

Applying Individual Sequins Using a Seed Bead

Customer Profile

This method is submitted by Vicky, a customer that has sewn on many sequins, using seed beads, to lycra swimsuits for synchronized swimming costumes. She says this method really works and holds fantastic! Individual sequins and seed beads combine to make wonderful designs on any type of clothing.

Vicki's Method

- Thread a fine needle that will fit through your seed bead with QUILTING thread and cut a manageable length.
- Double your thread and knot it.
- On the underside of your garment come up through the fabric, go through a sequin then go through a seed bead.
- Go back through the sequin to the underside of the fabric. Do not go back through the seed bead or it will come off.
- Come back up through the fabric where you want the next sequin- continue process
- Knot off for safety every so often. This way, if a thread is broken you only lose a small amount.

Tips and Tricks

- When you are applying to stretch articles, such as swim/dance/skating wear, stretch article a small amount while applying sequins. (You can use a frame or ring to do this.)
- When you put the article on, the thread has a small amount of give.
- Needles - quilting sharps, either #7 or #9.
- Thread - use quilting thread; it doesn't snag or break.
- Sequins - use only good quality sequins or color may come off.
- Threader - for those who have difficulty threading a small needle.
- Designs - use a washable marker to make your design. When you are done, it will wash off.

