

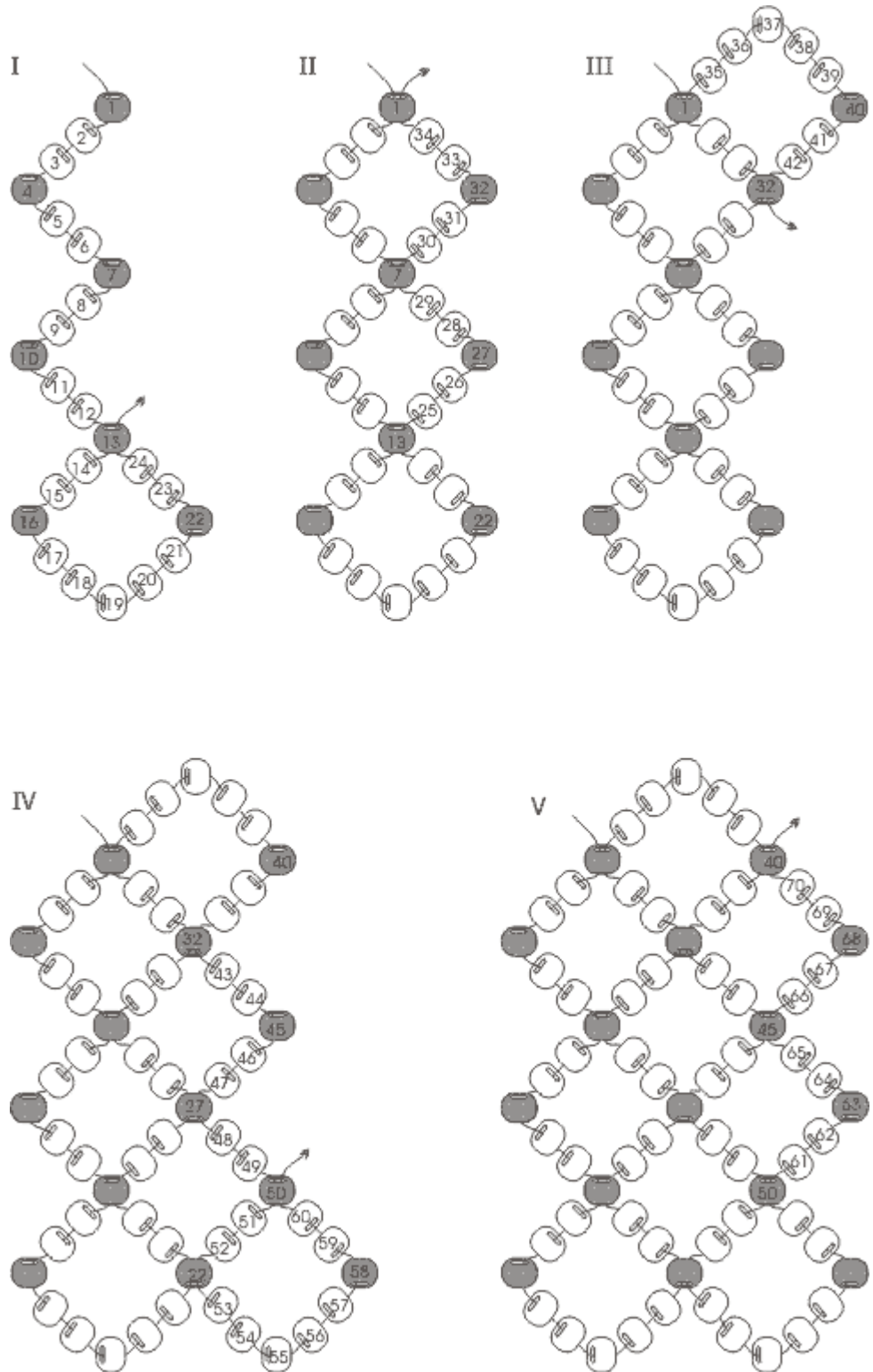
Vertical Netting Stitch

The vertical netting stitch is very simple and quick to do, which often makes it the beginners' favorite. I use it to make a base for various necklaces. The diagrams below show step by step how the stitch works.

Start by stringing twenty-four seed beads, alternating main color beads (mcb) with accent color beads (acb) according to *Picture I*. Pass the needle up through bead 13. The circle formed is called the bottom turnaround. String two mcb, followed by one acb, then two more mcb and pass the needle up through bead 7. String two mcb, followed by one acb, then two more mcb and pass the needle up through bead 1, as shown in *Picture II*.

Beads 1, 7 and 13 are called connection points. String five mcb, one acb, and two mcb and pass the needle down through bead 32. The circle formed is called the top turnaround—see *Picture III*. String one mcb, one acb, one mcb and pass the needle up through bead 1 (see *Picture III*).

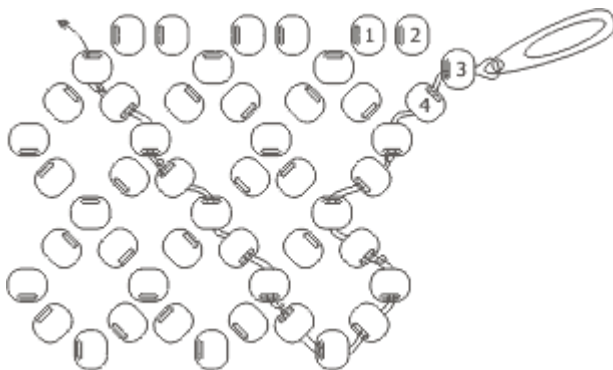
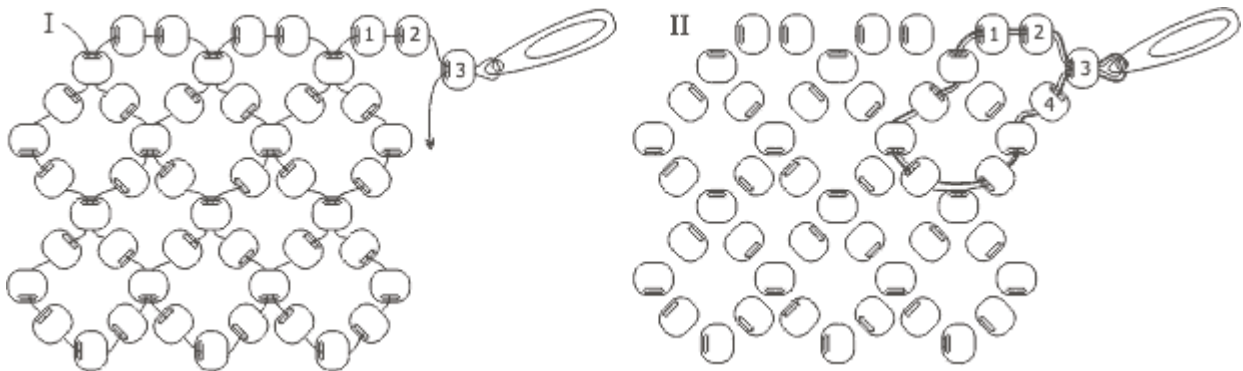
String two mcb, one acb and two more mcb. Pass the needle down through bead 27. String two mcb, one acb and two more mcb.



Pass the needle down through bead 22. String five mcb, one acb, and two mcb and pass the needle up through bead 60. See *Picture IV*.

String two mcb, followed by one acb, then two more mcb. Pass the needle up through bead 45. String two mcb, followed by one acb, then two more mcb, and pass the needle up through bead 40. See *Picture V*. Repeat from the step III as many times as you need to reach the desired length.

An example of attaching a clasp to a netted necklace is demonstrated in the picture below. When you reach the desired length of your necklace, string three beads and bring the needle through the hole in the clasp. Pass the needle back through bead 3 and string one more bead. Following the beadwork, complete a circle. Repeat this three times for strength. It is important to try to select a different path every time.



Now you will need to finish off the thread. Pass the needle through a couple of beads and make a loop around the existing thread, between two beads. Next, pass the needle through this loop to form a knot. Pass through several more beads, and make another knot. Repeat this five to ten times before cutting the thread off.

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