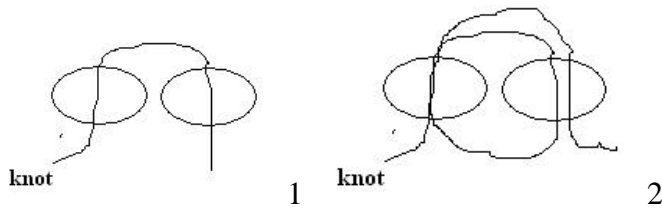


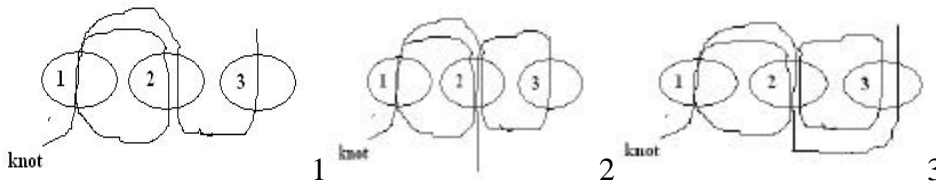
Brick Stitch

The first step to brick stitching is to put felt or leather on what you want to bead. I like felt because it is less expensive, easier to work with and nobody else will see it anyway. To apply the felt, wrap it around your item and sew it as tightly as you can.

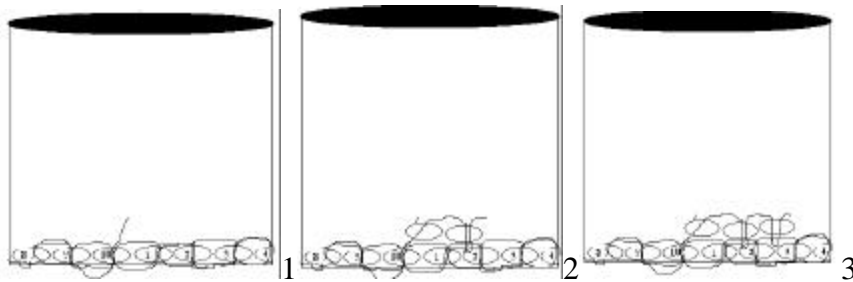
Then you need to make the first row, it will be crooked. To start, tie your thread to the felt, or use the same thread you used to sew the felt on with. Then get your first two beads on the thread. (1) Go back through the first bead and then the second. (2)



Now do the same thing, but to the second and third beads.



Do the same thing with the beads until they reach around your item. When they do, stitch the last bead to the first bead. (1)



To start the next row, get two beads on the string, pass the string through the loop between beads 1 and 2 and go back through the second bead of the next row. (2) Then thread the next bead, pass the thread through the loop between beads 2 and 3, and go back through your last bead. (3) Repeat step 3 until that row is finished then start the next row with steps 1 and 2.

You can either follow a brick by brick pattern on paper or draw a design on the felt and figure the beads out as you go. Remember that with brick stitching, straight vertical lines are not possible because the beads are off set. Horizontal and diagonal lines work very well however.