

Skill Builder: Adding Thread in Superduo Beadweaving

This Skill Builder focuses on ending and beginning thread in the Pathways Cuff project, but can be used as a general guide for ending and adding in thread in any bead weaving project.

Be sure to stop stitching when you still have 5"-6" of working thread remaining, so that you have enough length to weave it in securely.

The ingredients needed for this Skill Builder are:

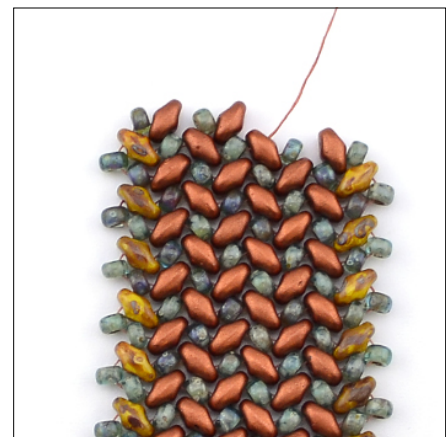
Beadwork in progress

Beading needles

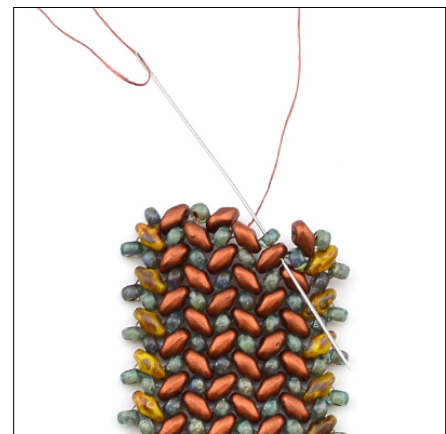
Beading thread

Thread snips

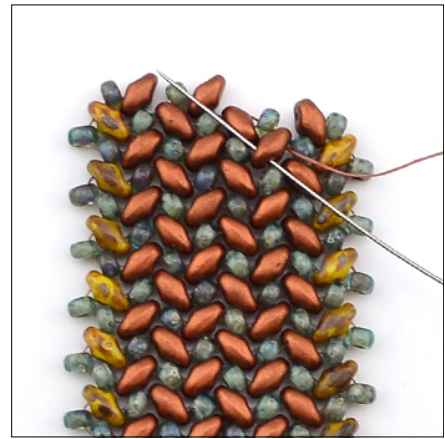
Stop stitching at the mid-way point of a row. Be sure you have 5"-6" of working thread remaining.



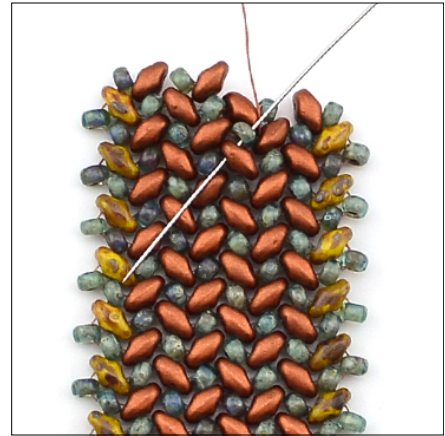
Stitch down into the column of beads below and in front of your working thread. Follow the existing thread path.



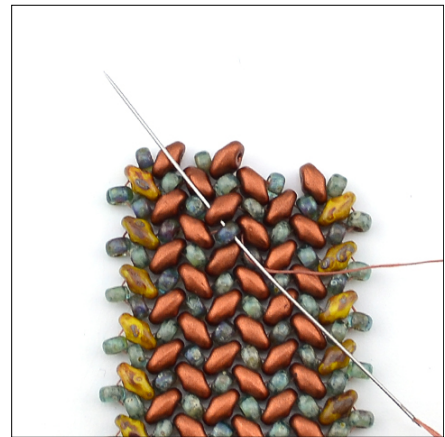
Stitch back up through the bottom hole of the same Superduo your thread is exiting from.



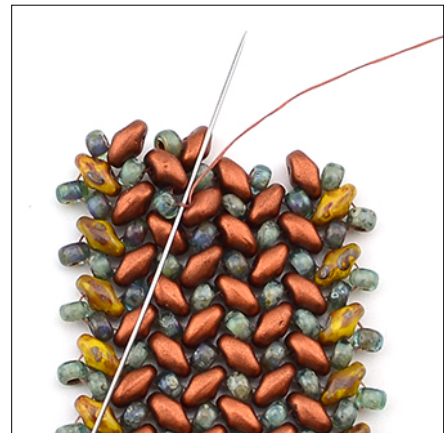
Stitch back down into the next 8/0 seed bead and the Superduo below it.



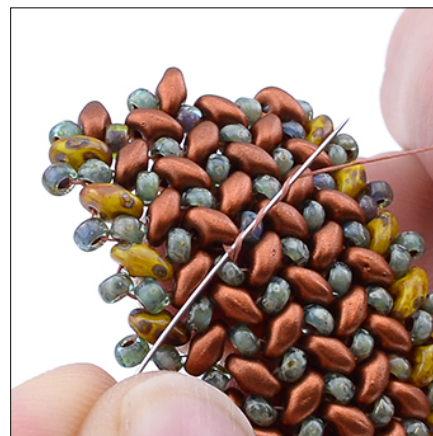
Change directions again, stitching back up into another seed bead and another Superduo.



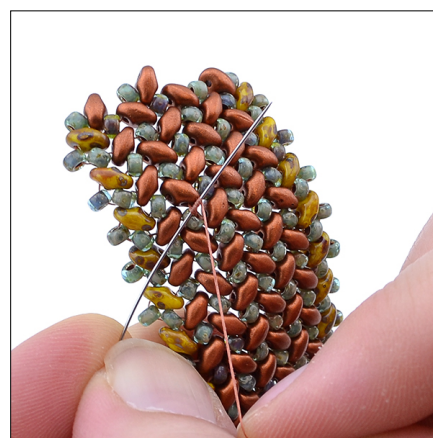
Use the tip of your needle to pick up the thread running in between the bead your thread is exiting from and the next bead.



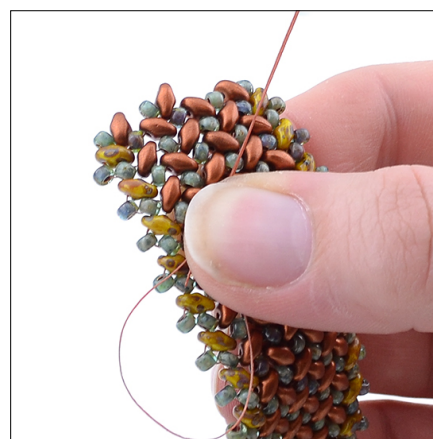
With the thread bar picked up, now wrap your working thread around the needle twice.



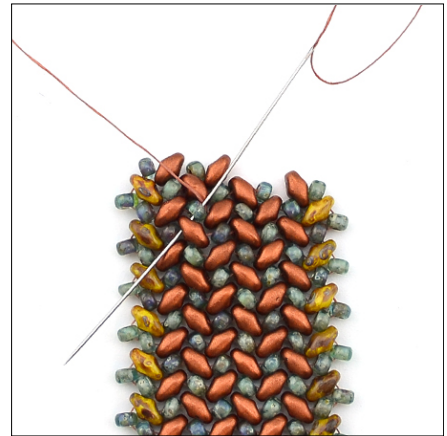
Tug the working thread down and to the left, so that the wraps slide down next to the thread bar on your needle.



Firmly pinch the beadwork directly on top of the wrapped needle, and slowly pull your needle through. The working thread will pull the loops in to form an unobtrusive knot.



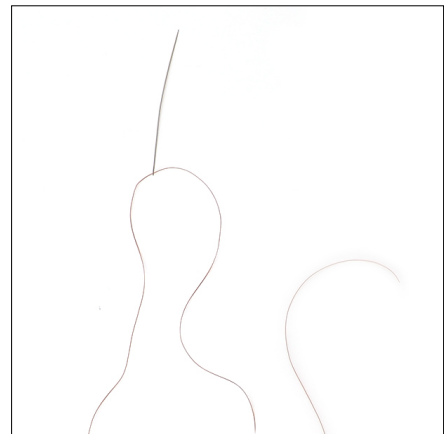
Weave back through another few beads to “bury the tail”.



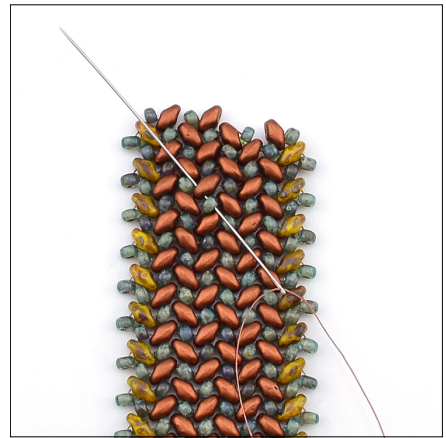
Pull the working thread taut and snip close to the beadwork.



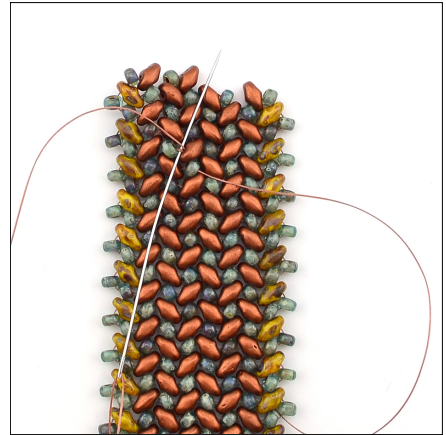
Cut another two yard length of beading thread and thread it into the eye of your beading needle.



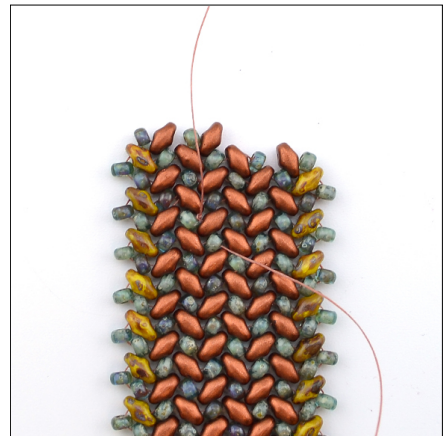
Begin by stitching through two beads and pulling your thread through until there is a tail of a few inches.



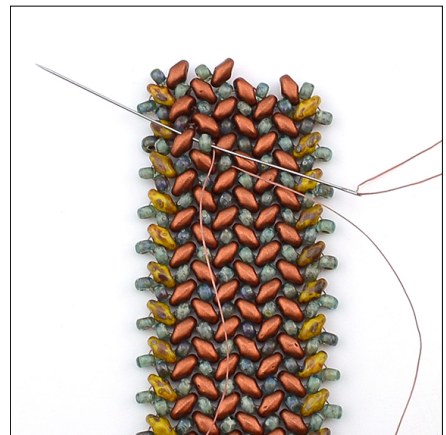
Pick up the thread bar between the bead your thread is exiting from, and the bead next to it.



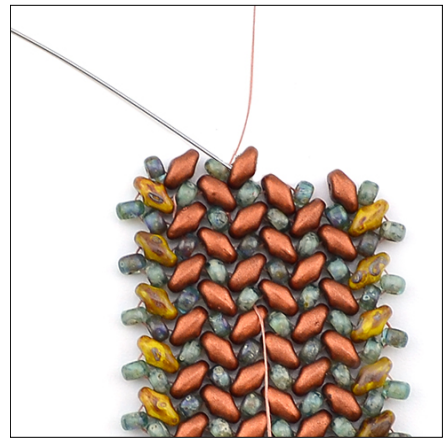
As before, wrap the working thread around your needle twice, pinch the needle and beadwork firmly, and pull the needle through.



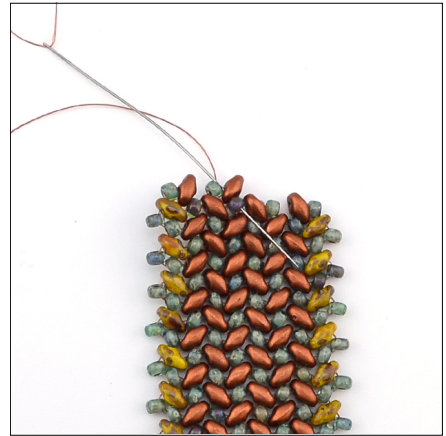
Continue stitching up through the beadwork, following your existing thread path.



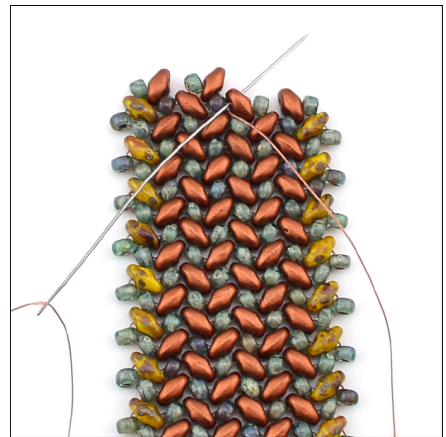
Weave until your needle is coming up out of the last 8/0 seed bead you added before ending the thread. Pass down through the lower hole of the next Superduo.



Pass down through the next 8/0 seed bead, following your thread path.



Stitch up again through the top hole of the next Superduo, and you are now in position to continue stitching!



Pull the tail of the thread taut and snip close to the beadwork.

