

# Happy Hubble

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New stitch designed by Melanie de Miguel. Her books *Let's Hubble* and *Hubble 2* are worth every cent.

Her writing style is engaging and fun. Her diagrams and

instructions are perfection. I highly recommend them if this stitch intrigues you and you want to do more. What is presented here is just a teeny tiny taste of her happy Henry Hubble.

**Materials – Beads:**

Seed beads size 8 or 11 may be in 2 colors

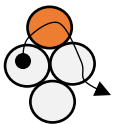
**Supplies and Materials:** Scissors, needle size 10 or 11, Fireline or equivalent thread, clasp.

**Codes:** SB = Seed bead; PU = Pick up

1. **Start Row:** Take the longest piece of thread you are comfortable with. **PU 3 seed beads in color A if two colors used.** Pass through the next bead.



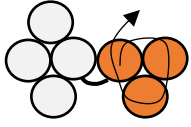
2. **Start Row: PU 1 'head' SB (color B if two colors used)** to mark your 'head' bead you may use another color.



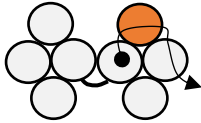
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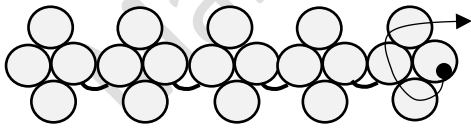
3. **Start Row: PU 3 seed beads color A.** Pass through the first of the beads picked up. The Hubble unit is attached with thread, not by connecting to a bead. Snug it tight to the first unit.



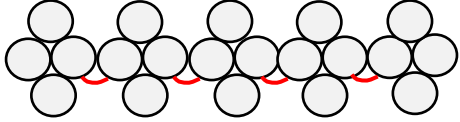
4. **Start Row: PU 1 "head" SB, color B,** pass through the next SB. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to desired width (or length) of your bracelet. Note that doing Happy Hubble for the full length of a bracelet is probably NOT the best way to learn the stitch. It will twist more making heads harder to find and therefore when you first do it the long way, I strongly recommend your 'head' beads be a different color or even different bead.



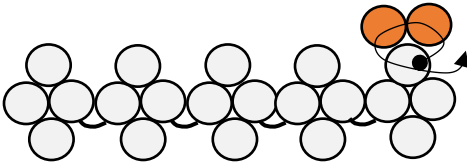
5. **Start Row:** The turn to step up for the second and continuing rows requires you to travel thru 3 beads to exit the head bead.



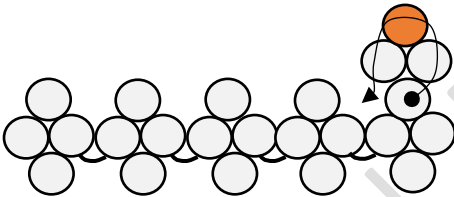
6. **Start Row:** Don't do anything, just read. Now, notice the little smile connections on the lower side of the units. The second row is a bit tricky to get as you must use the head beads to add on.



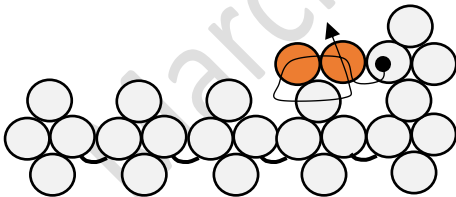
7. **Repeating Rows:** This is the BUTT HEAD part of the stitch. I'm calling it that because the head becomes the next butt. **PU 2 seed beads color A.** Pass through the head bead again from the opposite side.



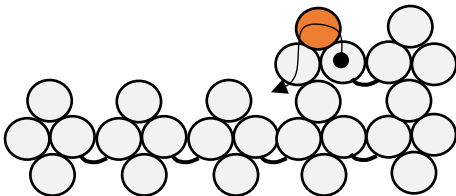
8. **Repeating Rows:** Pass thru the first of the 2 beads added in the previous step. **PU 1 'head' seed bead, color B.** Pass through the next bead.

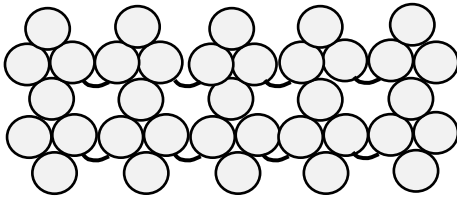


9. **Repeating Rows: PU 2 seed beads.** Pass through the head bead in the next unit heading backward towards the first unit in this row. Pass through 1 more seed bead.



10. **Repeating Rows: PU 1 'head' seed bead.** Pass through the next seed bead. Repeat steps 9 and 10 to end of row.





11. **Repeating Rows:** Steps 7 – 10 to desired length for a standard happy Hubble.
12. Add clasp of choice adding one or two beads from the bracelet to connect to the clasp. Reinforce

