



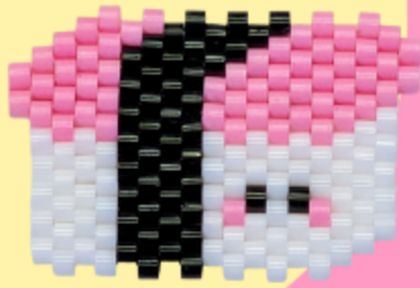
Musubi

Step-By-Step Beading Tutorials By Jayne Tokumi of Bead Crumbs



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Musubi

A step-by-step beading tutorial

Project

- A cute beaded charm of Hawaii's musubi snack legend! Spiced luncheon meat layered on a block of seasoned rice, hugged by flavorful nori (seaweed).
- Made with Cylin Beads by John Bead.
- Technique: Brick Stitch Beading
- Measurement: 2.5 cm x 1.7 cm

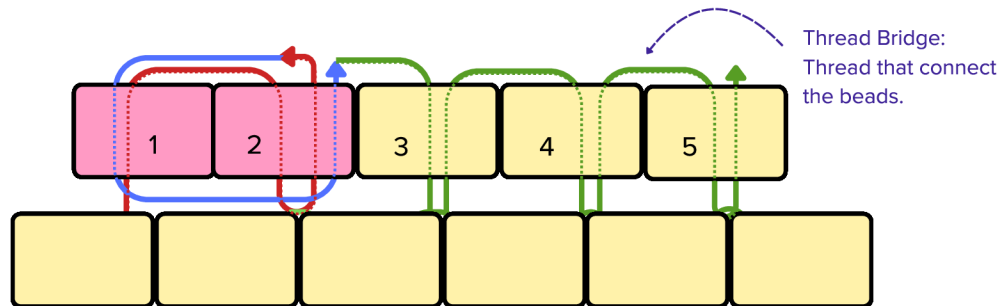
Supplies

- 40 inches Beading Thread (6lb Fireline, Crystal, used in this sample)
- Size 12 Beading Needle
- Size 11/0 John Bead Cylin Beads
 - Black #1003
 - White #1023
 - Pink #1101

BRICK STITCH BASICS

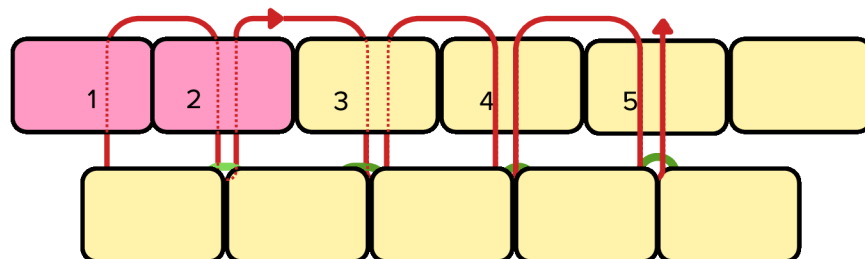
1. Decreasing Stitch: Narrows the row.

- Red Line: Start by picking up two beads (1, 2) and pass your needle under the second thread bridge. Then, go up through the second bead (2).
- Blue Line: Loop back through the two beads - down the first bead (1) and up the second bead (2). This helps to keep the beads aligned.
- Green Line: Add one bead (3), go under the next thread bridge, and come back up through the same bead.
- Keep adding one bead at a time until your row is complete.



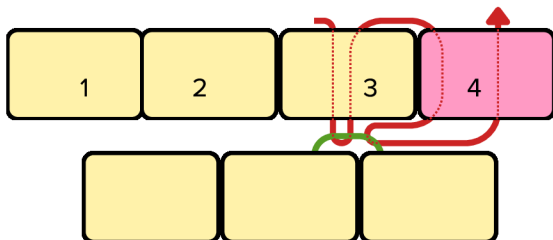
2. Increasing Stitch: Widens the row.

- Begin by picking up two beads (1, 2) and pass your needle under the first thread bridge. Then, go back up through the second bead (2).
- Next, add one bead (3). Pass your needle under the next thread bridge, then return through the same bead.
- Keep adding beads one at a time.

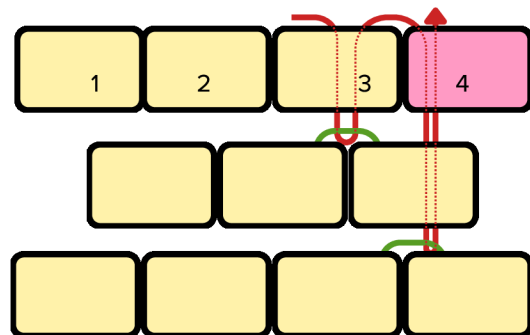


3. Increasing at the End of a Row:

- Option 1: Share the previous thread bridge.
 - Pick up the last bead (4) and anchor it to the previous thread bridge.
 - Go back up the last bead (4).
 - If your bead is wobbly, you can secure it by circling back down bead 3 and up bead 4.

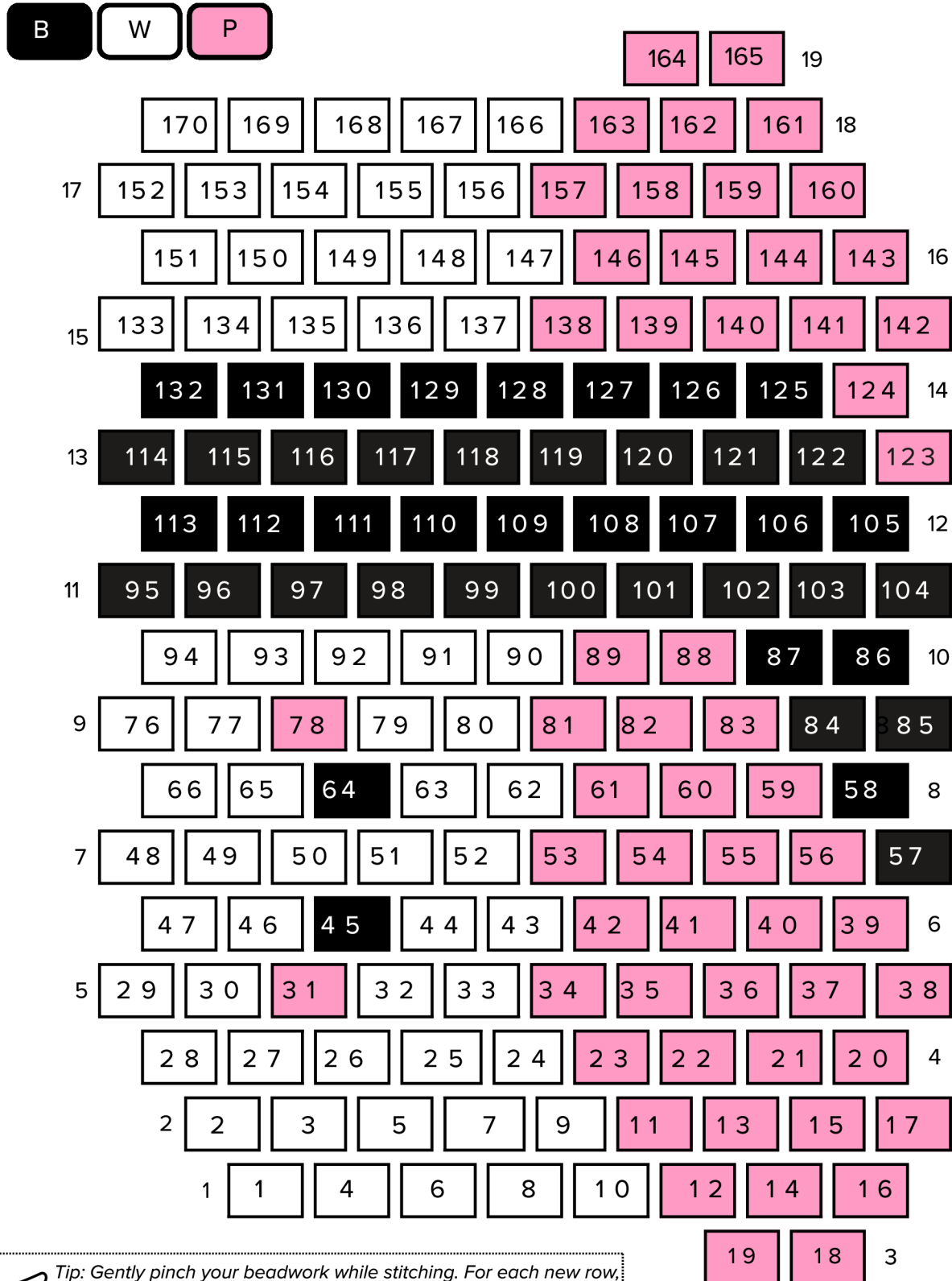


- Option 2: Share the bridge with the bead below.
 - Pick up the last bead (4).
 - Pass your needle through the bead directly below.
 - Anchor to the thread bridge.
 - Go back up the two beads.



MUSUBI DIAGRAM

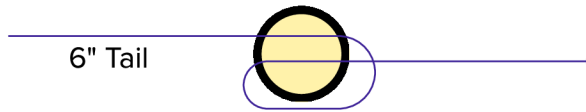
The pattern will be stitched in the order shown.



Tip: Gently pinch your beadwork while stitching. For each new row, consider flipping the beadwork so you always stitch in the same direction. These steps can help you maintain consistent tension.

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1. Stop Bead: Slide the bead down towards the end of your thread and leave a 6 inch tail.

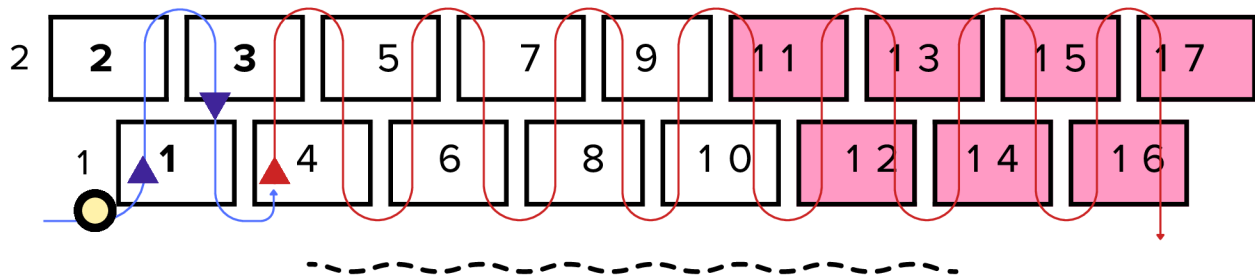


Optional: At any point in your project, you can sew on a soldered closed jump ring or create a beaded loop so you can hang your musubi as a charm on a necklace, earrings, or another accessory. Be sure to reinforce the loop by stitching through it twice.



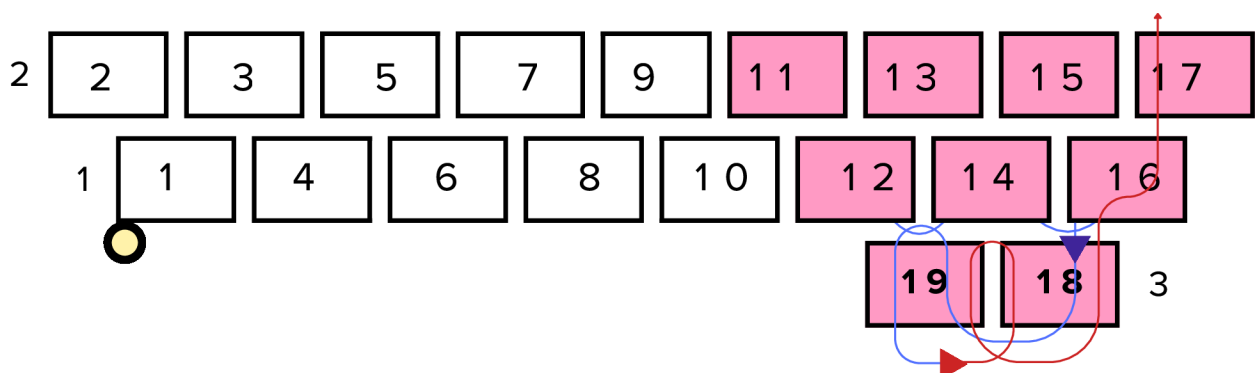
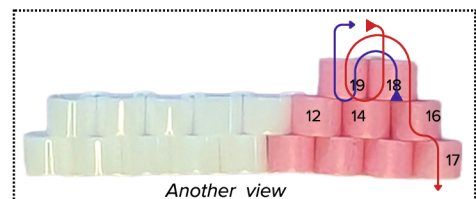
2. Rows 1 & 2: Foundation.

- Pick up three W beads (1, 2, 3) and go back down through the first bead (1).
- Add one W bead (4) and pass through the W bead that is protruding above (3).
- Add another W bead (5) and go through the protruding W bead below (4).
- Add five more W beads (6 - 10) and seven P beads (11 - 17), one bead at a time, until you complete the two rows. Exit from bead 16.



3. Row 3: Decreasing Stitch

- Pick up two P beads (18, 19).
- Skip over the first thread bridge and pass your needle under the second thread bridge (between beads 12 and 14).
- Go back up the second P bead (19).
- Circle back through both P beads - through the first bead (18), then the second bead (19).
- Pass your needle through the beads on the edge (18, 16, 17) to get into position to stitch Row 4.



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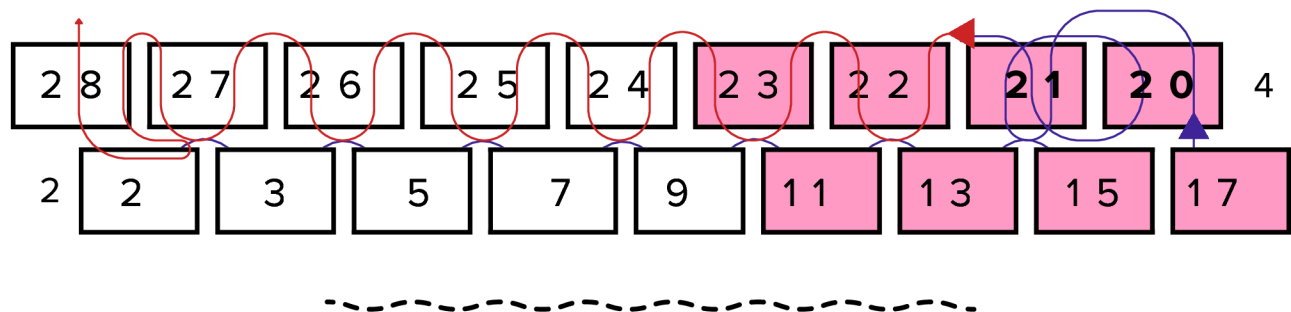
4. Row 4: Decreasing Stitch.

- Pick up two P beads (20, 21)
- Skip over the first thread bridge and pass your needle under the second thread bridge (between 13 and 15). Go back up the second bead (21).
- Loop back through the first bead (20) and second bead (21).
- Continue to add one bead at a time. Beads 22 -27: 2P, 4W.

Continue Row 4: The last bead (28) will extend beyond the row beneath it. You'll need to share a thread bridge and then position your needle to stitch Row 5. Make sure that your Stop Bead is snugly positioned against your beadwork.

- Pick up the last W bead (28).
- Secure it by passing your needle under the last thread bridge (between 2 and 3).
- Go back up the same W bead (28)

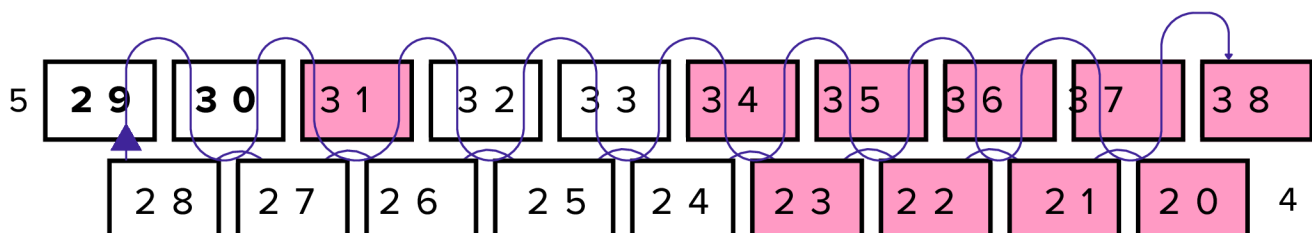
Optional: Reinforce the beads by going down the adjacent W bead (27) and back up the last bead (28). If there is a gap between your beads, push your Stop Bead against the beads.



5. Row 5: Increasing Stitch

- Pick up two W beads (29, 30).
- Pass under the first thread bridge (between 28 and 27).
- Go back up the second W bead (30).
- Add beads one at a time. Beads 31 - 37. P, 2W, 4P.

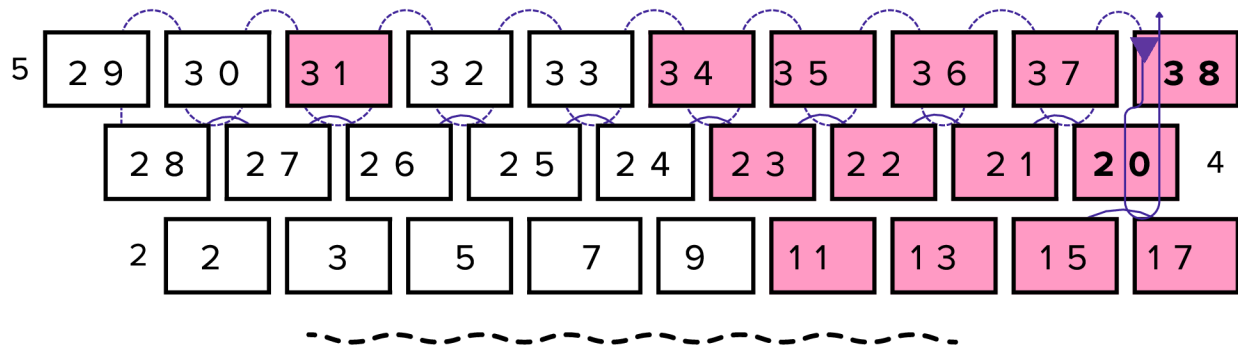
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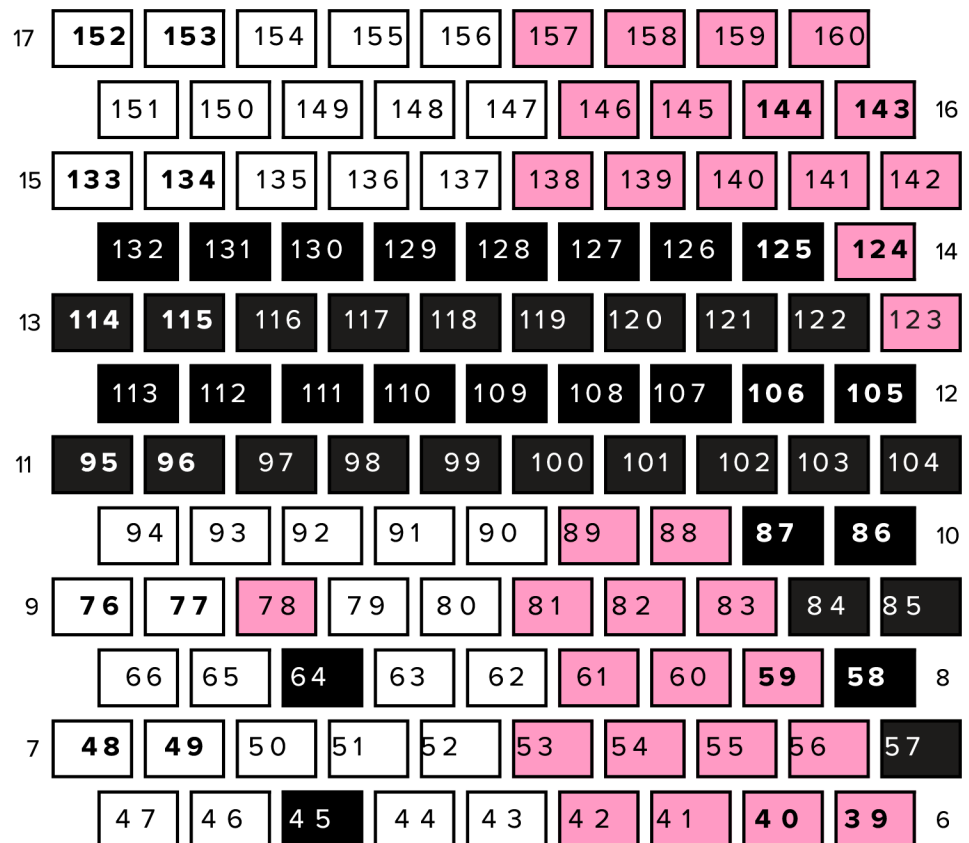
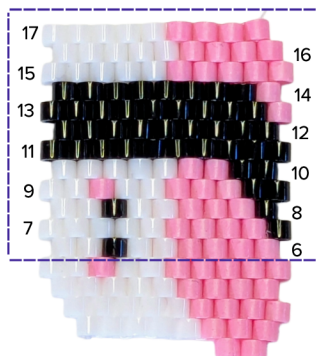
5. Securing the last P bead on Row 5. Here is another method to add a bead that extends beyond the row below.

- Pick up the last P bead (38).
- Pass your needle through the P bead below (20).
- Pass your needle under the thread bridge directly below (between beads 15 and 17).
- Go back up the two beads on the edge (20, 38).



6. Rows 6 - 17: Continue with Decreasing and Increasing stitches. Follow the diagram or word chart below. Always start your row with **2 beads**, then add additional beads individually. D = Decrease, I = Increase.

6 D: **2P**, 2P, 2W, B, 2W
 7 I: **2W**, 3W, 4P, B
 8 D: **B P**, 2P, 2W, B, 2W
 9 I: **2W**, P, 2W 3P, 2B
 10 D: **2B**, 2P, 5W
 11 I: **2B**, 8B
 12 D: **2B**, 7B
 13 I: **2B**, 7B, P
 14 D: **P B**, 7B
 15 I: **2W**, 3W, 5P
 16 D: **2P**, 2P, 5W
 17 I: **2W**, 3W, 4P

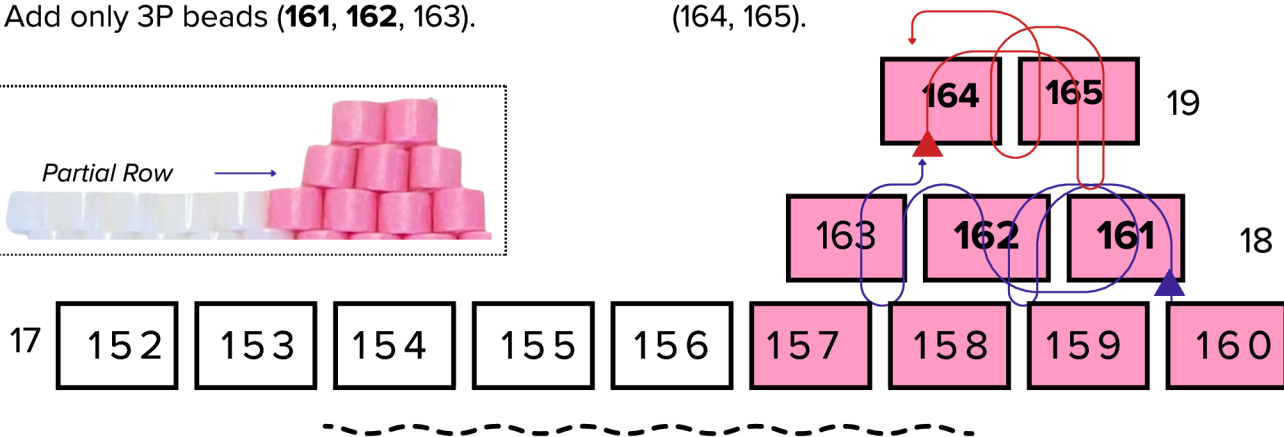


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7. Row 18, Partial: Decreasing Stitch.
Add only 3P beads (**161, 162, 163**).



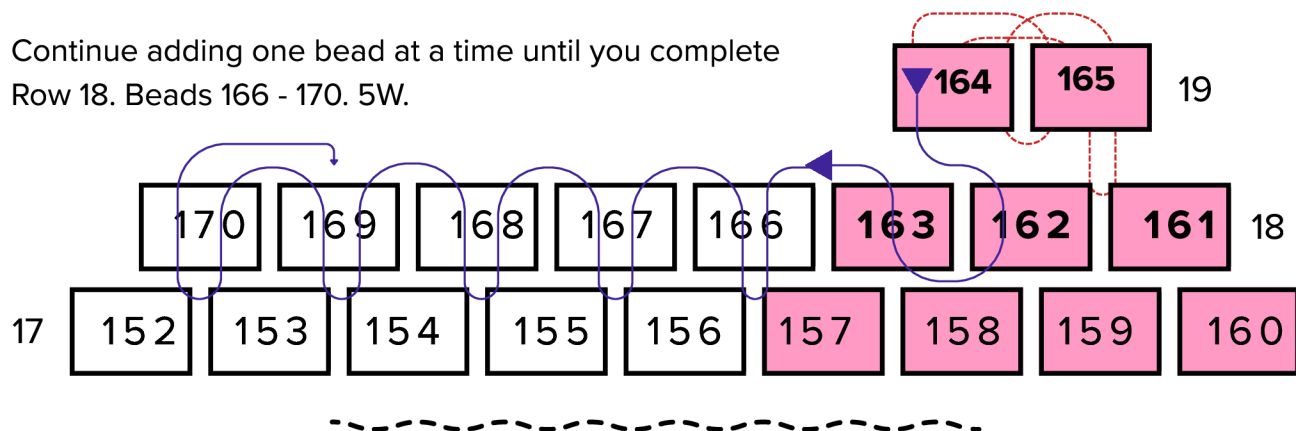
8. Row 19: Decreasing Stitch with 2P beads (164, 165).



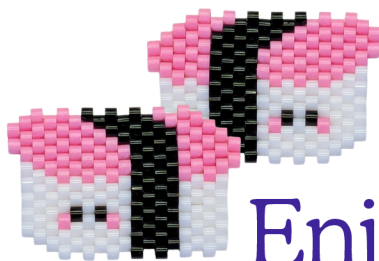
9. Move into position to complete Row 18.

- Go down the second bead (164) on Row 19.
- Go down the second bead (162) on Row 18.
- Go up the third bead (163) on Row 18.

Continue adding one bead at a time until you complete Row 18. Beads 166 - 170. 5W.



10. Weave the excess thread into your beadwork in a zig-zag path. Remove the Stop Bead and weave in the thread tail as well. Cut the excess and you're done!



Enjoy!