
Beaded Crochet with Marly Bird

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(upbeat music) - Hi, I'm I'm Marly Bird. I'm a knitting and crochet designer and teacher, as well as host of the Yarn Thing podcast and the Marly Bird YouTube channel. I'm gonna show you how to add beads to your single crochet. For this technique, you're going to need some yarn, some pony beads, a couple crochet hooks that are small enough to go through the hole on the pony beads, a tapestry needle and a good pair of scissors. Don't forget to download the PDF of the chart so you can follow along with this technique. With your tapestry needle, we're going to go ahead and pre-string some beads. This is what you would do if you already know that your project is going to include some beads. For this project, I wanna pre-string six beads. I am simply threading them onto my tapestry needle and pulling them right down onto my yarn. If you have a specific color sequence you wanna thread the beads onto, you wanna make sure you thread them on in the reverse order of the color sequence. For example, if this is the first bead you want to use, it's the last bead you need to pre-string, and vice versa, if this is the last bead you need to use, it's the first color you need to pre-string. I'm gonna put a slipknot onto my hook and I'm gonna begin to chain the number of stitches I need. For this example, I'm gonna go ahead and I'm going to chain 22. Once you've chained 22, we're gonna go ahead and we're gonna put a single crochet in the second chain from hook. We're going to follow along in our chart and put a single crochet into the first 10 stitches. Nine, one more. According to the chart, you can see that there's a colored box above number 11. That colored box means that that's where we're gonna add a bead, so back here into our work, I'm gonna go ahead and I'm going to insert my hook into my stitch and I'm gonna take a bead and I'm gonna pull it right up next to my hook, so when I yarn over and pull through, that places the bead on the opposite side of my work. I complete my single crochet and I carry on. Continue on in pattern until you get to the next bead on row three. It's time to add a bead into this stitch, but I'm gonna show you a new way to do it. Say you didn't pre-string beads, but you decided in pattern that you wanted to add a bead. Simply take your hook out of the loop you just pulled up. Take a smaller hook that can go through the hole of the bead and put your bead on the new hook. Come over here to the loop that you removed from your old hook, put the bead directly onto that loop. See that? Remove the smaller hook. Take your old hook, put it back through that loop and carry on in pattern. Go ahead and yarn over and pull through the stitch. Now, you have a stitch on there that not only comes through to the right side, but also through the wrong side as well. I'm gonna go ahead and do a single crochet in the next stitch, and then repeat this process. Go in, pull up a loop. I'm gonna take that loop off of my hook. I'm gonna grab my smaller hook. I'm gonna grab a bead, go ahead and thread that bead directly onto my loop, and then finish off with my single crochet, so I've added a bead. Now you know how to pre-string beads and how to add a bead to your project mid-project. Down here, I wanna show you what it looks like if you were to follow along with the chart and add beads in sequence. I did these by pre-stringing 40 beads and then whenever there was a shaded box, I added a bead to the project. What's really great is if you are not planning on adding beads to your project and you decide mid-project, you know what, I really think this lace shawl could really use some great beads, you can do that immediately by using the second technique that I showed you. Just get a small enough crochet hook that will go through the hole of your bead and pop it on any stitch. This adds a great decorative touch to any project.