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BeadStyle magazine is a great resource for beginning as well as more experienced beaders looking for direction or inspiration (or both!). This helpful booklet contains of the best tips, hints, shortcuts, and techniques the magazine has received from beaders around the world.

But with so many kinds of mattresses, sheets, and pillows on the market, it can be difficult to know which ones to choose. Below, the virtues and drawbacks of various types of bedding and demystifying the oft-perplexing process of properly making a bed. **Mattress** Begin by selecting a good-quality mattress and box spring, as well as a protective cotton cover or mattress pad. In addition, a pad will help keep your sheets in place, particularly if, like most mattresses, yours is covered with a synthetic fabric that makes it scratchy or slippery. According to Ted Marschke, of Charles H. Be sure to rotate your mattress once a month, flipping it over so that the side that was the top becomes the bottom. When selecting sheets, there are many factors to consider, including the fabric, the weave, the thread count, and, of course, your personal taste. One important consideration -- the thread count -- refers to the number of threads woven per inch. In general, sheets with a higher thread count are softer and more durable. A thread count of is a good standard, but if you upgrade to , the difference will be noticeable. Two popular choices for sheets are percale and sateen, but few people are aware of the differences between the two. To distinguish between them, carefully inspect the weave. Percale is a plain weave fabric, meaning that the warp and weft threads cross each other one at a time. Because percale threads are tightly woven, these sheets have a fine texture and finish. Sateen sheets, which look and feel a bit more luxurious, are made in a satin weave, meaning that the warp threads, which run lengthwise, are interlaced with filling threads. The result is a lustrous, smooth-faced yet surprisingly durable fabric. **Drape the sheet** evenly over the bed, leaving about 1 foot of fabric hanging beyond the head. Stand beside the bed, toward its center, and pick up a side hem. Pull the hem toward you into a taut crease, then raise the creased section over the mattress so that the sheet makes a triangular tent over the bed. Then, fold the creased section down over the side, and tuck the sheet snugly under the mattress. Repeat this process at the foot and other side of the bed. When placing the remaining flat sheet on top, keep in mind that the top sheet always goes wrong side up. That way, when you fold it back over the blanket, the right side -- the decorative, printed side -- will show. **Pillows** When selecting pillows -- whether soft, medium, or firm -- the most important consideration is the position in which you sleep. Soft pillows are ideal for stomach sleepers, who need pillows that slope gently in order not to strain the muscles in their necks. Medium pillows, which gently cradle and support the head, are a great choice for back sleepers. And for side sleepers, firm pillows are a perfect choice, as they hold their shape and thus support the neck and spine. For those seeking a little more comfort, Japanese-style buckwheat pillows might be the answer. The small buckwheat hulls shift inside the case to match the contour of the neck and head, and the even support helps to relieve cramps and muscle tension. Another option is the Eurosquare pillow, which is filled with fill-power goose down and provides good support for all sleepers. Typically, a queen-size bed requires two pillows and a king-size bed requires three. To create a faux headboard, place Eurosquare pillows at the back of your regular pillows; alternately, you can place the pillows in front of your regular pillows. **Comforters and Blankets** Your decision to buy an all-season down comforter or a traditional blanket will depend largely on your personal taste, but there are a few distinct advantages to choosing the former. First, an all-season down comforter has just the right amount of down to keep you comfortable year-round in most climates. Bear in mind that you should always protect your comfortable with a duvet cover. Comforters only need to be cleaned every three to five years.

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Beading For Beginners Beading for beginners may feel like a journey of a thousand steps but reality is there are only a few steps to learn how to make beaded jewelry. Here is where your journey begins. There are 3 things I want you to keep in mind as you begin the process of beading for beginners. You will find this path the easiest way to get started with techniques, tools and beading tips needed project by project. When you combine that with learning each of the beading supplies for each project you will be on your way to your first beading for beginners projects in no time. There is much more to learn - but if you follow the path laid out here the basics will anchor everything and it will make the transition easier as we move from project to project. Just a Few Notes Before We Get Started There are just a few things we want to touch on and share with you before you begin learning beading for beginners. First, in order to stay on course and on task you must be cautious with Here you have the freedom to roam at will, bouncing from this topic to that topic. Overcoming confusion and staying focused will be your task. Take this in small segments following the steps provided for you. This guide will direct you in the order we feel is the easiest to digest our information. Keep in mind though, the guide is merely that In the end the path you take is ultimately up to you. This will just give you a suggested order of consuming information with Beading Jewelry to get you to the end of each lesson in a more direct way. But if confusion sets in then take a breath and step back for a moment. When you have caught your breath, go back, brief over the page and then begin again. Or if needed just set it down and take a break. It will be here waiting for you when you are ready to come back to it with fresh eyes. Print the guide and use it to keep you on track. Write on it making notes and checking off each step as you complete them. Initial and date the page as you complete each project page so you can see your progress. Allow the step by step guide to be your friend and your road map. That is the best advice we can offer you in the beginning Re-reading any of the information can only reinforce what you have learned and the more you read the more familiar it will become to you. We have been where you are right now. We all had to start at the beginning. We all learn differently and this order of learning we laid out for you, is the process that made the most sense to us as we evolve in the task of learning these skills. Secondly, we encourage you to review the topic Beading Techniques When first considering learning how to make jewelry the big question we asked was As a beginner you must first have a clear picture of the type beading you want to learn. This is merely to give you an overview of just how many different styles and methods of beading there are not to confuse you with more information. If you read a phrase like You had a different thought and were looking for something totally different. So I had to research until I found it. Summarize what each technique entails. Help you clarify in your mind if you are interested so that you can be more intentional in your research. Thirdly, along the way you will be learning a new Beading Vocabulary You will be learning new beading jewelry jargon and adding to your vocabulary. The beading vocabulary page will be a quick resource tool to help you along the way. We appreciate the extra eyes. Feel free to bookmark this page for a quick and easy reference. It will be a continuous work in process. By now you must be anxious to get started in your own beading for beginners journey. Spread the Beading Bug Each person learns differently and at a different pace. One may pick this up in an instant, others it may take just a bit more. But regardless, from that experience, I have tried to set this process for you to work through quickly and efficiently, more so than I did. Or so I hope But It was my secret formula that encouraged me through the beginning Unfortunately it is no longer being published. It was in publication from til when they went digital. Clicking on the picture of the book will take you directly to Amazon. I would highly encourage you to give it a look and see what you think. Be aware this is an affiliate link and should you decide to purchase we will receive a small percentage of that sale at no additional cost to you. The other part of my secret formula that can also be found in my beading for beginners library is the Fire Mountain Gems Supply Catalog The Fire Mountains Gem hard copy supply catalog is a wealth of info with

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Actually, though, bead crochet is a fairly easy technique to learn. Beads can add great detail to projects, making them pop with color and texture and sparkle with design. Bead crochet is especially great for jewelry and bridal crochet projects but can be used throughout your work. This guide teaches you the basics of bead crochet. In bead crochet, you string beads on to yarn before beginning the project. As you crochet, you slide the beads close to your hook when you want to use them. Most bead crochet projects combine elements of crochet detail with beadwork. However, there are types of bead crochet that show very little crochet work and emphasize only the beads; see the "advanced" section at the end of this post for more information about that. The rest of this post is about adding simple beads to basic crochet projects.

Bead Crochet Supplies

There are just a few things that you will need to know about purchasing supplies for bead crochet. **Choosing Beads and Yarn for Crochet** There are a wide variety of beads available for crochet. And bead crochet can be done on any type of fiber. Many people choose thread crochet for bead projects, because they want to work with smaller beads and create more delicate projects. Some people use wire. But regular yarn can also be used. The most important thing is that your beads and yarn match well with each other. If you are not comfortable with thread crochet, you may wish to begin your foray into bead crochet with yarn and any beads that are large enough to string easily on to the yarn. The beads should have holes that are large enough to easily slide over the yarn that you choose. Likewise, choose smaller beads for thread crochet, mid-sized beads for mid-weight yarn and reserve heavy, big beads for bulky weight projects.

Additional Bead Crochet Supplies

In addition to beads and yarn, you might need a few extra things for bead crochet projects. Many projects require a needle for stringing the beads onto the fiber which we cover in detail in the next section of this tutorial. If you are using bead crochet techniques to make jewelry, your projects may require jewelry supplies such as clasps, earring wires, and jump rings. Most of these supplies are readily available online or at mainstream craft stores, which are also a great place to purchase your beads. The biggest difference between standard crochet and bead crochet is that you must begin the project by threading your beads on to your yarn, wire or thread. Here are some things to know: If you are working with beads that have small holes then you will probably need a needle to help you thread the beads on to the yarn. Choose a needle that is small enough to slide through the hole. There are collapsible needles available that work terrifically for small beads. Your crochet pattern will usually tell you how many beads to string on to your yarn. As a beginner, use the same beads including the same color for your early projects. As you get more advanced, you may choose to work with beads of different colors and sizes in the same project; when you do, remember that the beads will appear in the project in the reverse order in which you have strung them. So, if you thread your yarn with a red bead, then a blue one, then a green one, the green will be closest to the hook and will be the first one on to the crochet project, followed by the blue then the red. Here is a tip if you want to work with smaller beads but thicker yarn: String your beads on to thread that matches your chosen yarn in color. We see this in the Dangling Flower Earrings free crochet pattern where beads are added to the bottom of star-shaped crochet earrings as well as in the free crochet pattern for Pearly Crochet Jewelry where crochet details are added on to a beaded string that itself does not incorporate any crochet. In this case, you crochet motifs as usual, per the crochet pattern, and then you attach the crochet and the beads using jewelry supplies such as crimps and pliers. In some cases, jewelry supplies are not required, but neither are bead crochet techniques. The Lace Armllets are crocheted in their entirety. Then, as a finishing step, the beads are sewn on to the wrist side of each armllet. Every once in awhile a bead crochet pattern will not ask you to string the beads on to the thread first but instead to add the beads one at a time as they are needed. We see an example with the Wedding Headdress free crochet pattern. Crochet designer Helen Sweet defines the "bead" special instruction in this project as follows: **Basic Bead Crochet** As we have seen, each bead crochet project will be different, and your crochet patterns will generally provide detailed

instructions, but here are the basics for beginners who want to start working with adding beads to crochet projects: Do not cut the yarn; let the beads fall towards the ball of yarn as you work with your crochet hook. Begin your foundation chain. Slide the first bead down towards the hook, near your slip knot. Yarn over and pull through. You have now secured your first bead on to your project. This essentially creates a knot of yarn a chain stitch around the bead. Sometimes the pattern will use special abbreviations such as bch for "bead chain", which refers to bringing one bead close to the hook, and completing a yarn over and pull through to secure the bead in a chain. Other patterns simply describe what to do without using special abbreviations. Not all crochet patterns do this but typically you add a chain space or two between beads on most crochet projects; in this example there is a ch 3 between each bead. Slide the next bead towards the hook. You have secured your next bead on to your project. Repeat steps as many times as needed to complete your foundation chain. You can complete a very simple bead crochet necklace using just these steps. It will be a long foundation necklace-length chain with beads that you slip stitch closed at the end of the project. This very simple project looks elegant when you choose the right beads - great for instant gratification projects and last-minute gifts! In some cases, beads are only used in the beginning of the project. In other cases, beads are included throughout all of the rows. Beads in Foundation Chain Only In the Easy Beaded Bracelets free crochet pattern, beads are only used in the first foundation chain row. The second row is essentially just slip stitches without any beads. Insert hook into next stitch. Yarn over and draw up a loop. There will now be two loops on your hook. Slide bead close to hook. Yarn over and pull through both loops on hook. In this pattern, crochet designer Lisa Gentry explains that one round of each flower petal is worked as follows: Sc, hdc, 3 dc, slip 1 bead close to hook, 2 dc, hdc, sc. As you can see. Making Crochet Beads In addition to crocheting with store-bought beads, you can also make crochet beads. These are sometimes combined with other beads in crochet projects. We see that in these two free bead crochet patterns: You can create tubular beaded crochet designs, including beads that incorporate design details from mathematics , and you can learn to read bead crochet charts. If this type of advanced bead crochet is of interest, one of the best resources to consider is the book *Crafting Conundrums*:

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