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## **How to Bead & Sequin on Embroidery Design**

Using beads and sequins to enhance already embroidered fabric is a tradition that dates back thousands of years to the Middle East and Far East. Today the practice is used for making the traditional garments found in many cultures, for making clothing worn by dancers, and for fabric used to cover furniture. It makes for a very elegant look, and if you enjoy sewing and other crafts you will find this to be a very nice project.

### **Things You'll Need**

Sewing machine

Needle and thread

Beeswax

Sequins

Beads

### **Instructions**

Make a pattern so you will know how many sequins and beads you will need for the stitching.

Cut the thread you are going to use. Do not make the piece longer than 24 inches. Run the thread over the beeswax to keep it from tangling. Knot it at the end.

Begin at one side of the fabric. Stick the needle through the fabric on the wrong side. Pull the thread all the way through. Place as many sequins (with the wrong side facing the fabric) as your pattern determines onto the needle and then down onto the thread.

Slide the bead onto the needle and then add another set of the sequins as you did in Step 3. Push the needle through the fabric and pull it through to the wrong side.

Begin the next set of sequins as you did the first and follow that with beads and sequins. Continue doing this until you have completed the entire pattern you have designed.

Finish the sewing by ending on the wrong side of the fabric. Tie a knot or double-stitch several times to keep the thread from unraveling.