

I came up with this idea in order to save adding beads in specific orders [when designing this motif](#).

Please [also see this page](#) for an alternative method when no doubles are added between the start of a long beaded picot and the join. Also useful if you've forgotten to add beads to the shuttle or chain thread.

N.B. Before starting a pattern where you intend to add beads to a very long picot using this method.

Work a test piece using your chosen thread. Tat a few ds, measure a picot of ½" (or the specified length of the very long picot) and see how many beads will fit (leaving a small space at the end for joining purposes). Note how many beads are required before starting.

When you are ready to make the very long picot – stop **BEFORE** making the first half of the picot and add the beads that you want to use to the core thread and at the top of the last ds worked.

Place a safety pin or something which will hold the beads in place (remember that you will have to remove the safety pin later). Wriggle the thread and beads until the beads sit firmly against the last ds worked but leaving some slack so that the pin can be removed and a join made later. See fig. 1

Work the next part of the pattern until you need to join the picot back into the work.

Join and remove the pin. The beads will sit snugly on the picot. See fig. 2

