Add warp (threads on your loom) by taping the end of your string on the back. Bring your thread to the first notch, around the front, and then to the first notch on the other side. Continue to work your way around in a circle, filling each notch until you reach the end. When you are finished, cut your thread and tape it down.

Now that your warp is on your loom, you will need to cut a new thread about 3 feet long. Tie the end down to the bottom of the first warp thread on the left side. Thread the needle on the other end of your thread.

Following your pattern, put the first row of beads on the needle in order, from left to right. Once the beads are on the string, put your needle underneath all of the warp threads and make sure each bead rests in its own slot in between each thread.

Going back in the direction you came, put your needle through the inside beads. IMPORTANT – make sure that you are going ON TOP of the warp threads on the way back. Pull tight.

Cross off the completed row on your grid and start the next row, working your way up.

Continue to string beads, put them on the loom, bring the needle through, and repeat until finished.

If you’re running out of thread, you can tuck the tail in by threading it through the past couple rows and then trim it. This will keep your beads in place and hide the tail. Start a new thread by tying it to your warp thread on the left side, between rows.

Go through the last few rows of beads to tuck in your remaining tails. If a tail is long, trim it, and tuck it in, and trim again if needed. Then cut your threads in the middle on the back side. Tie each two threads together and the last three together. Do this until all threads are tied on both sides.

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