

BEADING Contributed by Laura Powell

Choose 2 colors of same size/cut. Holding both colors together, pull the ends to the top to start your row.

All you do is pull one color at a time, alternately; you will drop one strip to grab the next one each time, but once you get a rhythm, it goes fairly fast.

Because you are pulling a strip over the top of another & skipping the 2 colors over each other, the underside of your mat will be a little “lumpier” than usual. If your rug will be on the wall or get little wear, this won’t be an issue, but I’m not sure I would use this technique on a rug that will be on the floor in a high traffic spot. (Others can chime in if this is not an issue.)

When a color runs out, simply pull up another strip of same color, then continue alternating colors until the next color runs out, then repeat the process. The noodles will want to twist on each other underneath since you’ll keep going back & forth, so use care to keep them flat without tangles and use the same direction to overlap each strip so they are uniform.

