

Rope Edging

This simple technique creates a series of overlapping loops on the edge of a flat weave (such as peyote or square stitch), making an attractive finished edge.

Instructions:

1. Make your woven piece to the desired length before adding edging. Begin with the working thread exiting from the top of the first bead on the edge of your piece.
2. Pick up 4 (or more if needed) small seed beads (figure A).
3. Skip over one bead on the edge of your piece, pass down through the next bead, and back up through the skipped bead (Figure B).
4. Make sure your thread is on the front (top) side of the loop of beads just added.
5. Repeat steps 2 - 4 until you reach the end of your piece (Figures C, D)

Design Tips:

- The edging beads should be at least one size smaller than the beads used in your weaving.
- Adjust the number of beads in the loops according to the size of beads you are using. The beads should fully cover the thread in the loop.
- Add more beads for fuller, looser loops, fewer beads for a tighter rope look.
- Instead of making loops across 3 edge beads, try making them across 5 beads, with the edging loops only every other bead (see Figure E). This will make longer loops and a thinner rope edge.

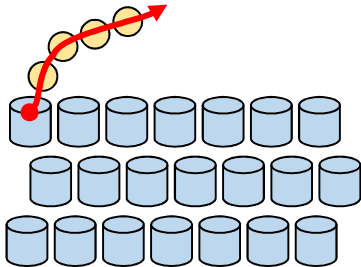


Figure A

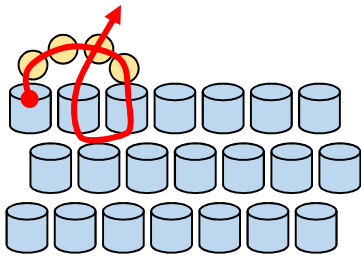


Figure B

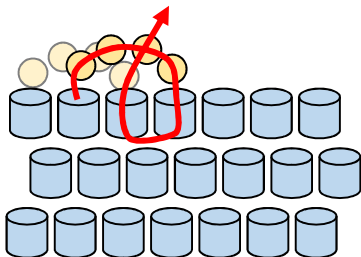


Figure C

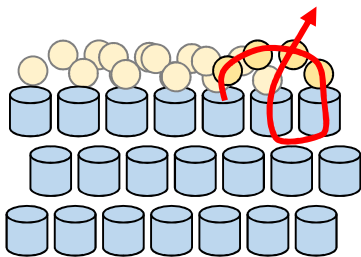


Figure D

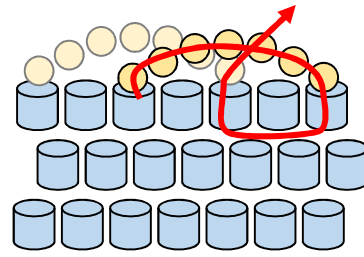


Figure E