklace was designed by Steph Gibbs to be able to learn the essential techniques for working in Brick stitch including getting started, increasing, decreasing and creating a gap in your work.
You will find it much easier if you create your first hexagon, while your learning, with horizontal stripes, so you have to think about too many things at once.

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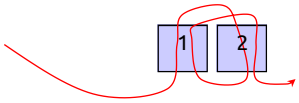

1. Cut a long but manageable piece of thread, (an arm stretch/1m is enough) thread your needle. The first row of brick stitch is established with ladder stitch; pick up 2 beads, thread through the first bead again, towards the second bead (creating a loop, the beads should sit next to one another). Thread back down the second bead.

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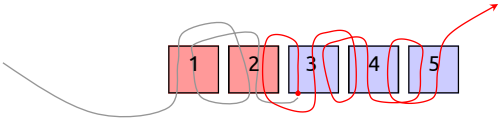

2. Pick up a third bead and thread back down the second bead to join it onto the row. Thread back up the third bead and pick up a forth, join this to the row by going back up the third bead and down the forth. *(tip: keep your beads pinned flat to you mat to keep track of where you are).* Pick up a fifth beads and attach this to the row by going down the forth and back up the fifth bead to complete the row.

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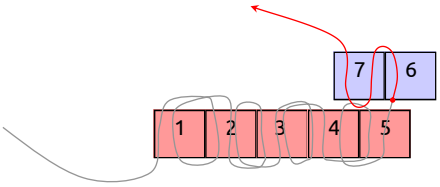

3. When starting a Brick stitch row you always pick up two beads, this will hide your thread neatly. Brick stitch is created by anchoring your bead under the thread then through the beads to keep them in place. (Increase row) Pick up 2 beads (6 & 7) take your needle under the thread that is between beads 4 & 5, then thread back up through bead 7. This will anchor the two beads in place at the end of the row. Notice how the beads over lap when then stack, giving them their “brick” name.

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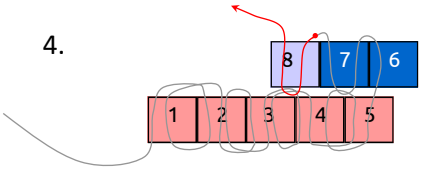

4. Now that you have established the beginning of your first brick stitch row, you will continue just adding 1 bead at a time; pick up a new bead and take the thread underneath the thread between beads 3 and 4, and then back up the new bead (8).

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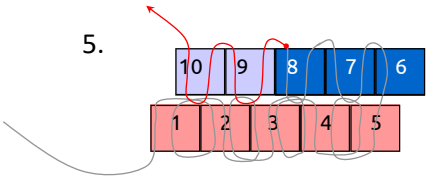

5. Pick up a 9th bead and anchor under the thread between beads 2 and 3 and thread back up through bead 9. Pick up a 10th bead and do the same again, anchoring under the bead between 1 and 2.

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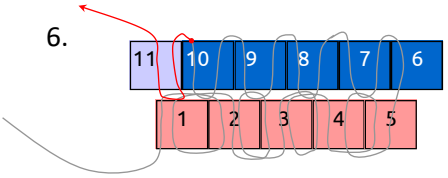

6. Increase; Pick up an 11th bead and anchor under the thread between beads 1 and 2 (same as the 10th bead) and thread back up through bead 11. This finishes your second row of beading, you will see that the beads overhang on each side over the first row.

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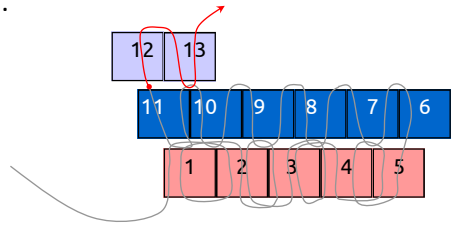

7. Row 3; working back along your bead work, pick up 2 new beads and anchor under the thread between beads 11 and 10.

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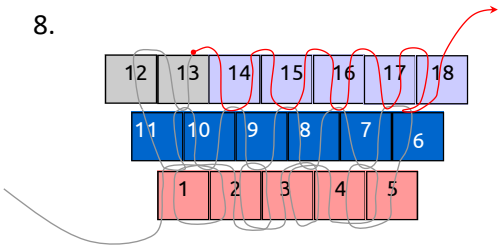

8. Continue row 3; working in the same way as row 2 add beads 14 - 18 anchoring under the thread between the beads from the row below.

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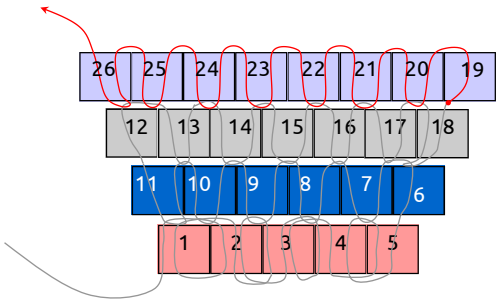

9. Row 4; repeat step 7 and 8.

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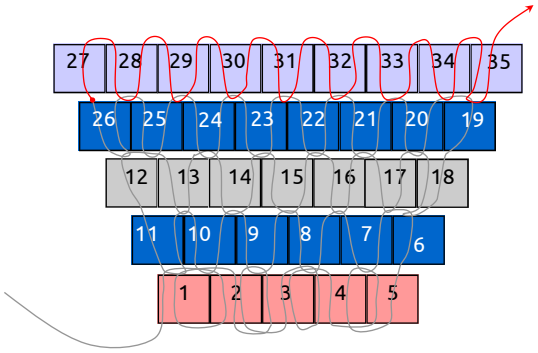

10. Row 5; repeat step 7 and 8. This is the final increase row.

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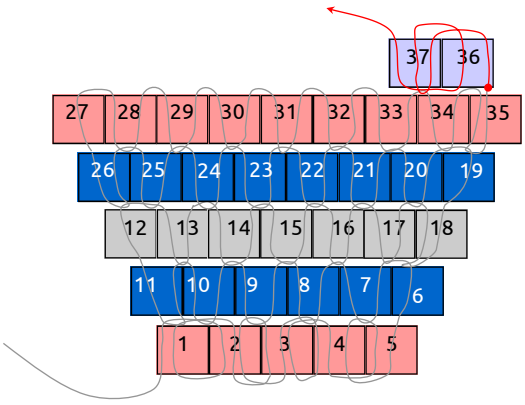

11. Row 6 - decrease row. We still need to start this row with two beads to keep the thread hidden; pick up 2 new beads (36 & 37) and anchor under the thread in between beads 33 & 34, and go up through 37. To stabilise the bead 36 on the very end go down through 36 and back up 37, bringing the two bead neatly together (ladder stitch again).

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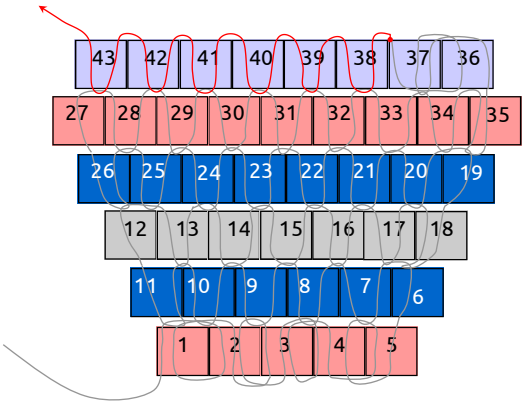

12. Row 6 - completing the row. Continue adding beads in the same way as previous rows. Stopping at bead 43, as you do not need to add an extra bead at the end.

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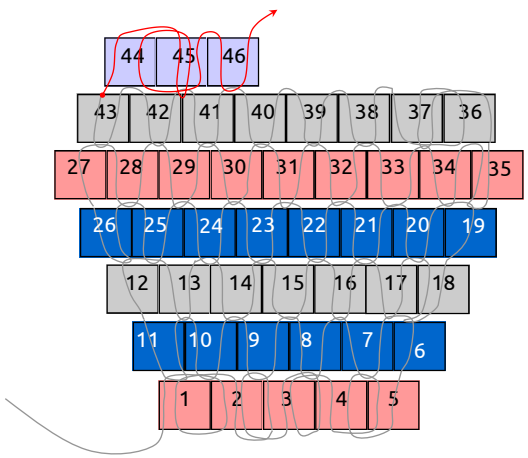

13. Row 7 - repeat step 11 to start the row adding beads 44 and 45. Then add one more new bead as in step 12, pause here, we'll be missing the next bead to create a gap in the row to add our jump ring later.

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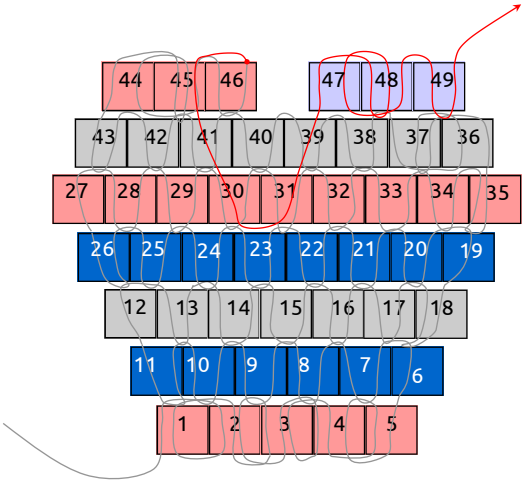

14. Row 7 - second part - creating our gap; take the needle down through bead 45 then diagonally through 41 and 30, take it up diagonally through 31 and 39. Pick up 2 new beads (47 & 48) anchor under the thread between beads 38 and 37 below. Go up through 48 and stabilise 47 by going down it then back 48. Add one final bead on this row in the usual way.

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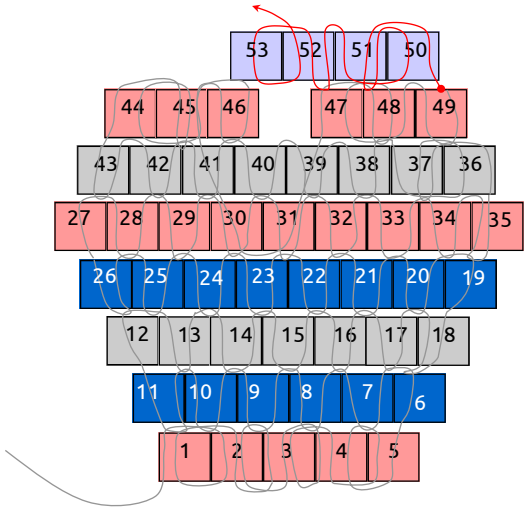

15. Row 8 - Add beads 50, 51 and 52 in exactly the same way as step 13. Add bead 53 using ladder stitch; pick up 53 and go up through bead 52 again.

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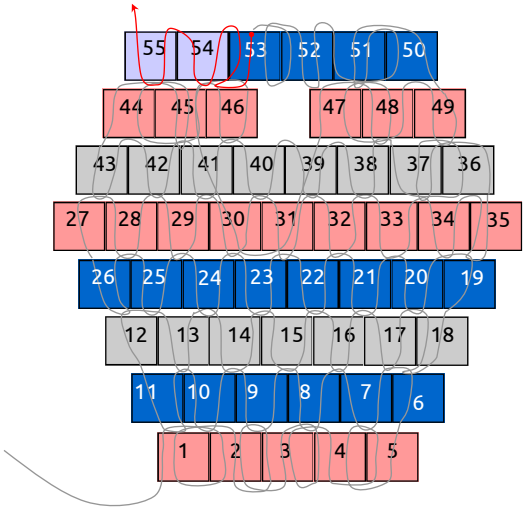

16. Row 8 - To complete row 8 join bead 53 over the gap by going down bead 53 and anchor under the thread below (in between beads 45 and 46) the go back up through 53. Pick up a new bead (54) and also anchor under the same thread (between 46 & 45). Add the final bead of the row (55) in the usual way.

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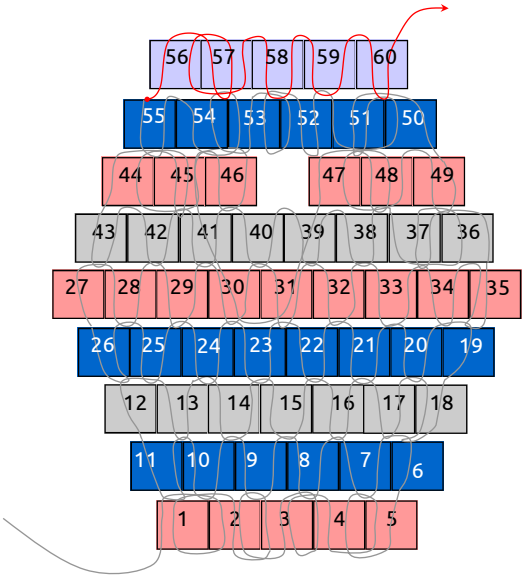
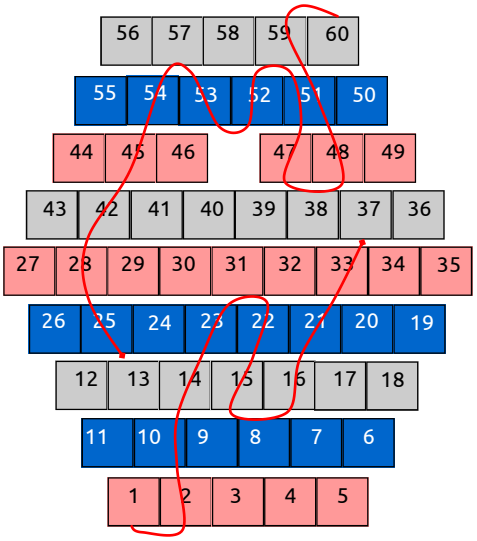
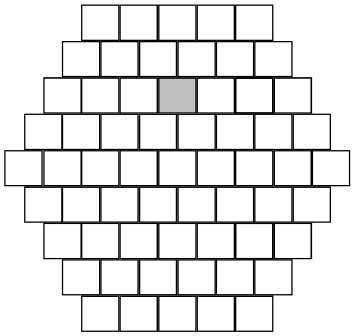
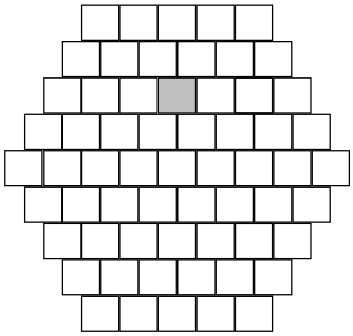
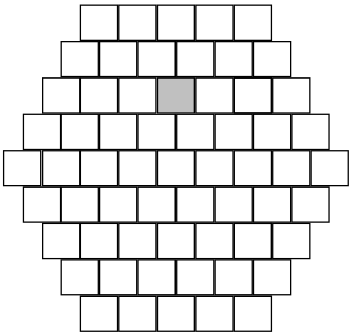
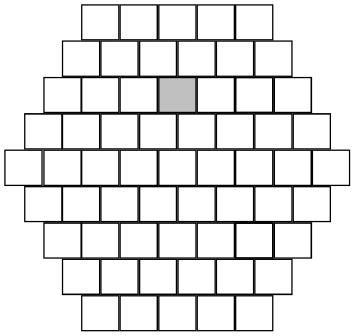
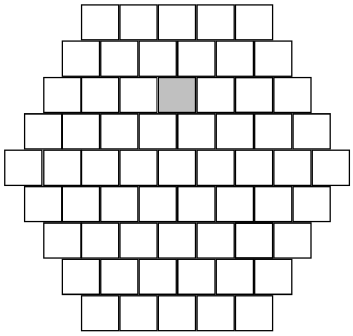
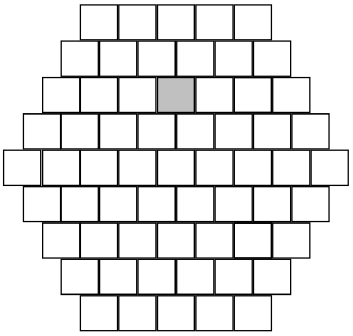
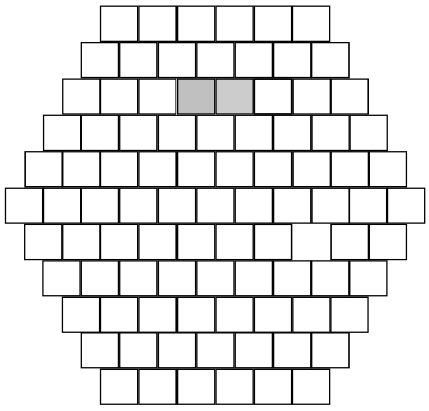
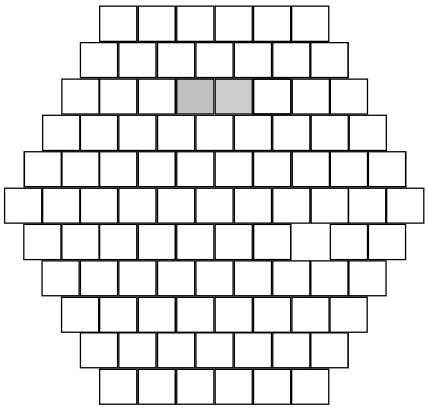
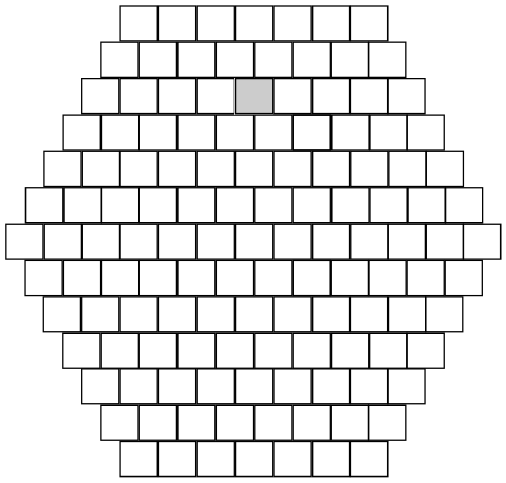
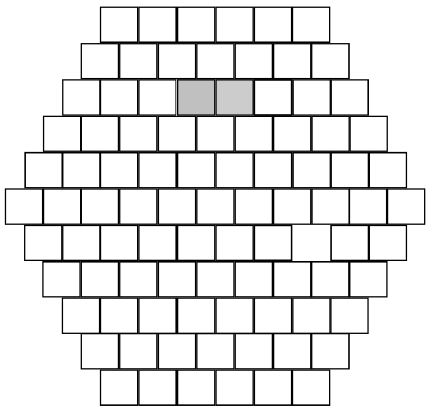
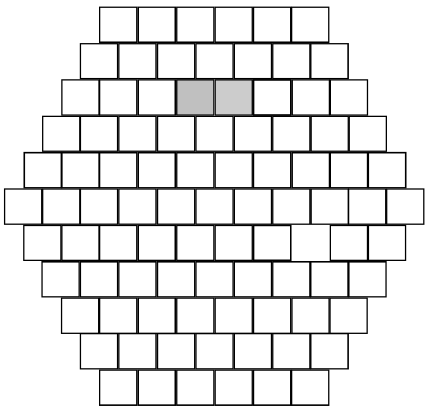
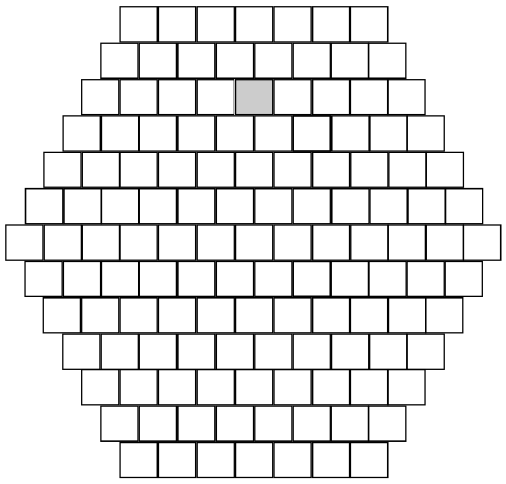


17. Row 9 - Work a decrease row in the same way as steps 11 and 12.

18. Now that your hexagon is complete, you just need to sew in the ends of your thread. It's not essential that you do this in exactly the same way, as the diagram, but as long as your thread are secure it'll be fine, there's no need to tie knots either.

Tip **-** There's several templates ready for you to plan your designs, it starting with stripes is a great way to get to grips with the process, however you can create many different shapes and designs within the small hexagons.



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