



DIAMOND KITE BEADED BEADS

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Kite beads fly high in this fun-to-make beaded bead.
How many you send soaring is up to you!

Skill Level: Skilled beginner and up

Techniques to know: Familiar with two-holed beads, ending thread

Finished size: $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Materials for one bead

8 kite beads

16 size 11° seed beads

16 size 15° seed beads

Thread color to blend in

Size 12 needle

Scissors or thread Zap

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FIGURE 1

Step 1: On a 30-inch thread string one kite long end and one 15° four times leaving a 9-inch tail. Sew through all beads again and pull snugly into a ring. (For clarity only one path is shown in the illustrations.) Knot the tail to the working thread. Leave the tail long to use later.

FIGURE 2: The beads should stand up into a little peak.

Step 2: Sew away from the knot to exit a kite. Cross the thread UNDER the kite, and sew through the kite wide end moving in the same direction around the ring. The exposed thread will be hidden inside the finished bead.

FIGURE 3

Step 3: String an 11°, a kite wide end, and an 11°. Sew through the next kite wide end. Repeat three more times. Sew through all beads again and pull snug. Exit through a kite. Bring the thread UNDER the kite, and sew through the kite long end moving in the same direction around the ring. The thread will again be hidden inside the finished bead.

Step 4: Hold the beaded bead so the end in progress faces up. String a 15° between each kite long end as in Step 1, pulling the long kite ends into a peak.

FIGURE 4

Step 5: Sew through the first 15° strung. String a 15° and an 11°. Sew back through the 15° just strung. Sew through the 15° between the kite ends and through the next kite moving around the ring in the same direction. Sew through the next 15°.

FIGURE 5

Step 6: Pull gently to snug up the beads into a straight picot fringe. Repeat to add a picot fringe between each kite long end.

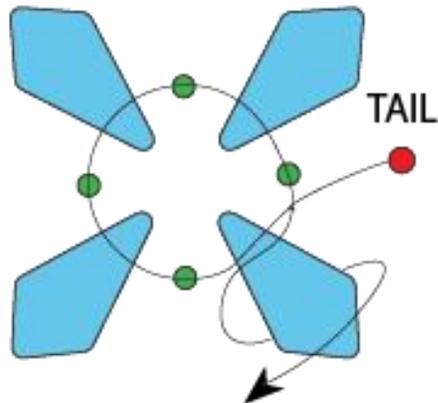
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Step 7: When you reach the first picot fringe again, sew through the first 15° added between the kites and sew out through the picot 15° and 11°. Sew around through each of the four 11°s, pulling them together centered among the four kite long ends. These beads form the opening through which your stringing thread or wire will run, so sew through the four 11°s at least two more times to form a durable ring of thread. Secure thread sewing into the beadwork and trim.

Step 8: String a needle on the tail thread. Follow Steps 5-7 to create the picot fringes at the other end of the beaded bead and close up the opening of 11°s.

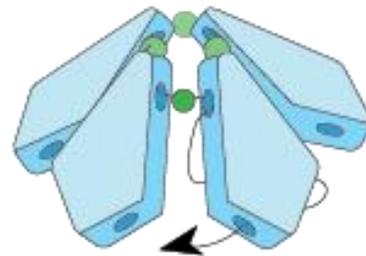
Only one thread path is shown in illustrations.

FIGURE 1



Thread crosses UNDER the kite and sews back through the kite wide end hole.

FIGURE 2



Beads should form a little peak like this.

FIGURE 3

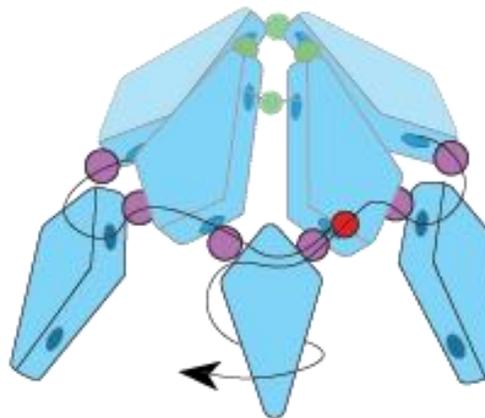


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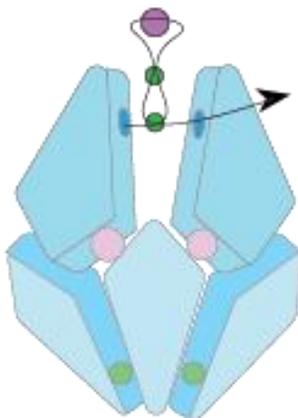


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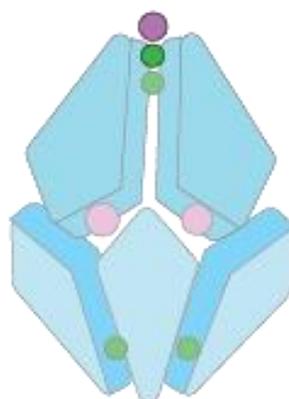


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