1) Create a Starter Strip

2) Learn to use the Starter Strip to create an EVEN count Peyote band

3) Learn to use the Starter Strip to create an ODD count Peyote band

**ODD or EVEN?**

The total bead count of Rows 1 & 2 determine ODD or EVEN count, or look at the pattern/graph;
ODD = both edge beads (right/left) are the same; UP or DOWN.
EVEN = one edge bead (right/left) is UP and the other is DOWN.

**GET READY:** Add a needle to a comfortable length of thread. Add a STOP bead and leave a 6-8" tail.

*The above information is true for many projects and may or may not be information that is included with a basic pattern.*

P/U = Pick up          (R) or R-L = Right to Left          (L) or L-R = Left to Right

**STOP BEAD**

A STOP BEAD is used to STOP beads from sliding off the end of the thread.
· Pick up a bead that will NOT be used in your project.
· Slide the STOP beads down toward the end of the thread.
· Stitch back through the STOP bead.
· This STOP bead can be moved (slide to adjust), removed, or stitched through a second time for a more secure hold (do NOT split the threads).

**Securing Thread Example**

a) Stitch through 3 beads (at an angle).

b) Circle Stitch; Stitch through the adjacent bead and back through the originating bead.

c) Repeat a & b 2 or 3 more times to secure thread ends.

*Note: Approximately 200 beads are in 1 gram of size 11 Delica Beads.*
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(R)=Right to Left  (L)=Left to Right  (  )=Quantity followed by the Chart Color Code

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**Word Chart:**


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**Step 1 - Rows 1 & 2:**
Working L-R; P/U (pick up) beads for Rows 1 & 2.

Refer to the graph or Word Chart for correct bead counts and proper color placement.

**Step 2 - Row 3:**
P/U 1 bead, skip a bead (added in step 1), and insert needle R-L through the next bead. Repeat to complete this row.

**Step 3 - EVEN numbered Rows (4, 6, 8 . . .):**
P/U 1 bead and insert needle L-R through the next ‘OUT’ bead from the previous row. Repeat to complete this row.

**Step 4 - ODD numbered Rows (5, 7, 9, 11 . . .):**
P/U 1 bead and insert needle R-L through the next ‘OUT’ bead from the previous row. Repeat to complete this row.

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GET READY: Add a needle to a comfortable length of thread. Add a STOP bead and leave a 6-8” tail. For this project I prefer to use 4 or 6 lb Fireline (about 1 yard) and a size 10 beading needle.

Example illustrations are shown below.

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**Step 5 -** Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to complete the panel.

**Step 6 -** After all rows have been completed, weave threads (into bead work) to secure then cut.

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Create a Starter Strip without using a Starter Strip

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DELICA SIZE 11 CYLINDER BEADS

**DB Number & Qty ( ) for 1 Starter Strip**

- **A** DB 211 (60)
- **B** DB 734 (60)

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Example usage for EVEN count Flat Peyote using a Starter Strip

Word Chart:
Row 1 (R): (1)A, (2)B, (2)C, (1)B
Row 2 (L): (1)A, (1)B, (2)C, (2)B
Row 3 (R): (1)A, (1)B, (2)C, (2)B
Row 4 (L): (1)A, (2)B, (2)C, (1)B
Row 5 (R): (1)A, (2)B, (2)C, (1)B
Row 6 (L): (1)A, (2)C, (2)B, (1)C
Row 7 (R): (1)A, (2)C, (2)B, (1)C
Row 8 (L): (1)A, (1)C, (2)B, (2)C
Row 9 (R): (1)A, (1)C, (2)B, (2)C
Row 10 (L): (1)A, (2)C, (2)B, (1)C
Row 11 (R): (1)A, (2)C, (2)B, (1)C
Row 12 (L): (1)A, (2)B, (2)C, (1)B
Repeat Rows 1-12 to desired length.

Delica Size 11 Cylinder Beads
DB Number & Qty () for each .44” section

A  DB 729 (12)
B  DB 200 (30)
C  DB 310 (30)

Row 1: Pattern will be worked from top to the bottom. Row 1, in the Graph, is read Right to Left (R-L).
Stitch through 1 or more beads in the starter strip then add row 1 beads;
P/U 1 bead, stitch through the ‘OUT’ bead in the starter strip, repeat to the end of the row.

EVEN COUNT PEYOTE STITCH for all remaining row; P/U 1 bead and stitch L-R through the
‘OUT’ bead from previous row. Repeat to the end of the row.

Continue on with the peyote stitch to complete the band.
REMOVAL for ODD or EVEN count Peyote Stitch:

*Work at least 6 to 10 rows before removing bead work from the starter strip.

A) Remove STOP bead.

B) Gently pull bead work away from starter strip and un-weave ‘red’ tail thread back to the end of Row 1.

Do NOT cut the tail thread until it has been released from the starter strip and has also been woven into the bead work to secure it.

Once removal is completed; the tail thread will exit the left edge bead and can then be woven into bead work or used to add a clasp or finding as needed.

Use the Start Strip over and over!

Create a longer Starter Strip (length of your choice) for larger projects. This shorter strip will be great for many narrow projects such as bracelets.
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Example usage for ODD count Flat Peyote using a Starter Strip

Word Chart:
Row 1 (R): (4)A
Row 2 (L): (1)B, (1)C, (1)B
Row 3 (R): (1)A, (2)C, (1)A
Row 4 (L): (1)B, (1)C, (1)B
Row 5 (R): (4)A
Row 6 (L): (1)B, (1)A, (1)B
Repeat Rows 1-6 to desired length.

GET READY: Add a needle to a comfortable length of thread. Add a STOP bead and leave a 6-8” tail.
For most projects I prefer to use 4 or 6 lb Fireline or Size B Nymo thread & a size 10 beading needle.

Row 1 (R-L): Pattern will be worked from top to the bottom. In the Graph, Row 1 is read R-L.
Use the Word Chart or Graph. Stitch through 1 or more beads in the starter strip then add row 1 beads;
a) P/U (Pick up) 1 bead, stitch through the ‘OUT’ bead in the starter strip, repeat to the end of the row.

b) Stitch back through the last bead added in Row 1. A loop of thread will be visible, from the starter strip to
the last bead in Row 1, however once the bead work has been removed from the Starter Strip this loop of
thread will disappear.
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Row 2 and all EVEN Rows (L-R):
**PEYOTE STITCH;** P/U 1 bead and stitch through the ‘OUT’ bead from previous row.
Repeat to the end of the row.

Row 3 and all remaining ODD Rows (R-L):
**a)** PEYOTE STITCH until the last bead in the row.

**b)** P/U the last bead, insert needle L-R through the bead that this bead will sit beside and then stitch through 2 more beads at an angle.

**c)** Weave R-L through the adjacent bead and 2 more beads as shown.

**d)** Stitch L-R through the bead just added.

**Complete the band by alternating EVEN and ODD rows.**

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**Word Chart:**

- **Row 1 (R):** (4)A
- **Row 2 (L):** (1)B, (1)C, (1)B
- **Row 3 (R):** (1)A, (2)C, (1)A
- **Row 4 (L):** (1)B, (1)C, (1)B
- **Row 5 (R):** (4)A
- **Row 6 (L):** (1)B, (1)A, (1)B

Repeat Rows 1-6 to desired length.

**Delica Size 11 Cylinder Beads**

- **DB 10 (11)**
- **DB 34 (6)**
- **DB 723 (4)**

**Removal - see page 4 for details:** Work at least 6 to 10 rows before removal.
Remove STOP bead and gently pull bead work away from starter strip and un-weave tail thread back to the end of Row 1.

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