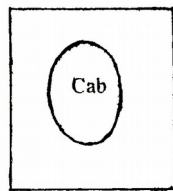


# Lacey's Stiff Stuff

## General Instructions: How to beadweave a perfect cabochon

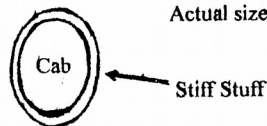
SUPPLIES: *Lacey's Stiff Stuff*  
Size 11 seed beads  
Size 0 or 00 beading thread  
Size 12 beading needle  
Size 14X10mm stone cabochon (cab)  
Beading wax  
Glue (Silicone glue such as "E6000" or "Goop" is recommended)

Cut a piece of Stiff Stuff slightly larger than the cabochon. Glue the cab to the Stiff Stuff and let dry for about 30 minutes. Trim Stiff Stuff close to the cab all the way around.



Actual Size

Stiff Stuff  
1 X 1 1/4 in.  
Cab  
14 X 10 mm

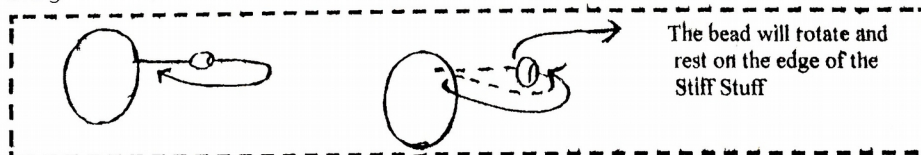


Actual size

Stiff Stuff

Thread the needle with 2 yds. thread. Wax the thread well and knot one end. If you place your stitches about 1/10 in. deep on Stiff Stuff they won't pull out. Angle stitches from the back of your bead work out from the cab and stitches from the front to the back in toward the cab.

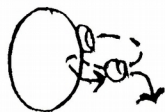
Bring the needle up from the back of your work and bead a row of brick stitch all the way around. Thread on one bead and slide it down the thread. Take the needle to the back of the beadwork and bring the needle out the front. Now thread back through the bead.



The bead will rotate and rest on the edge of the Stiff Stuff

Thread on another bead and slide it down the thread. Take the needle behind your beadwork and stitch up through the Stiff Stuff about half a bead away from the first bead. Now thread back through the same bead.

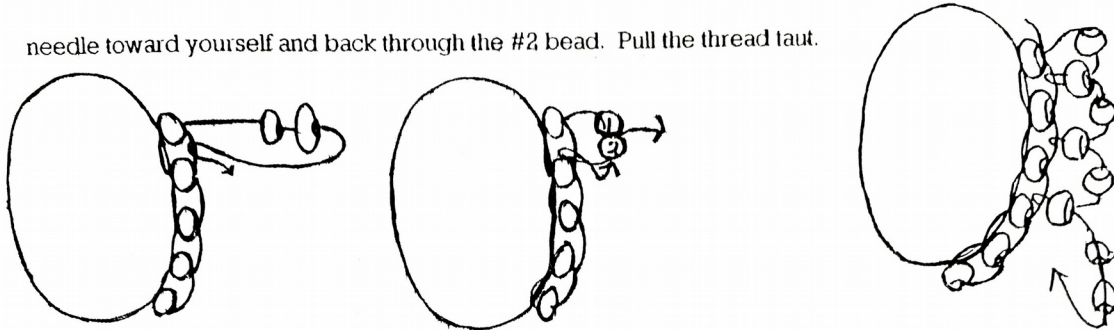
Repeat until you have a row of beads all the way around the cab.



After completing the first row of brick stitch, take the needle back up through the first bead. You are now in position to add the second row which combines the brick stitch with an edge bead.

Thread on two beads and slide them down the thread. Take the needle behind the thread that connects the next bead to the one your thread is coming out of. Bring the

needle toward yourself and back through the #2 bead. Pull the thread taut.



Continue this 2 bead pick-up around. Take your needle down through the beads to the back of the Stiff Stuff and knot securely. If you don't have at least 18" of thread left, cut the thread and thread your needle again.

The next step will cover up the small amount of Stiff Stuff that shows between the cab and your bead weaving.

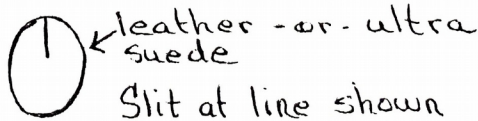
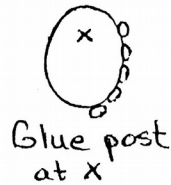
Bring the needle to the top of beadwork close to the cab. Thread on enough beads to fit around the cab. Arrange the beads around the cab. Take your needle through the 1st 2 beads again and, holding them in place with the thumb of your hand holding the beadwork, take the needle to the back side of beadwork. Spot stitch this row of beads in place.



Spot-Stitch - Sew over the thread that connects the beads. Sew a "spot" every 3 or 4 beads.

To Finish:

Glue a flat back post earring finding to the back of the earring. Let dry about an hour. Cut a piece of thin leather or ultrasuede the size of the Stiff Stuff. Slit the leather to fit around the finding and glue in place. You may punch a hole in the backing material to fit over earring post if you prefer.



Add fringe or leave as button style.