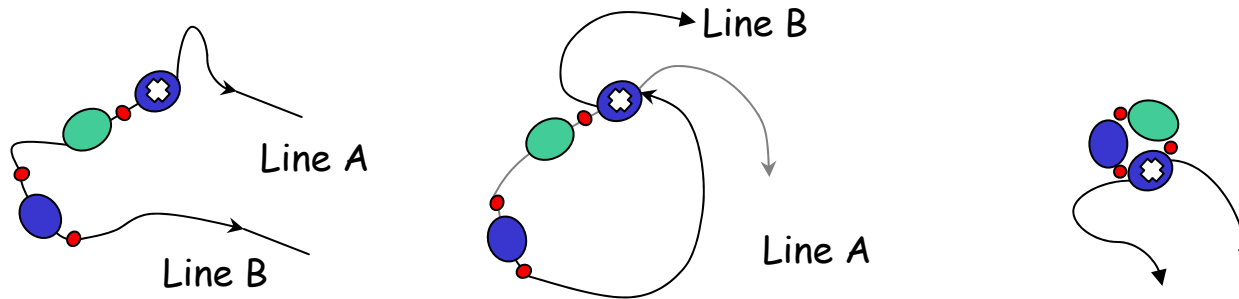
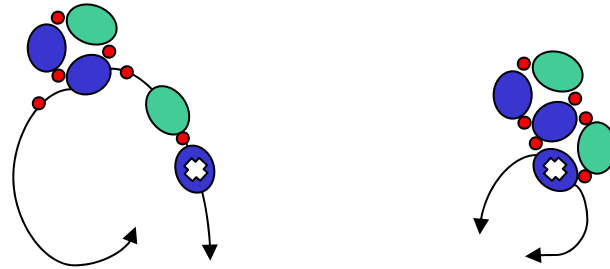


Polygonal Cross-Weaving

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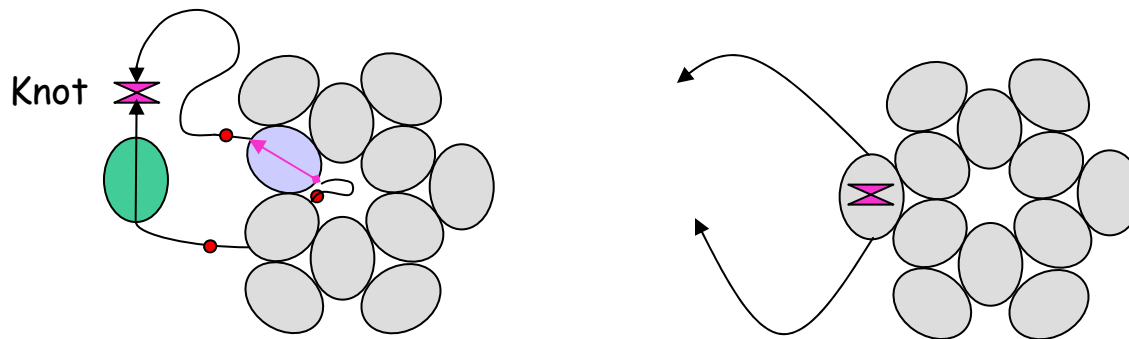
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Do this step 3 more times

(Pick up a seed bead on each needle; pick up a "rim" bead, seed bead, "spoke" bead; cross through "spoke" bead.)

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Pick up a seed bead on each needle. Pick up the last "rim" bead. With "hub" thread, stitch through "spoke," pick up seed bead, tie a square knot. Stitch other thread back through rim bead, pull knot inside rim bead, tighten, glue.

Can be done with stiff thread alone, but adding a needle to each end of the line makes picking up beads easier. 18" of line is plenty for 1 wheel, using 4mm beads. Work clockwise or counter-clockwise, your choice. Try 2 colors (light & dark) to start with, to enable you to see the pattern more easily.

Version A, without seed beads:

Using one end of the line, pick up 3 beads - dark, light, dark. Take the other end of the line and cross it back through the last dark bead. Pull tight. A little three-bead pie-wedge grouping should result. If necessary, re-position it towards the middle of your line. Envision the light beads as "rim" beads, and the dark as "spokes" in order to keep track of where you are.

On the "rim" thread pick up 2 beads - light and dark. Cross the "hub" thread back through the dark bead and pull tight. (Note that the two threads have now exchanged roles as "hub" and "rim.") Do this 3 more times, until you have 5 or 6 "spokes.

With the "rim" thread, pick up one light bead. With the "hub" thread, stitch through the dark "spoke" indicated. Tie a square knot (right over left, left over right) and stitch one line end back through the "rim" bead to conceal the knot inside this bead.

Version B, with seed bead "thread covers"

Thread a needle on each end of your line. String one dark bead, letting it fall to the center of the line. Then pick up a seed bead with each needle.

Using one end of the line, pick up 3 beads - light, seed bead, dark. Take the other end of the line and cross it back through the last dark bead. Pull tight. A little three-bead pie-wedge grouping should result. If necessary, re-position it towards the middle of your line. Envision the light beads as "rim" beads, and the dark as "spokes" in order to keep track of where you are.

Pick up a seed bead with each needle. With the "rim" thread pick up a big bead, seed bead, and a big bead - light, seed bead, dark. Cross the "hub" thread back through the dark bead and pull tight. (Note that the two threads have now exchanged roles as "hub" and "rim.") Do this 3 more times, until you have 5 or 6 "spokes.

Pick up a seed bead with each needle. With the "rim" thread, pick up one light bead. With the "hub" thread, stitch through the dark "spoke" indicated, and pick up a seed bead. Tie a square knot (right over left, left over right) and stitch one line end back through the "rim" bead to conceal the knot inside this bead.