



Getting Started Bead Weaving Series: Exploring New Tubular Beadwork
African Helix Stitch 101
with Carol Cypher

SHOPPING LIST



BEADS

Various sizes of seed beads, 15 to 6. Consider adding drop beads, bicones, daggers and fire polished crystals!



ARMATURE

BBQ skewers work great as armatures. Also consider vinyl tubing and knitting needles.



BEAD SORTER

Crumbers, little scoops and beading triangles all work great to sort and pick up beads.



NEEDLES

Carol prefers to use Tulip® brand beading needles. They are springy yet resume their straight form.



BEADING AWL

The sharp point on this tool helps break and reposition beads. It's also used to loosen knots in your thread.



FINDINGS

These are optional: Look for; cones, multi strand clasps, magnet, earring, crimp ends, hook and eye type etc.



CRIMPING TOOLS

You'll find many options for crimping. Carol's favorite is by Xuron™ and offers options for crimping 2 sizes of beads.



RUBBER FINGER

Carol uses this to help pull her needles through tight holes. Also great for working with slippery threads.



EYEWEAR

If needed, have eyeglasses on hand. CraftOptics® and Dream Beam are Carol's favorite add-ons.



THREAD

FireLine® beading thread originally came from the fishing industry. Nylon thread offers many color options.



CUTTERS

Retractable burners, Xuron™ snippers and Fiskars® children's scissors are all great cutting tools.



MASKING TAPE

Useful for so many things, Carol uses masking tape to secure the beadwork's tail to the working armature.

