Recommended beginner materials: 11° seed beads, 30-weight crochet thread, size 10 (1.10mm) or 11-12 (1mm) crochet hook

Thread your beads as directed. **A** Start with a slip knot. Form the "pretzel" shape and pull up the center thread. Tighten it on the hook to form a movable knot. Leave a tail of ten inches. **B** Make a base chain of about 3/4 as many chains as the intended tube circumference. For example, if your circumference will be sixteen stitches, start with a base of 11 or 12 chains. To make one chain, wrap the thread over the top of the hook and pull the thread through the loop.

START WITH A SLIP KNOT

MAKE A BASE CHAIN
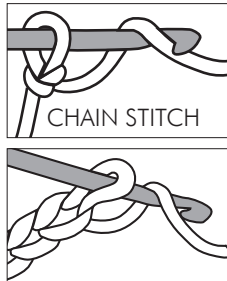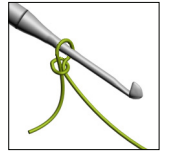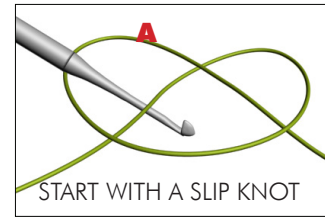
CHAIN STITCH

C Join the last chain to the first with a slip stitch; insert the hook into the last chain and pull the thread through without wrapping a loop.

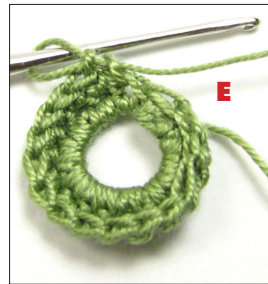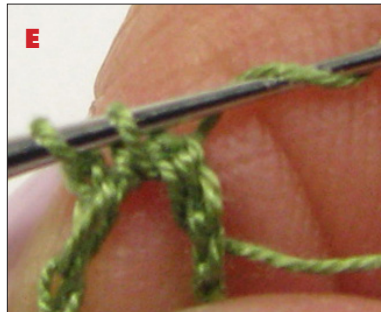**D** CHAIN ONE before starting the single crochet.

JOIN WITH A SLIP STITCH

CHAIN ONE AFTER JOINING

E Make the same number of single crochet in the ring as in the pattern circumference. To make a single crochet, insert the hook into the ring, pull up a loop, wrap the thread over the hook, pull the thread through both loops.
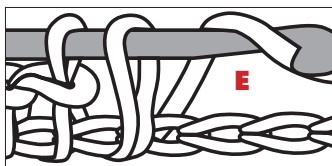
SINGLE CROCHET IN CHAINED RING

F Continue with single crochet in the first single crochet in the ring. Do not join or "step up," simply continue crocheting in each stitch, resulting in a spiral. Your specific directions will tell how many unbeaded rounds are needed, based on the finishing method.
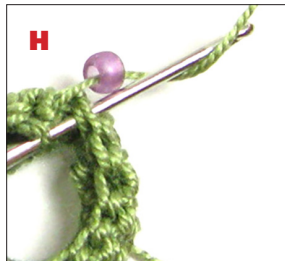
To make a beaded single crochet, **G** insert the hook into the WHOLE stitch (both of the threads), then bring a bead down the thread to rest against the crochet. **H** Wrap the thread UNDER and around the hook, then **I** pull through a loop so there are two loops on the hook.

To complete the beaded single crochet stitch, **J** wrap the thread OVER and around the hook, then **K** pull through both loops. The bead will sit diagonally on the outside of the tube.

Completed round of sixteen circumference
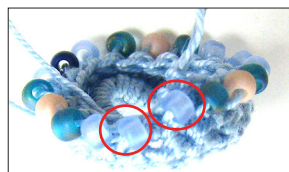
The first and last beads of the first beaded round and all subsequent rounds will align diagonally and will not touch each other

Patterns develop in mirror image to the threading chart if threaded and stitched correctly

As the spiral tube grows you can check your accuracy by observing the development of the pattern. The pattern will develop in the same (though mirrored) image as the threading chart. If the pattern is incorrect, you've either mis-threaded, added a stitch, or skipped a stitch. When working in one color where no pattern is visible, count the number of stitches of the top round as shown in **L, M** to determine if the circumference has the right number of stitches.