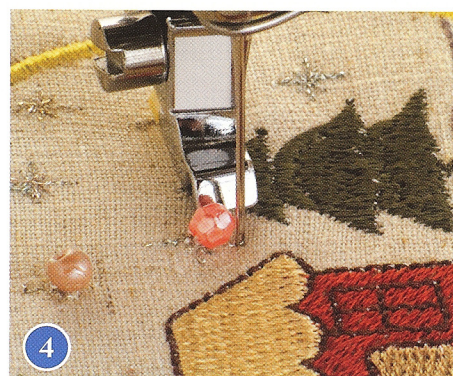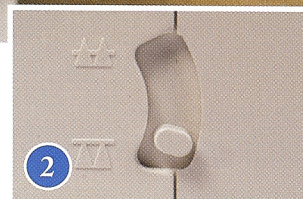# free-hand stitching — attaching beads

Attach individual beads or charms as decorative detail to a design or as part of your project.

1. Trace the design on the fabric or determine the placement for each bead on your design. Stabilize your fabric with an iron-on interfacing or lightweight stabilizer. Thread your machine with monofilament in the needle and bobbinfil on the bobbin. Lower the feed dogs by switching the lever on the back of the free arm to the bottom position. (#1 & 2)

2. Lock your stitches in the fabric at the first spot for a bead and trim the thread tails.

3. Place one bead on the needle. Move a short distance from the last stitch (approximately the size of the bead) and take a stitch. (#3)

4. Move the needle back to the first stitch spot and take another stitch. The bead will roll on its side so the holes don't show on top. (#4)

5. Repeat this procedure for each bead, pearl or charm placing them on the design as desired.

No foot required

Stitch: Straight

Width: 0

Length: Pre-set

Feed Dogs: Lowered

Tension: 2.0-3.0

Fabric, needles, notions required:
Fabrics of choice; universal needle, 60/8 or 70/10; monofilament for needle and bobbinfil for bobbin; assorted beads, pearls and charms; iron-on interfacing or lightweight stabilizer; tweezers

TIP *To make it easier to control the single beads or charms, thread each bead in order of use onto a separate strand of beading thread. As you need each bead, just slide it off the strand of thread and stitch the bead in place.*