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[2] Work the netted band as follows:
Row 1: Pick up 22 beads. Skipping the last three beads, go back through the fourth bead from the end toward the start (**figure 4, a-b**).
Row 2: Pick up five beads, skip five beads, and go through the sixth bead (**b-c**). Repeat two more times. End the row with a picot: Pick up six beads and go through the fourth (**d-e**).
Row 3: Pick up five beads and go through the fifth bead on the previous row (**e-f**). Repeat two more times (**f-g**). End the row with a picot (**g-h**).
[3] Continue stitching rows of netting until you reach the desired length of the necklace. End the last row without a picot.

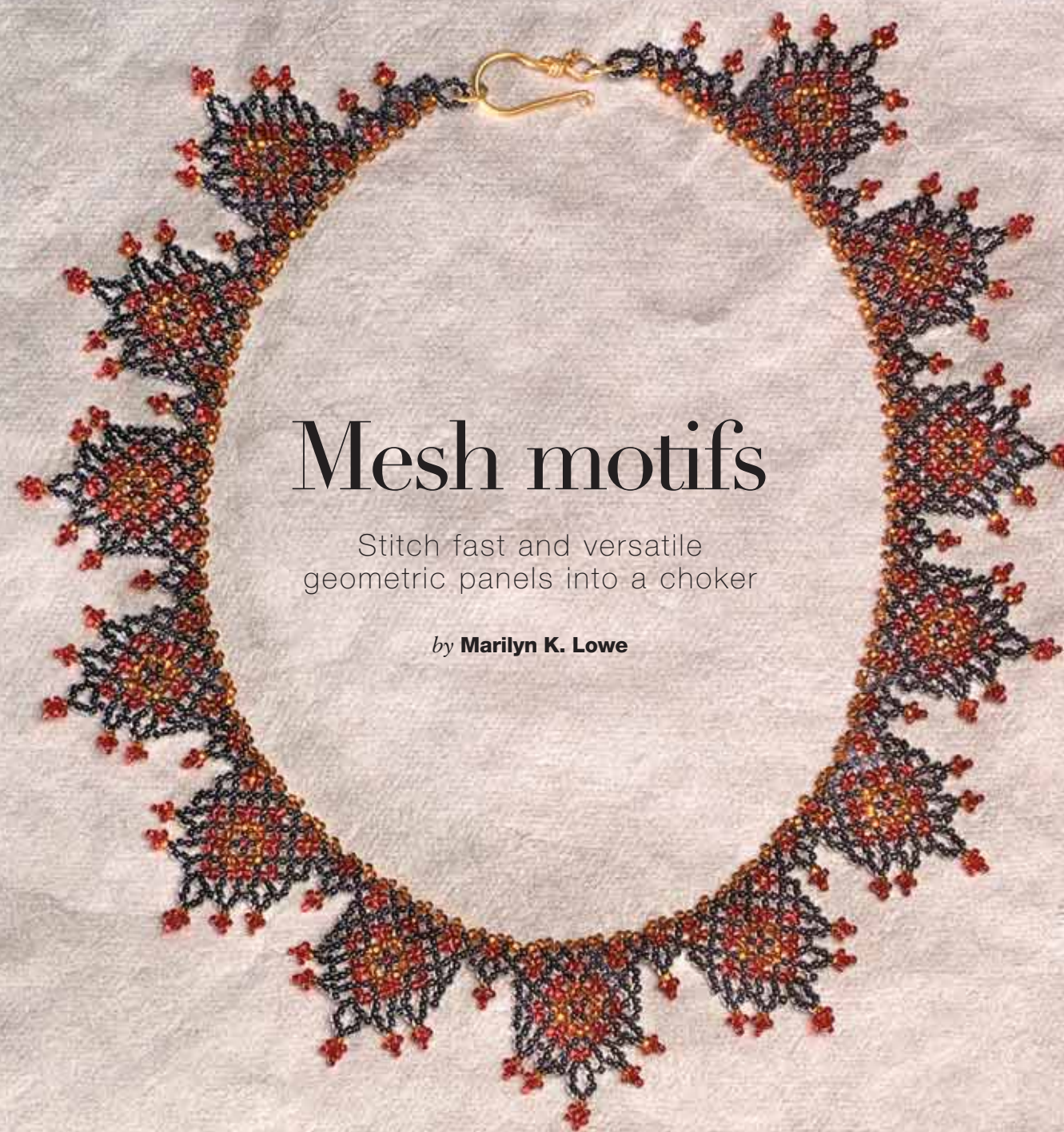
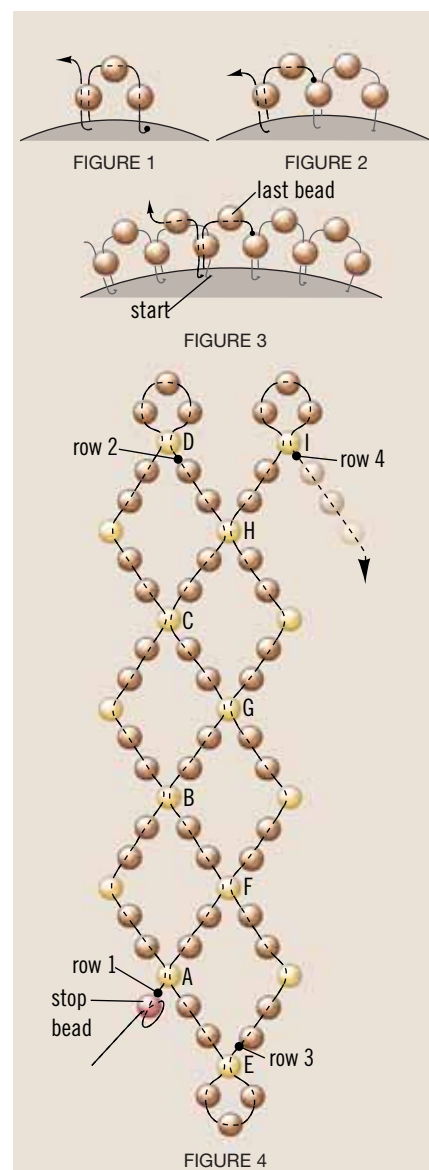
Attach the clasp

[1] Retrace the thread path and exit the bead above the center net on the next-to-last row.
[2] String two or three beads, the button, and two or three beads. Sew through the bead below the center net as shown in **photo f**. Retrace the thread path a few times, secure the thread in the beadwork, and trim.
[3] Remove the stop bead, thread a needle on the tail, and repeat step 1.
[4] Pick up enough beads to make a loop around the button. Connect

the loop to the netting as in step 2, reinforce the beads, and trim.
[5] Sew the cabochon to the center of the choker by stitching between beads in the netting and the Lacy's until the cabochon is secured around the edges (**photo g**).

Add the fringe

[1] Start a new length of thread and secure it at the center bottom edge of the cabochon. String the beads for the longest fringe and end with a seed bead. Skip the seed bead at the bottom of the fringe and go back through all the other fringe beads. Sew into the other side of the edge bead so the fringe hangs below it (**photo h**).
[2] Weave through the edge beads to the third bead after the center fringe. String the next fringe slightly shorter than the first.
[3] Sew through to the center bead on the picot. String a bridge of one or two seed beads then the fringe beads. Go back through the fringe beads and string the same number of bridge beads. Then go into the center bead of the next picot (**photo i**). Add three more picot fringes, skipping a picot between fringes.
[4] Repeat steps 2-4 on the other side of the center fringe.



Mesh motifs

Stitch fast and versatile geometric panels into a choker

by Marilyn K. Lowe

Twining vines



Highlight an art bead with lattice, vines, and flowers

by **Stacey Summerhill-Grady**

The inspiration for this necklace comes right from the backyard, where daisies and blue morning glories weave their way through the fence.

String the necklace base

[1] Cut a 36-in. (.9m) length of flexible beading wire. String a 6° seed bead and slide it to the center of the wire. Hold the cut ends together and string six 6°s, sliding them against the first 6° strung. Now string the focal bead (**photo a**).

[2] Separate the wires and string 12 in. (30cm) of 6°s on each wire. Tape the ends. If you plan to make this necklace large enough to fit over your head (no clasp), try it on and add beads if necessary.

Stitch the lattice

[1] Thread a needle with 2 yd. (1.8m) of conditioned Nymo or Fireline (Basics, p. 7). Anchor your thread with an overhand knot (Basics) between the fifth and sixth beads on either strand. Go through the beads toward the wire end, anchoring the thread with a half-hitch knot (Basics) after each bead. If the knots slide on the beading wire, dot them with glue. Bring your needle out the end bead (**photo b**).

[2] String four color A 11° seed beads and slide them against the 6°s. Go through the first A again to

form a circle around the beading wire (**photo c**).

[3] Pick up three As, a B, and three As. Skip the next A on the circle and go through the third A (**photo d**). String three As, a B, and three As and go through the first A of the circle (**photo e**). The circle now has two loops. Keep the tension snug.

[4] Go through the first three As and the B on the first loop to step down so you can begin the next row. Pick up three As, a B, and three As and go through the B on the second loop of row 1. String three As, a B, and three As and go through the B on the first row 1 loop (**photo f**). Pull the thread away from (not over) the lattice as you tighten each row. Step down through the first three As and the B on the first loop of the completed row. Continue adding rows until you reach the focal bead.

[5] Go through the Bs on the lattice's last row (**photo g**). Tighten the thread so the lattice closes around the beading wire next to the focal bead (**photo h**). Repeat to secure the beads.

[6] Then take the needle through the focal bead and the 6°s below it. Start another section of lattice around the

6°s below the focal bead, working toward the focal bead. End this small lattice section as before.

[7] Go back through the focal bead and cover the unfinished strand with lattice (steps 1–5) until it is the same length as the completed strand.

[8] If you plan to use a clasp to finish the ends, skip to “Add vines, leaves, and flowers.” For a continuous loop necklace, string a crimp bead on either strand of beading wire and cross the other wire through it. Slide each wire through the first few 6°s (**photo i**). Pull the wire tails to tighten all the beads and crimp the crimp bead (Basics). Trim the wire tails.

[9] Slide the crimp into the lattice to conceal it. Join the two sections of lattice with a few stitches. The join won't be an exact match of the lattice pattern, but you'll cover the seam with vines in the following steps.

Add vines, leaves, and flowers

The continuous loop necklace (no clasp) is finished when you complete step 6, below.

[1] Secure a 2-yd. length of thread in the beadwork at one of the unfinished

