

M's Canvashouse

Quarantine Class

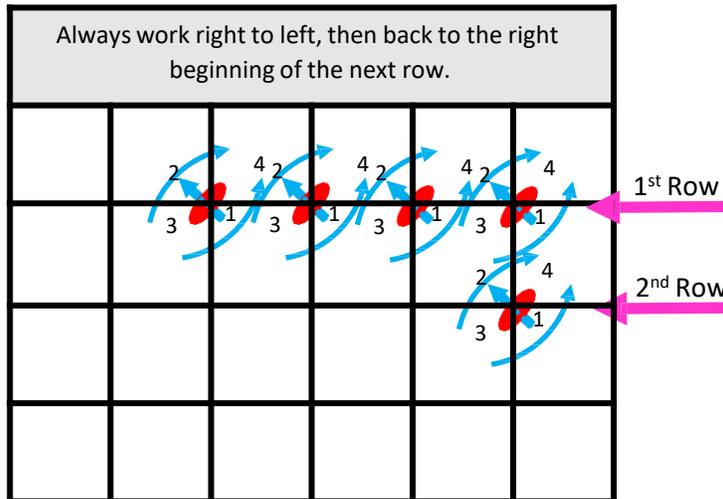


Lesson 8

Hello...

There is so much to talk about with regards to beading on canvas... it might have to be two lessons or maybe even a book! Let me start by saying there really is no wrong way, perhaps just a preferred way, of what you want the beads to look like. The diagram below is my preference of beading on canvas which is in *continental* rows. After experimenting with many types and sizes of beads I discovered they lay in a much cleaner looking when stitched this way. Each row is worked from right to left. When the end of the row is reached return to the beginning and work from right to left again. The first stitch is opposite of a normal tent stitch so the beads sit on the canvas in a tent stitch direction. Each bead is also "lassoed" so the beads don't tilt over.

Beads!



Kaye Holder

When teaching in England a few years ago we were in Glamis Castle looking at some of the old needlework and I spotted a Victorian beaded pillow (Beading on canvas was very popular in Victorian times 1900) The beads were sewn on in a tent stitch direction, seen in the photo above.

Hey! Don't stop reading yet as there are many factors in stitching beads! There a few tools that are really important like the size of the thread. (And size matters!) **THREAD:** There are many types and colors of beading threads sold today and after many years of beading on canvas I found this little trick I want to share. Nymo makes a "0" and a "00" beading thread which is really thin but still very strong. This size thread is small enough that it slides under the bead and cannot be seen. I only use black and white because "0" beading thread is all you need because you can't see it!! Most of the colors sold are size "D", which is exactly why you have to have a color, because it's thick and you can see it. **WAX:** Plays an important part of beading. It strengthens and tames the bead thread making it much easier to manage. **BEAD NEEDLES:** I love the new Edmar Beading needles. They are not L-O-N-G and hard to manage, or short and hard to hold onto. Edmar's bead needles are just right! They are also strong and don't bend. **HEMOSTATS:** If you are beading and one is not exactly right, too small, too large, or you just don't like it you can break the bead with hemostats. If you have not tried beading and want to try... try **Bead Essential** which includes everything a new beader needs including instructions on Brick Beading too! Ask your Local Retailer to contact The Meredith Collection.

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