

Thread Needle with arm's length of thread.

We will start with the ladder stitch at the bottom of the dress:

Pick up 2 red beads and slide down thread to 2 inches from the bottom and tie a knot so 2 beads are tied together side by side. Pass needle thru one of the beads and pick up 1 red bead. Pass needle thru the opposite side of last bead that the thread was exiting from. Thread should be exiting from middle bead now. Pass needle thru the last bead so the thread exits out the side of the top bead. You should have 3 beads on now. Pick up 1 red bead and pass needle thru opposite side of bead where thread is exiting from and then pass bead thru the last bead just added so thread exits out the side of the last bead added. You should have 4 beads on now. Pick up 1 red bead and repeat as above. Pick up one more red bead and repeat this until you have a total of 7 red beads in a row. This is your bottom row.



Now we will do the brick stitch:

Pick up 1 red bead. Holding onto the row of 7 beads on their side, pass needle thru the thread between the first 2 beads in the row of 7. Pass needle up thru the bead just added and pull snug. Pick up 1 red bead and pass needle under next thread and back up thru the bead just added. Pull snug. The 2 beads just added should be lying flat on top of the row of beads below. Repeat this until you have 6 beads on top of the row of 7 beads. **(pick up 1 bead, go under thread and back up thru bead just added).**

Pick up 1 red bead. Holding the rows of beads with 6 beads on top pass needle under the thread and up through the bead once again. Repeat until you have 5 red beads on top of the row of 6 red beads.

Pick up 1 silver bead. Holding the rows of beads with the 4 beads on top pass the needle under the thread and back up the silver bead. Repeat across until you have 4 silver beads on top of the 5 red beads. Now we want to increase the amount of beads across the top row of 4 beads; To do this we will need to pick up 2 red beads to start and pass the needle under the thread and back up the last bead added pulling beads snug. The first bead will lay a little to the side of the silver bead below it.

Pick up 1 red bead and repeat as before twice, under thread and up thru bead. You will have 4 red beads on now. To add the fifth bead, pick up 1 red bead and pass needle down thru silver bead below and back up thru the red bead just added. You will now have 5 red beads on the top row.

Once again pick up 2 red beads and as above pass needle under the thread and back up the last bead added.

Pick up 1 red bead and repeat as before until you have 5 red beads across then pick up 1 red bead and pass needle thru last red bead on the row beneath and back up thru last red bead added. You now have 6 beads across the top row.

Now it gets a little tricky. We will be going from 6 beads to 9 beads in this next row. To do this you need to pick up two red beads as before and pass under thread and back up last bead as before. Pass needle down thru the first bead and pick up 1 red bead and pass needle down thru first bead again. You will now have 3 beads on. Pass needle up thru first bead, down thru second bead and up thru third bead. Pick up 1 red bead continue adding beads across four more times until you have a total of 7 beads across the row. Pick up 1 red bead and once again go down red bead in row below and back up last bead added. Pick up 1 red bead and go up the last bead added. Pass needle down bead on the left and then up through the last bead on right. Thread should be exiting the top of the last bead in the top row for a total of 9 beads across.

Pick up 2 red beads and repeat as before, continue adding 1 bead across until you have 10 beads in this row.

Pick up 2 red beads, then 1 red bead and repeat until you have 5 beads across. Do not pick up bead but pass the needle under the next thread and then pick up 1 red bead and pass under the second thread and continue across until you have 5 beads on the other side with a gap in the middle.

We will start to decrease again so only pick up 1 red bead and pass under thread and back up thru bead. Repeat until you have 4 beads across. Passing needle through thread down into the gap and up thru the 1st bead on the other side add 4 red beads across.

Picking up 1 red bead add 3 beads across top making sure to go down last bead in row below and passing thru threads along the inside of gap exit needle thru first bead on other side to continue to add final 3 beads.

Passing under threads along top bring thread up thru the bead on the inside of gap. Pick up 8 silver beads and pass needle down thru first bead on opposite side and back up thru silver beads. Repeat a few times to make secure. Note: if unable to pass through red beads a second time pass under the closest thread and then back thru the silver beads. Knot and cut thread. Your top is now complete.

To add fringed skirt: Starting with an arm's length of thread on the needle tie a knot close to one end and trim close to the knot. Insert thread into first bead of second row and first bead of first row. Thread should be exiting down from first bead in bottom row. Follow the graph and add the beads in order as sated in graph. When you get to the bottom of each row of beads skip the last bead (black one) and pass needle back up all beads in the fringe and thru the same bead the thread was exiting from. Then pass needle down thru the next bead and continue to add beads as in graph, skip black bead and pass needle back up thru all beads and bead where the thread was started from. Continue in this manner until the fringe is completed.



