

Shopping List 1 – Basic Beading Kit for Even Count Peyote

Beads

To help you learn the stitch, it is easiest if you work with two contrasting colours of beads. This could be two shades of the same colour, e.g. dark blue and light blue. Or, it could be two completely different colours, e.g. red and yellow.

For complete beginners, I recommend using size 8/0 seed beads to begin with. This size is a little larger, so will help you see what you are doing.

You can also try size 10/0 Delicas – these are a larger bead, but in the cylinder shape, which is so good for Peyote stitch.

Ultimately, you are going to work with size 11/0 Delicas. Now, these might feel a bit small when you first start, but you can absolutely dive straight in and learn on this size if you wish.

Mostly, you will find seed beads and Delicas sold in tubes, by the gram (5g-10g is typical for delicas, 10g-22g common for seed beads).

You just need one tube in each colour to complete the free tutorial. Feel free to choose colours according to what suits your budget – just make sure your two chosen colours are sufficiently different to help you see what you are doing when you start beading.

So, you decide which bead size to go for – or try all three sizes (two colours of each), if you want to experiment.

Thread

You will need some beading thread. Just one reel is fine – try and pick a colour that will tone with the colour of beads you have chosen.

In the video, I talked a bit about your different thread options. I also linked to a blog giving you more information. So, choose something that fits your budget to begin with. You can experiment with different thread types as you enjoy more beading.

Tools

In the video, I took you through the basic tools and I linked to some blogs which give you more detail about the options you will see when you come to shop.

So, you should buy the following:

- Size 10 beading needles
- Thread cutters OR Embroidery scissors OR a thread burner
- A beading mat