How to Even Count Peyote Stitch

Even count peyote is the most common type of peyote stitch and the easiest to learn, so if you’re new to peyote, this is where you should start.

Supplies:

Size #11 Delicas, or beads of your choice
Beading thread - Fireline
Beading needle

Peyote can be done with any type bead, the type of designs seen in these pictures are done with #11 Delicas, not to be confused with size 11 seed beads. The best selection is at a local bead store or online.

NOTE: I used seed beads in these pictures so you can see easier. I have used a different color for each round so that you can see how it’s done.
**Round 1 and 2:** Pick up an even number of beads. Make sure you have a stop bead. In this example, I have 10 beads. The red beads are round 1, the green beads are round 2. This will make more sense after the next round.

**Round 3:** Pick up a bead, put the needle through the second bead from the needle. We ended with the red bead, I picked up a navy bead and put the needle through the first green bead. The navy bead is going to settle in next to the red bead. Pick up another navy bead and put the needle through the next green bead. This bead will also settle in next to a red bead. Continue this way until the thread is coming out the last green bead.

**Round 4:** Pick up an aqua bead and put the needle through the navy blue bead. The aqua bead will settle in next to the green bead.
Even Count Peyote Diagrams