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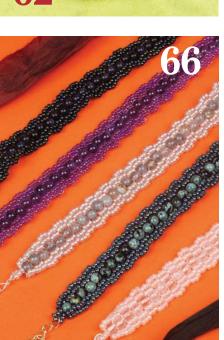
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Bead Co. www.spellboundbead.co.uk



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www.Beadsashore.com



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# **Bobby Gedling**

"I love the way that, with just a needle, some thread and a little time and

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# free ticket

The Big Bead Show is coming right up, and we have a special treat for our readers. On page 85, you'll find a FREE ticket for entrance to the show! To redeem your ticket, all you need to do is go online and enter the code found on page 85.



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# welcome





hat do you love most about this wonderful hobby of ours? The joy of transforming a few random sparkling items into a thing of beauty (well, most of the time) comes top of a lot of lists. But when we talked to one leading designer this issue, she was singing the praises of taking courses. Cynthia Newcomer Daniel told us: "People who bead have a special bond. I can walk into a room of people I don't know and in minutes we've got our heads together over a bit of beading and we're friends. I love that."

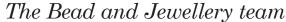
That sentiment certainly chimed with us here at Bead and Jewellery magazine, especially as we're looking forward to meeting many of our readers at the Big Bead Show at Sandown Park on October 18th.

We'll be taking part in workshops, manning the ticket desks, making new friends and generally mixing with beading buddies from all over the country.

If you haven't been to the show before, or been on one of the many workshops, then you're in for a real beading treat - it's a fabulous day out. Do come and visit the Bead and Jewellery stand where we'll have some exciting new offers, and we'll try and find time to put our heads together over a bit of beading.

You'll also be able to meet our new editor Katie Dean, the well-known bead designer and tutor, who is already putting together some exciting designs and projects for next issue (don't miss it!). She takes over the bead and jewellery reins from Allison who has left us after her recent marriage.

This issue we bid farewell to the bold, vibrant colours of summer and welcome in the softer hues of Autumn. Enjoy the issue, and enjoy your beading.



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# BE(D) stash

Check out these exciting products from your favourite shops, as well as the latest news from the beading world, including a variety of shaped beads.

# New costume jewellery book

Look out for a new book out on November 3, written by Mary B. Lyons of Marybee Designs. The book is called Inspirational Costume Jewellery and will be available from Mary's website www.wordpower.u-net. com/ as well as high street stores and online. Mary B. has designed a Deco Berries Pendant in this issue (see P30).

# New brooch kits

The new pansy brooch and orchid brooch kits from ThreadABead both use brick stitch and are suitable for all levels of beader with step by step photo instructions. They're available as downloadable PDF files at £4.75 each.

www.threadabead.com



# Festive kits start to appear in the shops

Whisper it quietly but Christmas beads are starting to pop up in the shops. ThreadABead have a variety of kits out, to give you the chance of making your jewellery well in advance of the festive season.

Need a quick little pendant to wear for that Christmas party, or need to make up some gifts – this snowflake pendant kit is just the thing! At £6.95 it includes colour instructions and all thread, needles, findings & beads including Swarovski crystals.



Remember those paper ball ornaments you used to make as a child? Here ThreadABead has their own beaded version of them, in a very festive theme! The £16.95 kit includes colour instructions and all thread, needles, findings & beads.

www.threadabead.com





Inject some colourful glamour to your projects with these sumptuously, shiny shell beads from Little Crafty Beaders. Each pack contains 20 beads in a range of bright and vibrant colours with AB coating to ensure they reflect the light at every opportunity! A sure-fire way of creating eye-catching jewellery, priced at just £1.50 a pack. With free postage on all orders of £20 and above, why not browse their range of findings and stringing too? See the full range of shell beads at: www.littlecraftybeaders.co.uk



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a range of new and affordable crystal beads to help you create stunning jewellery for the festive season. These beads come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours with full and half-coat finishes. Sizes range from a tiny 2mm rondelle to 8mm rondelles, and this range also includes cubes, drop beads, rounds and hexagons. These sparkling beads are ideal to add accents to your jewellery. Prices

www.beadsdirect.co.uk

# Moulded from vintage buttons

These three-piece drop sets, exclusive to Fire and Mountain Gems, have been created using moulds from vintage Czech buttons. The beautifully detailed sets consist of two smaller drops and a matching larger drop. They come in antiqued-silver or gold-finished 'pewter'.

start from £3.79 for a pack of 150 beads.

www.firemountaingems.com

# Latin inspired seed beads

These new dip-dyed seed bead hanks from Spoilt Rotten come in five Latininspired colourways: Mint Lima, Turquoise Tango, Chile, Galapagos Green and Bonito Blue! They're priced at just £1.95 www.spoiltrottenbeads.com





# Daggers are a delight

We love these daggers with a peacock vitrail coating from the Old Bicycle Shop. Also new in at OBS are these 6mm square beads in autumnal colours. Choose from copper, matt old copper, matt gold, and aluminium silver.

www.oldbicycleshop.co.uk

# Nellie joins bookmark



www.spellboundbead.co.uk

# line-up



# Needlecase in two colourways

If you're a lover of owls, and enjoy tubular peyote, then Spellbound's needlecase by-step instructions and all the beads and needle case. Choose from Midnight or www.spellboundbead.co.uk



# The The STAMPED to lection

- sheets
- Purple organza ribbon 7mm wide x 1 metre

# TOOLbox

- Versa Color water based pigment ink pads in 29 evergreen, 61 olive, 64 khaki, 91 gold, 157 amethyst.
- Tapestry rubber stamp set
- Woodware ¾" craft punches -circle, star, flower and square. 1" oval punch
- Metal ruler
- Craft knife
- Cocktail stick
- PVA glue
- Large eyed needle
- Tweezers

# supplyshop

• The Glitter Pot www.theglitterpot. co.uk

Create this surprisingly durable and light as a feather necklace from hand-stamped and punched card.

- 1. Using the coloured inks and five different tapestry stamps randomly and densely cover the two sheets of card.
- 2. Punch from the stamped card eight shapes per bead using the star, square, oval, circle and flower punches. Repeat to make a total of three oval, 10 circle, two square, two star and two flower shaped beads.



3. Using a ruler and craft knife, gently score down the centre of each punched shape, ensuring each half is symmetrical. Fold

each shape in half along the score so that the pattern is facing inwards.

4. Cover one half of an unstamped punched shape with PVA glue, repeat with the next same punched shape and stick precisely together, holding firmly with tweezers until dry. Continue to glue a further six folded shapes until the eight 'segments' form a sphere, leaving a hole through the centre for the ribbon.



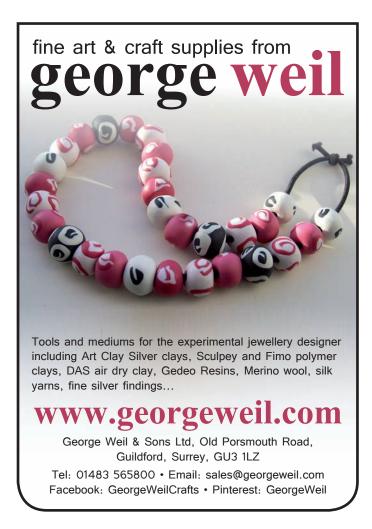
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# Toptip

 Pretty gift wrapping paper pasted onto card is equally effective as hand stamping your own design.





- **5.** Repeat this process for each of the circle, star, oval, flower and square shapes to make a total of 19 beads.
- **6.** Using a metal ruler and craft knife, cut 16 strips of stamped card measuring 10 cm long and 0.5 cm wide. Roll these strips around a cocktail stick and secure with glue to make the spacer beads.
- 7. Make a double knot 25 cm along the metre length of ribbon. Threading the needle with ribbon, add the card beads alternating the circle beads with the star, flower and square beads and using the spacer beads between each shape. Follow this with three oval beads and repeat the











- sequence with circles, square, flower and star shapes. Make a double knot to secure the beads in place.
- **8.** Place some PVA glue on the ends of ribbon and push each end into the remaining two circle beads using a cocktail stick and leave to dry.
- **9.** Tie with a bow, adjusting length as required.

# colourwise

• This inexpensive necklace means that you can match ink colours and ribbon to complement all your favourite outfits.

# "Inspiration"

• Working with paper and card it can be difficult to create spherical shaped beads. The segments of an orange inspired me to create these beads using papercrafting techniques.

# **DESIGN**note

• Using your own hand-stamped card will ensure that every bead you make is unique.





# Circles CHAIN MAILLE bracelet

# **BEADSTORE**

- 120 x 7mm jump rings
- 12 x 9mm Czech glass rings
- 1 x 12mm trigger clasp

# TOOLDOX

- 1 pair chain nose pliers
- 1 pair flat nose pliers
- Beading mat

# supplyshop

• Maille Addict has put together materials kit for this design, which can be ordered via their website.

Alternatively, just the jump rings are available to buy from Maille Addict.

www.mailleaddict.
com 07896 727798

Combine jump rings and Czech glass rings to create this chain maille bracelet with an autumnal feel.

1. Open eight rings and tightly close two.



**2.** Thread the closed rings onto an open jump ring then close the open jump ring.



**3.** Double up the single jump ring so that you have two pairs of rings so far.



**4.** 'Stack' the rings so that one pair lies on top of the other pair, as shown in the picture.



**5.** Thread an open jump ring through the middle of the stack. Close the open jump ring.



**6.** Double up the single jump ring just worked



# time&money

Make in three hours for less than £20



# **DESIGN**note

• This design uses a weave commonly known as mobius or 'flowers'. In this design we have doubled up the rings to create a more intricate circle and incorporated beads to add interest.

As well as feeding my passion for chunky chain maille, with this design I also wanted to show how to combine chain maille with some of the new elements available on the market to create different effects.

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- This is a tight-ish weave so if you are finding it difficult to weave the rings, open them slightly wider and if righthanded, twist your right hand towards you when opening the rings. If lefthanded open them by twisting your left hand towards you, or consider weaving the rings from back to front
- The aspect ratio of the jump rings used for this project is 6.0. You can scale this design up or down, making it heavier or lighter as long as the rings you buy are the same aspect ratio.

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• The mobius weave is derived

from the spiral

them being is that with mobius you start a new ring set every three rings, whilst with spiral you carry on and grow the weave into a continuous

weave. The difference between

chain

**7.** Stack the three pairs of rings on top of each other as shown in the picture.



**8.** Thread 1 open jump ring through the centre of the jump ring circle and through the centre of a Czech Glass ring. Close the open jump ring.



**9.** Double up the single jump ring just worked so that you have a pair of rings connecting the jump ring circle to the Czech Glass Ring.



**10.** Repeat steps 1 – 7 to create a second jump ring circle.



**11.** Thread 1 open jump ring through the centre of the jump ring circle just made and through the centre of the Czech Glass ring added previously. Close the open jump ring.



**12.** Double up the single jump ring just worked so that you have a pair of rings connecting the second jump ring circle to the Czech Glass Ring.



**13.** Repeat steps 1 – 12 until the bracelet is the required length. To finish, attach a clasp at one end and a single ring at the other for the clasp to attach to.





# colourwise

 Make it your own by using different coloured glass rings or making one in different metal finishes.

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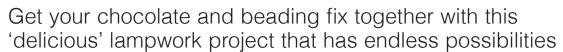


# **BEADSTORE**

 I used a bracelet and headpins from www.bigbeadlittle bead.co.uk

# TOOLbox

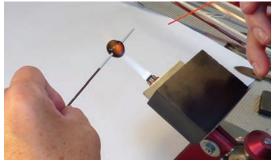
- 1 rod of Cim sangre 511128
- 1 rod of Effetre light brown 591444
- 1 rod of Effetre dark brown 591448
- 1 rod of Effetre dark ivory 591276
- Various coloured rods for stringer
- 2.00 mm mandrels dipped in bead release
- Protective eyewear with didymium lenses
- Lampworking torch & oxygen generator or hothead torch
- Kiln, vermiculite, beading bubbles or fibre blanket
- Knife or lampwork tool
- Graphite marver
- Marble mould or similar



These fun beads are great for charm bracelets, pendants, general craft projects or to just display in your home. The designs have limitless possibilities from milk, plain or white 'chocolate' coloured base beads. Please remember, beads can choke young children and these are unsuitable for little ones.

**1.** Collect the materials required. To make the 'cherry cream chocolate' bead wind a small amount of dark brown glass to create the base bead. Marver smooth.

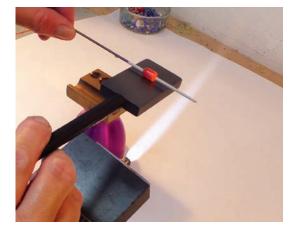




2. Repeat the above step placing each wrap of glass close to the previous wrap until you have created a cylinder bead. Marver gently after each wrap of glass. Then heat and roll lightly to get an even base bead.



**3.** This is the width your final 'chocolate' bead will be.



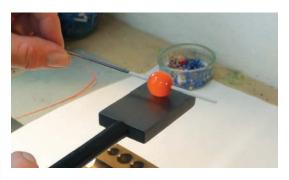




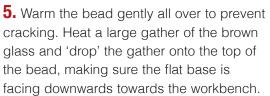
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4. Now slowly add more wraps of glass around the middle of the bead until you create a large olive shape. Heat the bead until glowing then place on the marver and gently flatten one side of the bead to create the base of the 'chocolate'.

**8.** Gently press the top of the bead into your marble shaper. Leave some of the bead out of the shaper to create the base of the 'chocolate' (this gives the bead a handmade 'chocolate' effect). The bead should look like this.



**9.** Warm the base of the bead and flatten once more on the marver. This keeps the shape of the 'chocolate'.

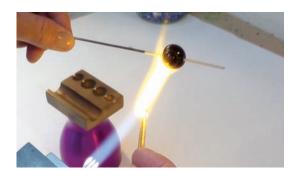






**10.** Keep all the bead warm in the flame to avoid cracking. Now, using sangre glass, heat a large gather.

6. Add more glass if necessary or if you



wish to create a larger 'chocolate' 7. Turn the bead over, waft through the flame to keep warm, then heat just the gather of brown glass until glowing.

**11.** Making sure the bead is upright 'drop' the gather of sangre glass on the top of the 'chocolate'. This is now forming the 'cherry'. Add more sangre glass if necessary.

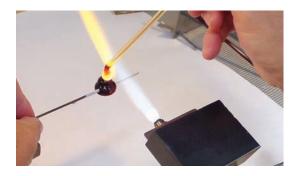












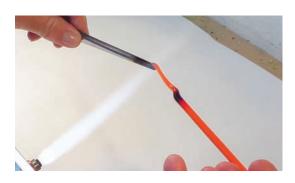
**12.** Heat just the 'cherry' part of the bead until glowing, but not gloopy,, then carefully place in a smaller area of the marble shaper.



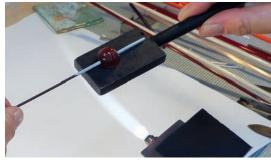
**13.** This has now created the 'cherry' on the 'chocolate'. Allow to cool slightly then strike the sangre glass in the flame to enhance the transparent red. Flame polish any marks, then bathe the bead in the heat before placing in the kiln, vermiculite or fibre blanket.



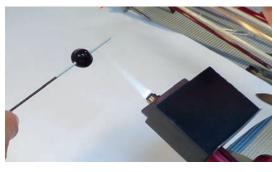
**14.** To create the 'iced chocolate' bead first pull a fine stringer in a colour of your choice. Lay aside until later. Repeat steps 1 – 9 to create the actual 'chocolate' bead.



**15.** Heat a large gather of the brown glass and shape as in steps 10 – 13.



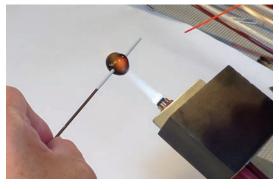
**16.** Turn down the flame on the torch, then heat a tiny area on the bead where you would like to start the 'icing'.



17. Using the stringer, and working on the very edge of the small flame, begin where you have pre-heated the bead. Keep the stringer stationary and slowly 'draw' onto the bead, moving the bead UNDER the flame and keeping the stringer still.



**18.** Heat another area and repeat the above.

























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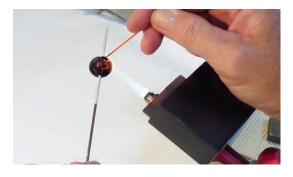
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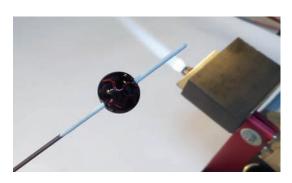
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**19.** Continue until you are happy with your design. You can be as creative as you wish at this point!



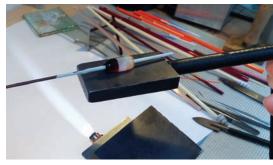
- **20.** Carefully 'tap' the edges of the stringer with a sharp knife or other tool to secure the stringer to the bead.
- **21.** Bathe the bead in the flame and place in the kiln, vermiculite or fibre blanket.



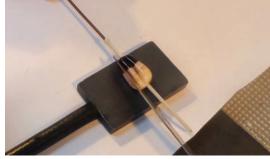
**22.** For the 'chocolate log' bead collect the three shades of glass rods: dark brown, light brown and ivory. We will be repeating the steps 1-9 but using three colours of glass.



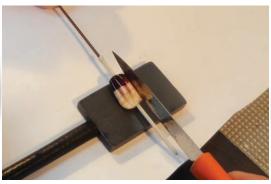
**23.** I used two wraps of each of the three colours, thereby making the cylinder base bead wider than the other 'chocolates'. Marver after each wrap of glass to avoid smudging the colours.



- **24.** Neaten the edges with the marver to avoid any sharp edges, it doesn't have to be perfect; remember it is a hand made 'chocolate'!
- **25.** Warm the bead and flatten one side to create the base of the 'chocolate', then turn the flame down and gently heat one area horizontally. Place the marver on the worktop, lay the bead on the marver and, using your knife, carefully cut a line into the heated area.



**26.** Repeat the above steps four to five times remembering to warm the bead all over after each cut. Do this gently so you do not lose the shape of the 'chocolate log'. Bathe the bead gently all over to avoid cracking and place in the kiln, vermiculite or fibre blanket.



# colourwise

• Just look inside a box of chocolates for all the nspiration you need!







# "Inspiration"

 Last year I held my first solo bead exhibition in my home town of St Ives, Cornwall. The theme was The Bead Banquet. I pondered over making 'food' related beads, then decided to create some chocolates to place on the table. These were the results. I hope you enjoy making them as much as I have.

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Cynthia Newcomer Daniel writes patterns for beaded jewellery and is known for her lacy style. We catch up with her in her workroom to talk about everything from taking classes to her love of seed beads.

## What was your childhood like?

I was born and raised in Southern California, USA. I grew up in a semirural area; we kept horses and spent a lot of time outdoors, riding and hiking in the hills around our home.

#### Where are you now?

I live in the Central Coast area of California; all of our children are grown and out on their own, so my immediate family consists of my husband and our parakeet. My daughter, parents and sisters live near enough to visit, but both of our sons are living in Texas; I miss them!

I no longer have a 'day job,' but when I did, I was a freelance writer and teacher. Before that, I was a graphic artist, so all of my jobs have led very neatly into what I do now. I've always loved

art and writing, and even though I was constantly told that neither was practical, I've always made my living doing one or the other. My husband and I are

**Top:** Bracelet called "I Love Links". **Above:** Bangle bracelet called Bodacious Bangle.

Below left: Luna bracelet.
Below: Jagged Little Edges





semi-retired now; the income from my business has turned out to be a big help at this point in our lives.

# Tell us about your working day

I am a morning person, so I usually get to work right after breakfast. I'll either bead for a bit, draw illustrations, or write and then hit Facebook and chat with my friends. Then back to work. I'll go back and forth between the beads and Facebook all day; usually my husband and I break for lunch together and then I'll work some more in the afternoon. Sometimes we take off and do something fun; I love the flexibility of working for myself and being my own boss. I can get pretty lost in my beading or illustrating; it's a good thing that he's here to pull me away sometimes, otherwise I might not get out of my chair all day.

# What beads do you use when you're in your chair all day?

I'm a bead weaver who uses mostly seed beads, crystals and glass pearls; I haven't used all of the newer beads that have been coming out, but I'm very fond of SuperDuos. When I'm designing a piece that I will pattern, I always have to consider the availability and cost of the materials worldwide. Sometimes I end up using something that turns out to be hard to find, but I try to use materials that are widely available. Of course, sometimes something that was easy to find turns out to be hard to find later; that is very frustrating. Bead makers seem to love to discontinue colours and finishes.

# We know what you mean. What else do you have to be aware of when designing your patterns?

I'm also very aware of making my thread paths as easy to follow as possible; many of my patterns use stitches I've combined or even made up to suit my needs. It can be challenging sometimes to translate some of my odder ideas into words and diagrams. Occasionally I design a project that defeats my abil-

ity to teach it; those go into my private collection. Of course, they always end up being the ones that I get asked to make a pattern for!

Do you have favourite beads you always want to include?

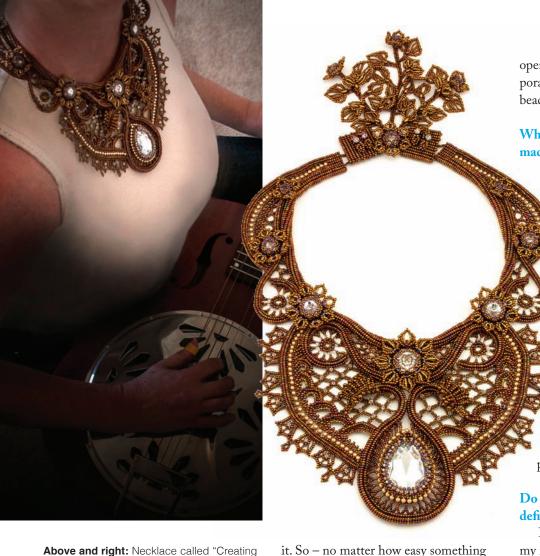
I love seed beads because they are so tiny and so versatile. There are a million ways to put them together with thread; I love puzzling out new designs and seeing what the beads do when I try something new. I love touching beadwork; it just feels good to hold it in my hands while I'm working. I am so lucky to have found a medium that delights me on so many levels.

# Do you have a background in beading?

I took art, writing and design courses in college, although I didn't graduate in them. I learned to make jewellery from my grandmothers and my parents; my parents worked with metals and stones, but both of my grandmothers beaded. One made the most exquisite French beaded flowers, and the other did incredible bead embroidery. I suppose it says something about my personality that I ended up picking a field that was different from theirs.

**Above:** Necklace called Feathered Dragon. **Below:** Necklace Western Sky.





**Above and right:** Necklace called "Creating Harmony" - Cynthia's Battle of the Beadsmith 2014 entry.

Below right: Bracelet En Pointe.

#### You still take classes?

I love taking classes; I always end up learning something new. Everyone approaches beading differently, and there is so much value in seeing other people's processes. I think that's my favourite part of taking a class; it is fascinating to me to see how someone else does things.

Of course, I also love the social aspect of taking a class; it is so much fun to be in the same room with people who love beads the way I do. No one understands a beader like another beader. People who bead have a special bond; I can walk into a room of people I don't know and in minutes we've got our heads together over a bit of beading and we're friends. I love that!

## What have your learned in class?

I think the most helpful thing that I've learned is that when something is new, it takes time and effort to master might seem once you know it – at first, it's going to be hard. Later it will be easy; (sometimes I have to repeat that to myself many times), but at first, it will be hard.

# Do you have a favourite piece you've made?

I always love best the piece I have just finished; no matter how complex or simple it is, that one is my favourite – until the next one, of course! I guess I'm known for having a lacy style; I love

openwork beading and I like to incorporate lace-making techniques in my beading.

# What happens to the pieces you've made for patterns?

I don't sell my finished pieces, but I do give many of them away to friends and family. I also like to wear them myself! I use mostly seed beads, although I do sometimes incorporate lampwork beads or gemstones.

# How would you describe your style?

I think of my style as being rather restrained; I'm more likely to make things that can be worn in daily life than on the runway. I love bracelets, so I make more of them than anything else. I never wear rings, so I have to be pushed a bit to make them.

# Do you start a piece with a definite plan?

I honestly don't know where most of my ideas come from. I'll wake up with a thought – what if I do this? – and when I start beading, it changes up. I let the beads dictate to me; nothing works if I try to force them. I start with an idea – a thread path, or a colour combination – and see where it goes from there.

## Do you still teach?

I prefer writing patterns to teaching; I'm at an age where travelling isn't as much fun as it once was, especially when it's combined with long hours and late nights. I've become quite the home-





Above: Cynthia at work. Above right: Zosia earrings. Below right: Bangle Bracelet called

Magic Bangle.

body! I do miss seeing the excitement of students in person, but I love that the internet has made it easy for people to share the things they make from my patterns with me.

## What's your workspace like?

I have my own room now, and I love it! For years I worked in a corner of the living room or the kitchen, and it is such a luxury to have my own space now. I have a long counter space on one wall; one half is for my computer, and the other for my beading. I bead under a north-facing window, so the light is wonderful. I use Illustrator for drawing my diagrams and InDesign for layout; together, they are the best investments I've ever made.

# Tell us about your recent projects.

I've recently finished a large piece for The Battle of The Beadsmith; since this interview will publish after the contest, I can tell you that it is very lacy and uses traditional needle lace techniques with seed beads. Needle lace is a passion of mine; I love making lace. I must say that I love how much faster it works up in beads, however!

Predictably, there is a bracelet on my bead mat even as I type; it's nearly finished. I've drawn the diagrams for it already (I like to do that while beading, so I don't miss anything!) and it should be in my shops by the time you read this. It's called Provence because it reminds me of a sunny field of lavender that has just started to bloom.

# What are your beading goals?

Mostly, I'd just like to keep on beading. My goal for this year is to have 100 patterns in my shops; I don't know if I will make it or not, but I will be thrilled with myself if I do.

# And your biggest challenge?

Ageing is always a challenge. So far, I have been fortunate to have escaped the arthritis that runs in my family; as long as I can use my hands I will keep beading. I have been very fortunate in my life; I get to do work I love.

You can find Cynthia's patterns on her website (JewelryTales.com) and in her Etsy Shop (etsy.com/shop/JewelryTales)



# **BEAD**WORK



Designed by
Mary B. Lyons of
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# **BEADStore**

- Black coated
   1.2mm aluminium
   wire
- 0.8 silver plated wire.
- 0.3 silver plated wire.
- 2 silver plated51mm head pins.

Pearl round beads:

- 6 x 8mm colour 12 (GLHPO8 Dark pink)
- 2 x 8mm colour 13 (GLHPO8 Lavender)
- 2 x 6mm colour 13 (GLHPO6 Lavender)
- 27 x 4mm colour
   13 (GLHPO4 Lavender)

# TOOLbox

- Snipe or chainnosed pliers
- Wire cutters
- Flat nosed pliers
- Round nosed pliers
- Optional link maker
- Masking tape
- Black acrylic art paint
- Brush and water
- A household tissue.

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# Deco berries PENDANT

The luscious hues of autumn fruits are captured in this nostalgic art deco style pendant, reflecting nature's palette.

1. Take 23cms of 1.2mm black coated aluminium wire. Find the centre and, using your fingers, bend the wire into a fish shape. Cross over the fish tail ends and twist them together once. It doesn't matter which way round you twist them. The internal frame measurement should be about 5.5 to 6cms high by 3.5cms wide. Try not to scratch the frame during the project.



2. Trim the two fish-tail ends to about 3cms each. Using round-nosed pliers, partly curl up each of the two ends into loops, one on either side, not quite closing the loops. Make sure you leave the loops slightly open. The black aluminium frame on which the rest of the design is based is now complete. Set it aside for the moment.



**3.** Take 50cms of 0.8mm silver plated wire and bend it loosely in half. Two cms from the centre point, twist the two ends together for 3/4cm leaving a boat/leaf shape above the twist. This forms your top leaf. Don't worry about the precise shape. It can be adjusted later. You can twist using flatnosed pliers with masking tape on the jaws to protect your work.





# Toptip

- Measure out wire using a tape measure rather than a ruler, because a tape measure follows the wire's curve as it comes off the reel. This cuts out the possibility of kinking the wire as you try to straighten
- Using several short lengths of 0.3mm wire, rather than one long one whilst attaching the leaf spray to the black frame, makes it easier to manage.
- Protect your work by placing the corner of a folded household tissue over the parts that you are crimping.

4. Using just one strand of the 0.8mm wire, make another leaf to the left. Then twist the two wires together as before to make another segment of 3/4cm stem. Always taking the longer wire, go on forming 2cm long leaves and 3/4cm stem on alternate sides to make a five leaf spray. Twist 3/4cm to finish and leave the tails hanging down. Do not trim them.



removing the masking tape, attaching the tip of each silver leaf to the side of the black frame and inserting four 4mm lavender beads into the leaves as before, winding the wire around the main stem for about 3/4cm between each. Adjust the main stem to suit yourself.



**5.** Attach the top of the first silver leaf to the top of the black aluminium frame by wrapping with one end of 20mm length of 0.3mm silver plated wire. Arrange the rest of the spray within the black frame and tack the other leaves temporarily to the frame with small strips of masking tape. You can bend the main stem here and there.



**6.** Return to the first leaf at the top and, using the 20mm length of 0.3mm wire, pick up four 4mm lavender beads to simulate a vein running down from top to bottom of the centre of the leaf. Wrap the wire over the bottom of the leaf. Continue wrapping the 3mm wire around the twisted 0.8mm stem wire for 3/4cm below the leaf.



7. Using short lengths of 0.3mm silver

plated wire, work your way down the spray,



8. After attaching the spray, take the two remaining ends of 0.8mm silver wire behind the lowest part of the black frame, separate them and bring each forward and up either side of the black frame's twist. Take them through to the back, twist them together twice and carefully crimp the twist flat, under a folded tissue. You can now gently close the black frame's loops.

# "Inspiration"

 As a child I was taken to visit elderly relatives whose homes were full of art deco and art nouveau furniture and ornaments. I remember particularly the sinuous curves of a silver coloured tea trolley and a glass lamp. That's when I fell in love with nostalgia.

# **BEAD**nerd

• There was a trend in the 1930s to abandon the austerity of the 1920s and to introduce great design for everybody.





**9.** Bend the two 0.8 wires upwards and outwards at 45 degrees angles, one to each side. Thread three 8mm dark pink beads onto each wire and trim the ends, leaving enough to make a loop. Make closed loops facing the front on the end of each arm. Using chain nosed pliers, bend the neck behind each loop down slightly. Finish off the 0.3mm binding wire ends.



**10.** To make the dangles, thread lavender beads onto two silver-plated head-pins thus: 1 x 8mm, 1 x 6mm, 2 x 4mm. Cut the head-pins leaving enough wire to make end





loops. Attach the dangles to the arms and close their loops. Thread three 4mm beads into the centre of 10cms of 0.3mm wire. Twist the wire ends twice and attach the small cluster to the main silver stem's bottom left-hand side.

11. Paint the silver wires at the black frame's base with black acrylic art paint. Leave to dry. Make two 5mm diameter jump rings from 0.8mm silver plated wire and attach them to the top of the black frame. Thread a silver chain or black leather neck thong through the jump rings. Your beautiful deco berries autumn tribute is now complete and ready to wear.



# **COLOURW**ise

 This project can easily be customised for other seasons. For example, by using a red and green theme this lovely pendant becomes a Christmas item. Constructed in black with sparkling, dangling crystals this pendant would make a stunning evening accessory with a white dress or iacket. You can make some matching earrings

## **DESIGN**note

• You can use the specified beads or incorporate some of your own. A great way to reduce your stash!

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We talk to a self-taught beadwork designer who creates unique pieces of jewellery

ryna Hamilton makes jewellery that she looks at first as 'a piece of art'.

She is always trying new techniques and finds herself coming up with new ideas every time. She discovered beadweaving on maternity leave and has never looked back, but still says: "It's not my full-time job, it's not even

a part-time job.. it's more of a hobby." We caught up with her for a chat in the middle of moving.

# Tell us about your background

I was born in the West of Ukraine, but my family came from Crimea. My parents were military at that time so I knew what travelling was from a very young age. Maybe that's why I do not really have a favourite town, city or country and do not get used to things and people too much.

#### Where are you based now?

I finished university, studying accountancy and in 2006 flew the nest and moved to the UK. I am a mum now with two little children. Well.. three, if I may count my husband. We are packing our things whilst I am writing this and by the time you all read it we all will be back to my homeland. Beadweaving is my hobby I discovered in 2008 and since then it has taken over me and my house.

#### Do you have a favourite style?

I do not specialise in one particu-

lar style or stitch. I like to try different media and materials. My favourites, I would say, are seed beads and semi-precious stones. Zips and soutache is something new I like to use in my work today.

## How did you learn?

I am self-taught bead weaver and embroiderer. I used to study a lot of bead magazines and books. I have seen some tutorials online, but now I prefer to create something new myself.

# Do you have a piece you're particularly proud of?

I don't know. The ones I use to be proud of a few years ago do not seem much to be proud of now. And if I say I am proud of one today will I still have the same feelings about it in few years? One of my latest necklaces I like is called







work on the table overnight. Everything had to be put away immediately and up as high as possible!

# Are your children interested in beading?

My daughter has asked me to teach her to bead and I have promised to teach her as soon as she is eight. I have one more year. Then I would imagine we would bead together.

#### What's the next project?

I will be having a little break due to moving and then we will see. I have a fab idea for one big international contest, but not sure how soon I can start working on it. I do not set any big goals for now. Family comes first.

# Biggest beading challenge?

I think it would have to be one of my more intricate necklaces that take weeks to complete.

## What do you love most about beading?

The obvious pleasure people show when receiving one of my unique pieces of jewellery. I would say that once you try beading you will become addicted and want to make more challenging pieces every time.

'Alice in Wonderland', but I am not sure if it is worthy of being proud of.

## Where do you get your ideas?

Ideas could come from anywhere. I love to take part in different little bead contests, where you are challenged with a colour combo, shape, technique or theme. As soon as you do your research and have the necessary materials at home the result can be quick.

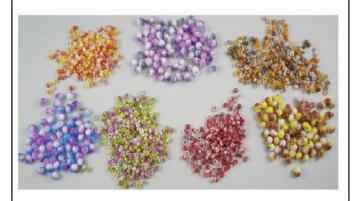
# Do you have a dedicated area to work in?

It's hard to say what kind of workspace I have. Before, I used to share the playroom with my kids. There was a little corner for me. I had a tall cabinet with lots of drawers and a few shelves filled with beads, tools, and books. But for obvious reasons I could not leave my



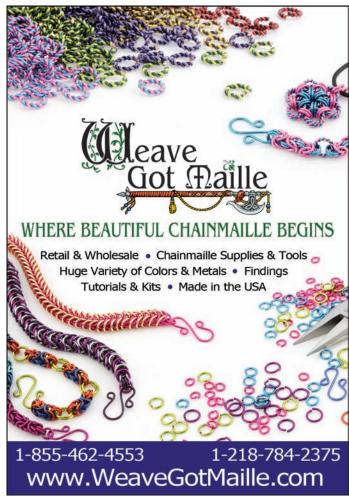


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#### **BEAD**WORK

Designed by Sandy Griffiths





# Dragonfly cuff bracelet

Trace the design to create an elegant pewter bracelet, finished with gemstones

- 2. Fold the excess tracing paper over the edges of the bracelet to create a crease line. Remove the tracing paper from the bracelet and remove the masking tape; flatten out the tracing paper. You now have the shape of the bracelet on the tracing paper in the form of a crease line. Draw over the crease line with the HB pencil.

  3 Trace the dragonfly design on to this piece of tracing paper. Remember to centre the design.
- 3. Lace the pewter on to the cardboard and secure it with masking tape. Position the tracing paper on to the pewter and secure it with tape. Use the tracer tool to trace the shape of the bracelet on to the pewter. Don't press hard; a faint line will suffice. Remove the tracing paper and masking tape. Be careful not to tear the tracing paper.
- 4. Turn over the pewter and place it on to the piece of felt. Secure it with tape. Position the tracing paper on to the pewter, making sure the dragonfly design fits the bracelet shape that was traced on to the pewter.
- **5.** Use the medium ball tool to trace the dragonfly. Trace everything except the tiny veins on the inside of the wings. Remove the tracing paper and tape.

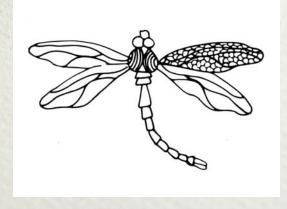
#### **BEADStore**

- Pewter (enough for the outside and the inside of the bracelet)
- Inexpensive metal cuff bracelet
- Clear flat-back crystals

#### TOOLDOX

- Basic pewter kit
- Polishing materials
- Medium ball tool
- Paper pencil
- Piece of felt
- Wax stick and kebab stick
- Small scissors

1. To transfer the shape of the bracelet on to the tracing paper, cut a strip of tracing paper slightly larger than the width and length of the bracelet. Wrap the tracing paper over the face of the bracelet, from end to end. Secure each end to the bracelet with masking tape.



- **6.** Turn over the pewter and place it on to the cardboard. Use the paper pencil to 'draw' on each side of the raised design lines to flatten those areas and to define the raised design lines. Repeat this step a second time, but use the tracer tool instead of the paper pencil.
- 7. Trace the veins on to the inside of the wings, using the tracer tool. You can either do this freehand, or by replacing the tracing paper and tracing the veins.
- **8.** Complete a fine scribble pattern on the background of the pewter design. A textured pattern is a good idea on high traffic items as it will prevent scratches from showing.
- **9.** Complete the polishing process. Use the pair of scissors to cut away the excess pewter; leave about 3mm (1/8in) of pewter outside the bracelet line. The strip of pewter needs to be slightly larger than the bracelet as we need to have enough pewter to fold over the edge of the bracelet.
- 10. Cut a strip of pewter to fit the inside of the cuff bracelet, with a 3mm (1/8in) overlap, polish it and then glue it into position. Fold the overlap of pewter over the edge of the bracelet and run the side of the tracer tool along the edge to mould the pewter around the bracelet's edge. Repeat this step for the pewter strip that lines the outside of the bracelet. When applying the glue make sure that the indentations of the dragonfly are filled with glue. I would suggest giving the back and front of the pewter bracelet a light spray with clear varnish.
- 11. Dip the kebab stick into the glue and place a small dab of glue on to the pewter where the crystals will be placed. Pick up the individual crystals with the tip of the wax stick and place each crystal on to the glue. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly.



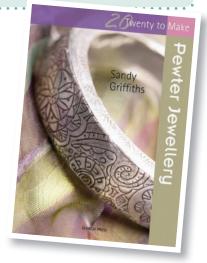


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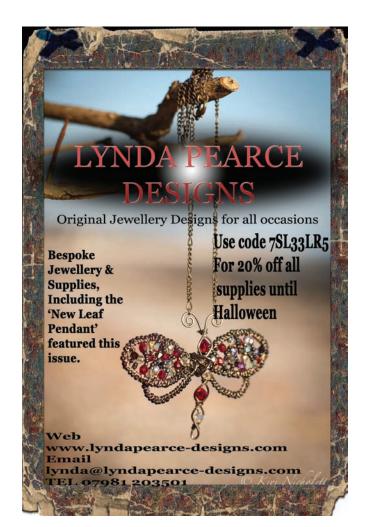
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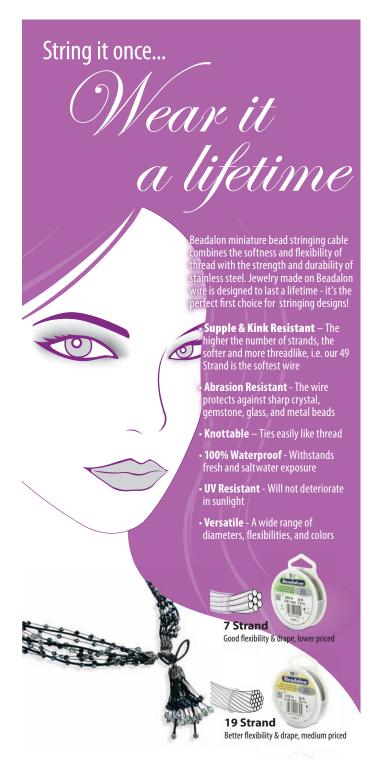
Trace the outline of your flat-back gemstones to determine the size of the oval. Glue the gemstones on to the bracelet only once you have covered the bracelet with the pewter.













#### **Congratulations** Laura Ehlers Dickmeyer!

Leather and Lace necklace was designed by Laura Ehlers Dickmeyer. You can see other variations of this winning design at www.beadalon.com





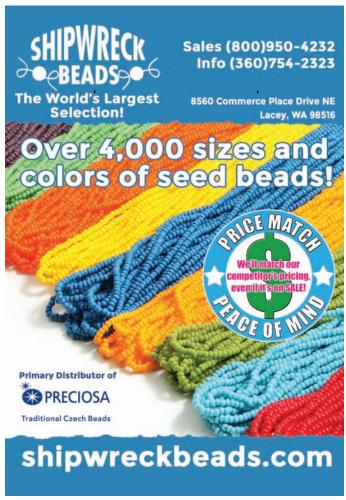




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#### **BEADStore**

- 24 gauge vintage bronze wire (for loops on spinners)
- Bronze chain, also links used as jump rings
- 8mm beads in autumn tones (I used brown glass pearls and picture jasper) x 20
- 4mm glass pearl brown beads x 20
- 20 x 50mm bronze ball end headpins
- Lobster clasp
- Glue on bail
- Swellegant bronze paint
- Gold acrylic paint (for highlights)
- Acrylic spray matt sealer, eg Krylon

#### TOOLbox

- Two part silicone moulding putty
- Apoxie Sculpt twopart epoxy clay
- Round pliers
- Side cutter pliers
- Flat/bent nose pliers
- Non-stick craft mat

# NECKLACE se natural sycamore seeds to make this delicate

Use natural sycamore seeds to make this delicate necklace using epoxy clay shapes moulded with two part silicone mould putty

1. Thoroughly mix the two-part silicone putty in equal amounts. Resist the urge to play with it as you only have five minutes before it starts to cure. Press your items to be moulded firmly into the putty. I used a double sycamore spinner and a single one. Leave to set for 10 minutes, then remove the spinners; the mould is ready to use.



2. Mix the two parts of Apoxie Sculpt in equal quantities. Press small amounts into the moulds and use their stickiness to flip them back out and onto a non-stick craft mat to dry. Repeat for the amount of moulded items you require.



3. Construct small wire wrapped loops using the 24 gauge wire. Leave just a small tail and bend a wiggle into it (this stops the wire from pulling out when the clay is dry). With pliers hold the loop and carefully poke it into the still soft clay on the spinners. Leave to dry overnight.



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#### Toptip

- Try to remove any dust or debris from the article to be moulded as otherwise these too will be replicated in every copy you make.
- If you are making just one moulded copy then you can leave it in the silicone mould to dry for the most exact replica of every detail. Any holes can be drilled once dry, or bails glued onto the reverse.
- Apoxie Sculpt can be sticky to use. Allow it to sit for an hour, or wet your fingers with a drop of water. Wearing nitrile gloves helps too and vaseline can be used to stop the sticky.
- 4. Sand all the excess clay from the edges of the moulded spinners. If there is a lot of excess, use wire cutters (carefully) to snip it off. Nail blocks are good for sanding, or emery boards, and a metal file is a speedy way to reduce excess. This is a dusty and time-consuming job; wear a mask and goggles if sensitive to the dust.



5. Paint the moulded shapes using metallic paint. I used Swellegant metal paint in bronze. Allow each coat to dry and paint both sides and the edges. Add highlights to show the texture with gold paint (I use my finger to apply this!). Once dry, seal with acrylic spray sealer.





6. Glue a stick-on bail to the reverse of the double winged spinner. If preferred, you could drill a hole instead.



7. Construct wrapped loop dangles with the beads onto ball end headpins. I also used a smaller bead as the holes were larger than the ball ends.



8. Fasten the large double-winged spinner using a chain link (or jump ring) to the centre of a necklace

### **DESIGNNOTE**

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length of chain. You may need to add an extra jump ring/link to allow the spinner to lie flat when worn.



9. Add a spinner and two beads onto each jump ring/link and attach to the chain: five clusters per side, although you could make as many as you wish. Finally attach a lobster clasp fastener, although again you could use your preferred method of closing the necklace.



#### supplyshop

- Two part silicone moulding putty, www.alchemyandice.com
- Apoxie sculpt epoxy clay, JHT supplies ebay
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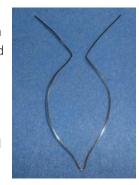
- Round nose pliers
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- 0.8mm silver plated wire
- 0.4mm silver plated wire
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- 2 x collotte end pieces
- Crimp beads
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- Lobster claw clasp

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- Kit available from designer at www. lyndapearcedesigns.com

Layer different wire working techniques to create this elegant leaf style pendant by British Bead Award winner Lynda Pearce.

1. Cut a 20cm length of 0.8mm wire. Fold in half then make a bend with pliers about 3.5cm from the top of each side. Curve the sides out slightly to form a leaf shape and pinch the bottom to make a peak.



**2.** Cut another piece of 0.8mm wire 10.5cm long. Using round nose pliers, make a basic loop at one end to make a long eye pin.



**3.** Cut two 6cm long pieces of 0.8mm wire. Using round nose pliers, make a loose spiral at one end of each wire. Then turn the wire around and make another spiral at the



other end of each wire, curling in the opposite direction to form an 's'. Each completed spiral should measure around 18mm.

- **4.** Cut four pieces of 0.8mm wire 5cm long and four pieces 4cm long. Make each piece into a spiral 's' shape as in step 3. The finished spirals should be around 15mm for the 5cm pieces and 13mm for the 4cm pieces.
- **5.** Lay the spirals on your bead mat opposite each other in matching pairs ready to fill your leaf shape. Position the spirals as follows: small, medium, large, medium, small (see photo).



**6.** Pick up the leaf shape you made in step 1 and the eye pin you made in step 2. Position the loop of the eye pin inside the peak of the leaf and, using a 1m length of 0.4mm wire, anchor the two together by wrapping the working wire around the two pieces several times.







**7.** Wind the working wire around the centre wire about eight times, keeping the wraps tight against each other. Bring wire over the top of the centre wire then pass it underneath the outside leaf wire on one side.



**8.** Wrap the working wire twice around the outside leaf wire. Then bring it over the top of that wire and pass it underneath the centre wire. Wrap it once to complete a figure eight type shape. Repeat the process going to the outer leaf wire on the other side.



**9.** Continue the figure eight wrap for about half a centimetre, alternating

sides each time. The working wire should go over one wire and under the other each time. Wind the working wire around the centre wire only, five times.



**10.** Pick up one of the small spirals and wrap the working wire around the spiral and the centre wire to attach them together. Do the same with a second small spiral and position them opposite each other so they sit either side of the centre wire, mirror fashion.



11. Wrap the working wire around the centre wire ten times then repeat step 10 with medium spirals.

Continue this process with the remaining spirals in the order you laid them out until all the spirals are attached to the centre wire.



**12.** Fill in the remainder of the leaf shape with the same figure eight weave as before. Wrap the wire where the bends meet to draw the top of the leaf together and start the bail.



**13.** Continue the figure eight weave up the bail for about 1.5cm then bring the three wires together at the bottom to start tapering the bail down.



**14.** Fill the remainder of the bail with the weave, fold it in the centre to create a bail shape and make a loop at the bottom of each wire.



**15.** Wrap the remaining working wire down the stem of the centre wire until you get to the loop. Add a 3mm spacer bead to the working wire and wrap around the loop to fix the bead over the loop. Trim off any remaining working wire.



**16.** To make the frill edging, cut a 20cm length of 0.8mm wire and make a loop at one end. Form a curve in the wire for the first frill. It should sit just under the point where the figure eight weave ends on the leaf shape.



**17.** With the base of the frill in position, take another 1m length of 0.4mm wire and wrap around the leaf wire, the frill base and the spiral nearest the top of the leaf, to anchor the whole lot in place.



**18.** Wrap the wire around the leaf wire only for approximately five wraps (may vary slightly from pendant to pendant) then anchor the next spiral to the outer leaf. Wrap around the leaf wire again until you are in the right position to attach the next frill and spiral.

#### Toptip

• I've used long lengths of wire to minimise the amount of ends. But if you prefer to use shorter lengths, or your wire breaks, new wire can be added as long as you're careful to hide sharp ends neatly.



**19.** Continue the process creating frills and anchoring spirals until you reach the bottom of the leaf. Form the wire into a peak at the bottom, then continue making frills up the other side of the leaf in the same way as before. Trim off any excess wire.



**20.** Make a loop at the finishing end of the frill wire, trimming it to size first if necessary. Using another length of 0.4mm wire about 50cm long, wire wrap the two frill loops together.



21. Add a 4mm crystal to the working wire. With the front of the pendant facing you, bring the wire across the front of the first frill allowing the crystal to sit in the centre of the frill. Wrap the wire around the point between that frill and the next.

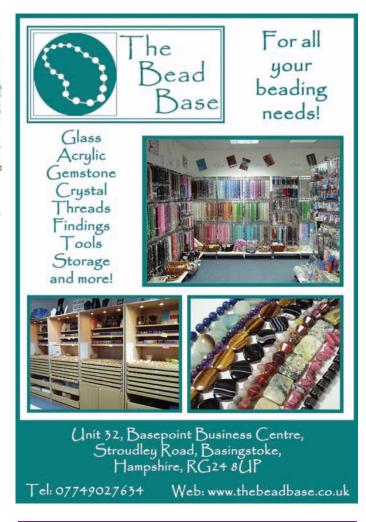


22. Continue adding crystals and wrapping between the frills until you reach the bottom of the leaf. At the











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bottom, cover the loop where the centre wire is joined with a 3mm spacer bead then continue adding the crystals up the other side.



**23.** If you choose to, cover the two remaining loops at the base of the bail with 3mm spacer beads. Secure the wire and trim. Adjust the finished leaf by hand, giving it a slightly concave shape and allowing the spirals to sit neatly.



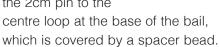
**24.** Cut pieces of 0.8mm wire to make head pins. You will need 2x 3.5cm pieces, 2x 2.5cm pieces, 1x 2cm piece and 1x

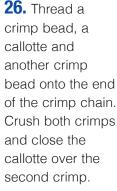
1.5cm piece. Lightly hammer each piece all over then hammer one end so it flares out. Use a sharp cutter to snip a 'v' shape into the bottom.

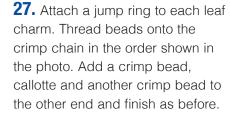




**25.** Add a 6mm round crystal to each pin and make a loop at the top. Link the shortest pin onto the peak at the base of the leaf, and the 2cm pin to the









28. Open a link on a length of regular chain and attach to one of the callottes. Repeat this on the other side. Attach a clasp to the chain to finish.



#### **COLOURW1SE**

• For autumn, this design would look great in copper or bronze wire with red or orange colour crystals.



Designed by Tracy Gonzales





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- 6-8" 5mm braided bolo cord (or any 5-6mm round leather cord)
- 3 assorted gemstone beads
- 1 TierraCast Violet Leaf charm, copper (94-2011-18)
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#### TOOLDOX

- 2 pairs of chain or flat nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Flush cutters
- Super new glue or E6000

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   www.beadworks.co.uk
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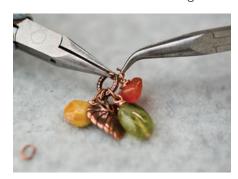
**1.** String one bead onto a headpin and form a wrapped loop. Repeat with remaining two beads.







**2.** Use one oval jump ring to attach each gemstone dangle and the charm to the hammertone ring.



**3.** Use one oval jump ring to attach the ring to the bail.



#### **DESIGNNOTE**

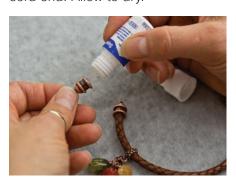
• This is a great "bead soup" project to use up miscellaneous gemstone beads you have lying around. 4. Cut cord to desired size.



5. Slide bail onto cord.



**6.** Apply glue into the opening of one copper cord end and place onto one end of the leather cord. Repeat at other end with second cord end. Allow to dry.





**7.** Use one round jump ring to attach the toggle ring to one cord end. Attach second round jump ring at the other end of the bracelet, then use one oval jump ring to attach toggle bar.







#### TOPtip

- In Step 4 Allow 1 ½" for clasp and cord ends. Example: for a 7½" bracelet, cut 6" of cord.
- In Step 6 the leather cord will have a curve to it. When gluing on your cord ends, position them so that the hole for the jump ring is facing up when the leather cord is lying flat on your table.



• Alternative materials: Can't find 5mm or 6mm leather cord? Try using five strands of 2mm cord.

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# The value of a creative mentor

Finding someone to help with advice on design and developing a business can really help on your artistic journey as a bead designer

he very nature of being an artist often requires hours of solitary studio work and, for many of us, more hours of solitary computer work. Living this somewhat isolated life makes it even more important for artists to receive encouragement and advice from a trusted source.

This is where a creative mentor comes in. If you don't have one, already, you should find someone in your creative world that will act as a wise guide, advisor and friend. Not only is a mentor a great way to receive positive feedback but also a safe place to accept constructive criticism, not just regarding your work but, when it comes to business decisions and professional relationships. It's

good to know someone is on your side!

Finding artistic mentors might be easier than you think and you may want different mentors for different parts of your life. As an artist, my work includes many different aspects; jewellery making, blogging, social networking, marketing, selling, teaching, writing and more. When I first began my blog, Something Sublime, I had a lot of encouragement from an acquaintance who eventually became a friend.

She had already started a blog of her own and helped me with some of the technical aspects. Likewise, a friend encouraged me to join a popular online social site that's been very beneficial to my business. Another friend helped me with other computer issues when I decided to offer online classes. Since I'm no high tech guru, this kind of help was invaluable.

The business of art can often be competitive and I've found that having a mentor has made navigating the choppy waters of professional relationships, and tricky situations, a lot easier. This mentor is a trusted friend that I can confide in and ask for advice, knowing she is wise and discreet. There were many times when my mentor saved me from making silly social blunders and professional mistakes. My mentor happens to be an artist but we usually don't work in the same media, which means we have a lot in common but aren't competitors,



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professionally. If you have a wise and discerning friend you can trust and confide in, even if he or she isn't an artist, a mentor like this is priceless.

Quite a few of the mentors in my artistic life don't even realise they've been mentors. These are my "good example" mentors. They're successful artists who have acted with integrity in their professional lives and whose work I admire immensely. I've taken many valuable lessons from them simply by observing their actions and reactions. If you can, choose someone who is already walking the path you wish to walk in your artistic life. This mentor doesn't necessarily have to work in the same media as you but look for someone in your creative community that you can emulate professionally; then follow their good example.

A creative mentor can be extremely helpful as a sounding board for design ideas. If you're feeling stuck, design-wise, or you're inexperienced in this part of your creative life, it's often very beneficial to have someone that can give you honest feedback, or help. An experienced artist friend is as valuable as your favourite jewellery tool

I'm grateful to have some amazingly

Don't be afraid to ask other artists for

talented and loving mentors who have helped me, along the way. A mentor can help you follow your creative dreams. Get some supportive, creative types around you as mentors...people you trust...people who love you. You don't need a big group, just a few people who care about who you are and where you're going.

Don't be afraid to ask other artists for help or advice. We all have to start somewhere and most artists are happy to talk shop. It's so important to have mentors. You need someone who will encourage you when you're on the right track and pull you out of the muck when you run into the ditch. It will make a huge difference to your artistic journey.



## SEASONAL Sylvan necklace

#### **BEADStore**

- 7g of scarab green size 10/0 seed beads A
- 5g of chalk olive green size 10/0 seed beads B
- Twelve 4mm purple faceted crystal beads C
- Seventeen 4mm red faceted crystal beads D
- Four 6mm purple faceted crystal beads E
- An assortment of top-hole glass leaf beads – we used three 13x8mm red, five 8x6mm frost topaz, four 7x7mm purple and six 8x5mm olive leaves.

#### TOOLDOX

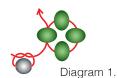
- Size 10 beading needle
- A reel of olive size
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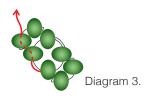
www.spellboundbead. co.uk Bright crystal berries and autumnal leaves combine with herringbone rope and bead embroidery to make this seasonal delight.

- **1.** The leaves, berries and crystal strands are supported on a folded herringbone stitch rope. The side straps are added, to your preferred length, once the decorative central section is complete.
- 2. The herringbone rope: prepare the needle with a single 1.8m thread and tie a keeper bead 40cm from the end. Thread on 4A. Pass the needle through the first 1A to bring the beads into a ring. Diagram 1.



**3.** Thread on 2A. Pass the needle through the next 1A of the ring to pull the new beads into a chevron shape in the gap. Pass the needle through the next 1A and thread on 2A. Pass the needle through the next 1A to make a second chevron. Diagram 2.

**4.** Reposition the needle by passing it through the first 1A of the previous row and the first 1A of the row just worked. Diagram 3.



**5.** Thread on 2A and pass through the next 1A of the previous row. Pass through the next 1A of the previous row and thread on 2A. Pass the needle through the last 1A of the previous row. Pull the thread quite firmly and the beads of this row will come together to start a proper rope profile. Diagram 4.

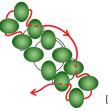


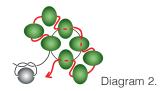
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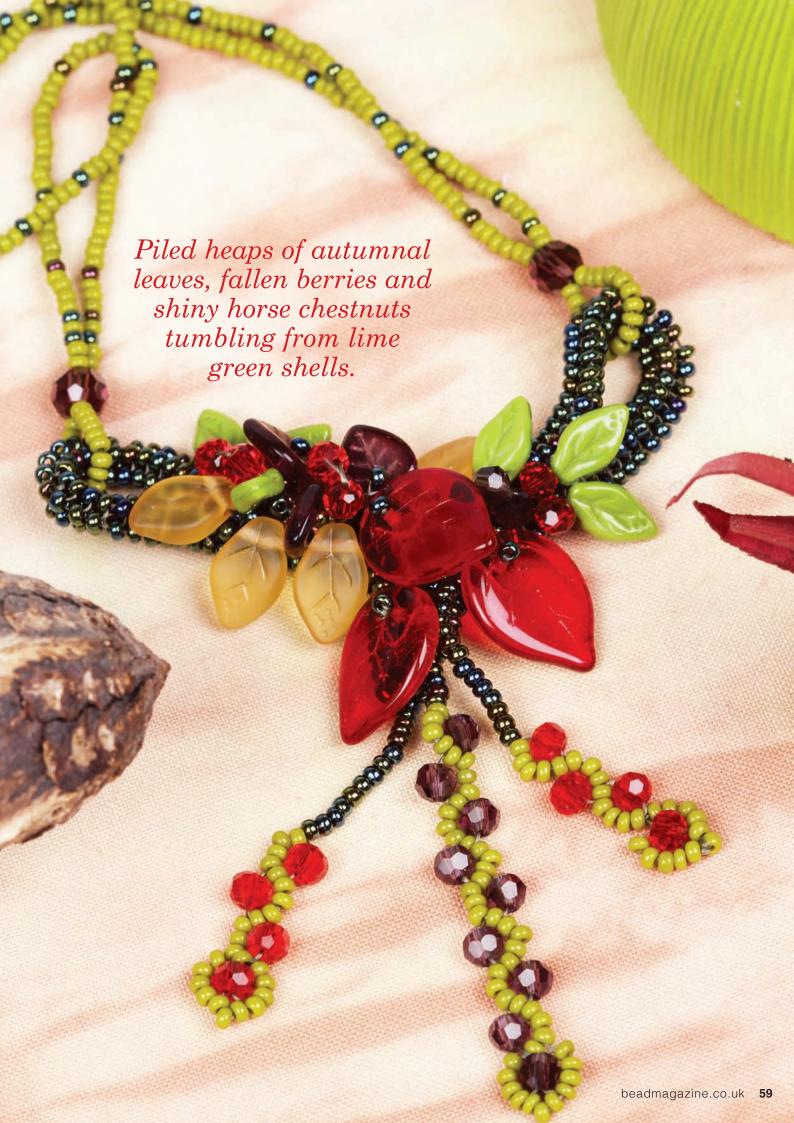
**6.** Repeat steps 4 and 5 to continue the rope. Work 20cm of rope in total. The crystal strands are now added to the ends of the rope: two strands to one end and one strand to the other end.

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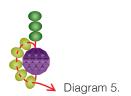
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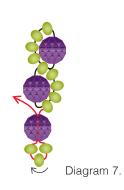




7. Thread on 5A, 5B and 1C. Pass the needle through the 5B beads just added to draw them into a curve to the side of the C bead. Diagram 5.



8. Thread on 4B and 1C. Pass the needle through the last 5B threaded. Diagram 6. Repeat step 8 four times.



**10.** Pass down through the first 4B, through the 3B at the bottom and up the other 4B bead strap around this bottom C bead to complete a frame around the C bead. Diag

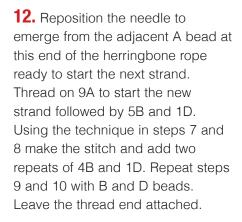


9. Thread on 1C and 3B. Pass the needle back up the C bead (Diagram 7). Thread on 4B and pass back up the C bead. Thread on 4B and pass back up the C

Diagram 6.

11. Pass back up the B beads to the side of the previous C bead, all of the following B beads and the A beads at the top of the strand to emerge at the end of the herringbone rope. Diagram 9.

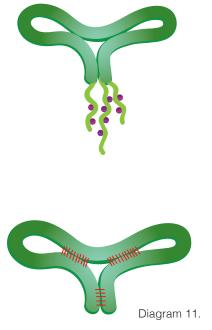
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**13.** At the other end of the rope remove the keeper bead and attach the needle to the thread end. Make one crystal strand starting with 14A, 5B and 1D. Complete as for the previous D bead strand with 4D in total.

**14.** Referring to diagram 10 arrange the rope into a Y-shape. Bring the last five rows of the rope at each end together just above the stranding. Form a loop to either side bringing the middle of the rope to touch just above the rope ends. Using a simple stitch through the bead holes sew the ropes together where shown to leave an 8mm triangular gap in the centre and a 15x8mm loop at either side. Diagram 11.





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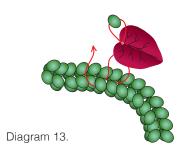
#### TOPtip

• Using a single thread to stitch the leaves into place makes it easier to pass through the holes of the seed bead rope. You can then make the stitch through the same leaf again from a different anchoring position for a firmer fix and a better result.

**15.** Set aside 1D and 4E for the side straps. You need to plan out your leaves in an approximate pattern for attaching to the design. Decide on a focal point for the larger leaves then work outwards placing the smaller leaves in small clusters. Diagram 12.



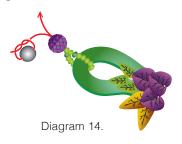
16. Pass the needle through rope beads to be in the correct position to attach the first large leaf and stitch it into place. Front-to-back-holed leaf beads will need a seed bead to anchor them into place (Diagram 13). Cross-holed leaf beads will stitch directly onto the rope without the extra beads. You will need to repeat every anchoring stitch to make sure the leaf is firm.



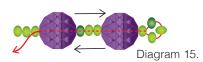
**17.** Repeat to add all of the leaves of your design. Add clusters of C and D beads into any gaps to complete the decoration. Finish off all thread of the ends neatly and securely.



18. The Side Straps: Prepare the needle with 1m of single thread and a keeper bead 15cm from the end. Mix the remaining B beads with a pinch of A beads to use for the stringing – call these M. Thread on 1E and 17M. Pass the needle through the loop at the right-hand end of the rope and back through the E bead. Diagram 14.



**19.** Thread on sufficient M beads to reach the centre back. Thread on 1E, 3M, 1E and 4M. Leave aside the last 3M to anchor the strand and pass the needle back through the other six beads just added. Diagram 15.



**20.** Thread on a matching number of M beads to make a second strap and pass through the E bead at the front of the strap. Pass through the

17M of the connecting loop and back through the E bead to emerge at the keeper bead (Diagram 16). Pass the needle through the beads of both straps again to strengthen the work and finish off the thread ends neatly and securely.



21. Repeat step 18 on the other side of the design and thread on the M beads for the strap. Thread on 1D and sufficient M beads to make a loop that will just fit over the E beads of the bead tag (approximately 17M). Pass the needle through the D bead to draw up the loop. Finish this side strap as in step 20.

#### **DESIGN**note

• The leaves flow outwards along the rope from a point just to one side of the centre front – this gives the design more movement than a symmetrical arrangement about the midpoint.



#### **BEADSTORE**

- 0.8mm Vintage bronze wire
- 0.65mm Vintage bronze wire
- 2 x Large olive picasso leaf
- 4 x Antique bronze pine cone charms
- 4 x Red picasso 5 petal plower
- 3 x Champagne picasso5 petal plower
- 3 x Champagne lustre 5 petal flower
- 3 x Turquoise picasso 5 petal flower
- 3 x Mottled topaz lined leaf
- 1 x Opaque red vega pinwheel flower
- 12 x 4mm bronze fire polished beads

#### тоогрох

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Flat nose pliers
- Flush cutters
- Metal 2mm circular wire mandrel (I used a kebab skewer)
- Nylon coated flat nose pliers
- Ruler

#### supplyshop

- Vintage bronze wire from www.palmersmetals.co.uk
- Fire polished beads from www.thebeadstore.co.uk
- Glass flowers, leaves, and pine cone charms from www.smittenbeads.co.uk



Combine coiled wire with Czech glass beads to create this wire work bracelet with an autumnal feel.

**1.** Using 6.5mm bronze wire directly from the spool thread on one flower bead and then using flat nosed pliers fold the end of the wire and squash together to make a headpin. Make a wrapped loop at the other end. Repeat for all of the flowers and the small glass leaves.



2. Make a small hook clasp by straightening a length of 8mm wire on the spool and bend the end with flat nosed pliers then curl around the widest part of round nosed pliers and trim 5mm past the bend and, using round nosed pliers, create a loop.



**3.** Coil the 6.5mm wire around the 2mm mandrel directly on from the spool until the coiled piece measures 4cm. Remove from the mandrel and trim the ends. Repeat this step so that you have two coiled pieces of equal length.



**4.** Measure 30cm of 8mm wire and straighten using nylon flat nosed pliers. Create a wrapped loop at one end of the wire. Reserve two flowers, one small leaf and a pine cone and put to one side.





time&money

Make in around an hour and for under £10

The beautiful colours of autumn



#### Toptip

 You don't have to have a coiling tool to make wire coils. I use inexpensive kitchen items such as kebab skewers for coiling.

colourwise

• This design is lovely made with

and bright blue

beads.

gold coloured wire

Thread the following items onto the piece of wire: 1 x 4mm bead, 1 x coiled wire, 1 x 4mm bead, 1 large leaf, 1 x 4mm bead.



**5.** For the middle section thread three dangles and a 4mm bead and repeat until they are used. Then add one 4mm bead, the other large leaf, followed by a 4mm bead, the second coiled section and one last 4mm bead.

6. Thread the last 4 dangles and make a wrapped loop and then finally add the hook. This bracelet works best if it is tightly fitted to the wrist and the measurements in this project make an 18 cm bracelet. To increase the size, simply extend the coiled sections to fit.





#### DESIGNNOte

• Create a pair of matching earrings by making some more dangles and adding to a large closed ring with some antique brass earwires.





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## BRACELET

#### **BEADSTORE**

- 34-42 4 mm round semi-precious beads
- Approximately 2 gr of size 11 seed beads

#### TOOLDOX

- Beading thread, in a colour to match the seed beads
- Lobster claw clasp, with jump ring attached and closed
- 5 cm extension chain
- Beading needle
- Beading scissors

#### supplyshop

- Seed beads your local bead shop, or Stitch'n'Craft www.stitchncraft.co.uk 01747 830666.
- 4 mm semiprecious rounds – widely available, or Beads Direct www.beadsdirect.co.uk 01509 218028.

#### time&money

Make in about two hours, for £5-£10.



## Combine seed beads and semi-precious beads in a bracelet reminiscent of a braided ribbon.

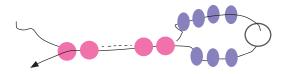
This bracelet uses three-drop even-count peyote stitch to turn 4 mm round semi-precious beads and size 11 seed beads into a fairly stiff band that should fit closely around your wrist. Using an extension chain allows for some flexibility in the fit.

- **1.** Measure your wrist, pulling the tape comfortably snug. Take the measurement in centimetres, to the nearest centimetre, add one and multiply by two. This gives you the approximate number of 4 mm semi-precious rounds you will need.
- 2. Prepare a generous length of beading thread at least 2 metres (or 2 outstretched arms) long, and thread your needle.
- **3.** Pick up the number of 4 mm beads you calculated in Step 1; slide them to about 30 cm from the tail end of the thread (you need just enough tail thread to be able to finish off the thread securely).

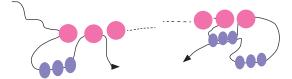


**4.** Pick up four seed beads, the jump ring attached to the lobster claw and three more seed beads. Go back through all the 4 mm

beads, and pull the threads tight, so that the seed beads form a neat loop through the jump ring.



- **5.** Measure the length of the beads ONLY so from the end of the loop of seed beads to the end of the strand of 4 mm beads, ignoring the lobster claw and the jump ring. This should be 1 to 1.5 cm shorter than your wrist measurement. Add or remove 4 mm beads IN PAIRS (you need an even number of 4 mm beads) until this is the case.
- **6.** Work four rows of even-count peyote stitch along one side of the 4 mm beads, using three seed beads in each stitch three-drop even-count peyote. Keep the tension firm. As you work these rows, the beadwork will tend to twist or curl very slightly. Do not worry about this when you add the rows on the other side, the band will straighten out.

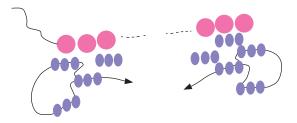




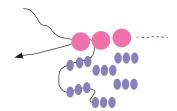


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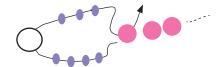
- If you can handle a slightly longer length of thread, it reduces the chance that you will need to add more thread as you bead, but you should be aware that a longer working thread means more chance of tangles.
- "4 mm" semiprecious round beads can vary a lot in actual size, both within a single material and between materials.



**7.** Go back through the first set of three seed beads added in the first row, then back through the end 4 mm bead, to exit at the end of the bracelet.



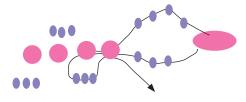
**8.** Pick up 4 seed beads, the end link of the extension chain, and three seed beads. Go back through the first 4 mm bead. Pull up the thread firmly, so that the seed beads form a neat loop though the chain link.



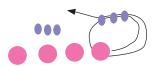
**9.** Work three-drop even-count peyote along the other side of the 4 mm beads, to the end, keeping the tension firm. The thread will come out of the second last 4 mm bead.



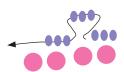
10. Go through the last 4 mm bead, through the loop of seed beads at the end, back through the first two 4 mm beads, back though the set of seed beads ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRACELET alongside the 4 mm bead just exited, and then through the last 4 mm bead, exiting at the end of the bracelet.



11. Pick up three seed beads, and go back through the last 4mm bead again, exiting at the end of the bracelet, then through the three seed beads just added.



**12.** Work three-drop even-count peyote along the row, to the end, keeping the tension firm. When you exit the last set of seed beads, there will be a 4 mm bead at the end with no seed beads alongside it.



**13.** Go through the last 4 mm bead, around the loop of seed beads at the end, back through the last two 4 mm beads, back

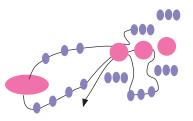
#### **BEADNER**d

• Three-drop evencount peyote stitch is worked exactly the same as evencount peyote stitch, but you pick up three beads in each stitch, instead of one.

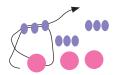
#### TOPtip

- Keep your tension firm. This helps to keep the band flat, though a little ruffle looks quite pretty.
- Semi-precious beads can have small holes. You may need to use a finer needle where multiple thread passes are made though the beads at each end of the bracelet.

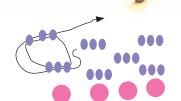
through either set of seed beads alongside this 4 mm bead, then back through the end 4 mm bead.



**14.** Pick up three seed beads, go back through the end 4 mm bead, and then back though the seed beads just added.



- **15.** Work three-drop even-count peyote along the row, to the end, keeping the tension firm. Your final stitch will bring the thread out of the seed beads alongside the second 4 mm bead from the end.
- **16.** Go through the seed beads alongside the end 4 mm bead. Pick up three seed beads, then go back through the seed beads just stitched through, then through the seed beads you just picked up.



17-19. Repeat Step 15 & 16 twice

**20.** Finish off both threads, in the seed beads.

#### "Inspiration"

• I was trying to replicate a design I made a few years ago, where the band twists round on itself. The beads I chose to make the core were not the same size as the original, so when I stitched the seed bead rows, the band did not twist, but made a fairly flat, lacy-looking band.

#### colourwise

- Choose seed beads that pick out the prominent colours in the semiprecious beads. Examples:
- Rose Quartz with Miyuki matte transparent light tea rose AB, 11-155FR
- Amethyst, with Miyuki fuschia lined aqua lustre, 11-352
- Moss Agate, with Miyuki gunmetal iris, 11-456
- Kyanite, with Miyuki silver-lined crystal AB, 11-1001
- Blue Goldstone, with Miyuki metallic blue iris, 11-452



# workshops

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Shiney Company - 0117 3009800 www.shineyrocks.co.uk

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Introduction to wirework - £20. Level 1 Coiling gismo - £20. See website for other courses.

Riverside Beads - 01778 346810 01778 380238 / 07904 032411 www.riversidebeads.co.uk

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Not The Norm - 07710218354 www.notthenorm.co.uk

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G J Beads - 01736 751070 www.gjbeads.co.uk

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Cornwall School of Art, Craft and Jewellery -Tel: 01208 264155 or check website for details http://www.csacj.co.uk/

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C J Beaders - 01425 279992 www.cjbeaders.co.uk

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www.medwaybeaders.co.uk for more information.

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Beads Amore - 01689 857715 http://www.beadsamore.co.uk

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Beads Forever - Tel: 01772 745049 www.beadsforever.co.uk

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The Bead Shop - 0161 833 9950 www.jewellerymaking-classes.co.uk

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Raggle Taggle Beads - 01953 851734 http://www.raggletagglebeads.co.uk

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Sparkle & Flair - 01379 855491 www.sparkleandflair.co.uk

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The Spellbound Bead Co - 01543 417650 www.spellboundbead.co.uk

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he most sparkling event of the beading calendar takes place on October 18th, courtesy of your favourite magazine.

If you love beading and jewellery there really is no other place to be on that Saturday.

The Big Bead Show is Britain's biggest all-beading event, and attracts thousands of eager beaders from all over the world every year.

The fabulous show, organised by Bead & Jewellery magazine, has been running at Sandown Park, Esher, in Surrey for the past seven years and continues to grow in appeal.

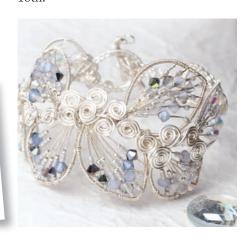
No wonder! It features top designers and leading shops and suppliers from all over the UK selling products they're proud of. The show, staged in a light and airy hall, is an absolute magical wonderland of beading and jewellery supplies.

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See you at Sandown on October 18th.





#### Don't miss this inspiring display

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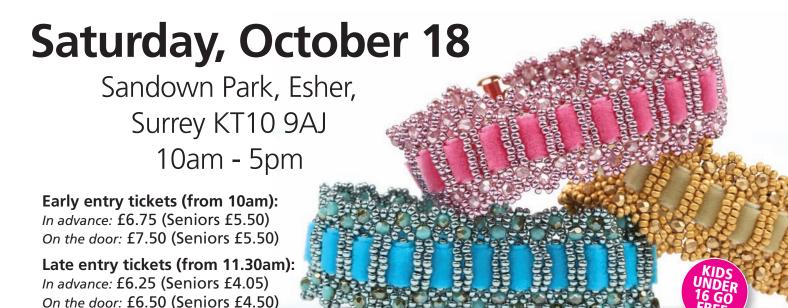
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# Chainmaille, Inverted Roundmaille with Julie Holt

This gorgeous round weave makes a stunning chain that is great for bracelets and necklaces! Looks fabulous wo-

ven with 2 or 3 different
coloured rings too
and it can even
be stuffed with
sparkly beads!
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In this workshop we use tubular Herringbone to make lovely sinuous lengths



of beadwork which are then plaited together to form a bracelet. The fastening is a loop with a peyote stitch toggle. The design could very easily be extended to make a necklace. Suitable for beginners, though familiarity with Herringbone and Peyote stitch would be an advantage. *Sponsored by Beads Direct*.



### Beaded Hair Comb with Sheridan Lane

Using wire and beads you will complete a one off beaded hair comb. You will also be shown lots of tips and techniques for working with wire and how to make beaded flowers, these flowers can then be added to your hair comb or put on hair grips. Fun way to start working with wire.

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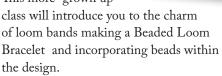
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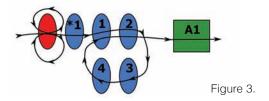


# Twisted ROPES

Iryna Hamilton shows how to create a beautiful twisted rope using St Petersburg stitch, with a special wintry variation

This rope is based on St Petersburg's stitch, although in Russia it is sometimes referred to as 'stepped chain'. St Petersburg's chain contains two rows of stepped chain connected together in mirror reflection. Once you have mastered the basic technique, you can vary it in a number of different ways.

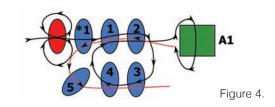
**3.** Pick up 1 (A) - marked A1 – and pass back through beads 2, 1 and \*1. See figure 3.



#### **Variation 1: Four Link Rope**

1. Use a stop bead (you will remove this at the end, before you attach your clasp) and string 5 (B). Let's call them \*1, 1, 2, 3, 4. See figure 1.

**4.** Pick up 1(B) – referred to as bead 5 – and pass through beads 4 and 3. This completes your first link. See figure 4.

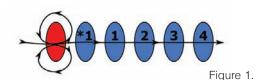


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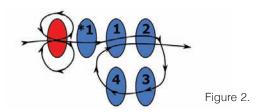
- Toho 6/0 in hematite metallic (A)
- Toho 8/0 in opaque black (B)
- Toho 11/0 in hematite metallic (C)

#### TOOLbox

- Beading tread;
- Beading needles size 10 or 12
- Clasps, memory wire or anything else you think you need to finish your



2. Pass through bead 1 and 2, missing out the first bead (\*1). See figure 2.

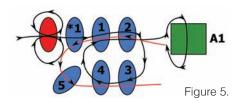


5. To start your next link and every subsequent link, pick up 4(B) and slide them along your thread, right up to bead 3 (the last bead in your previous link). Pass through the first two of these beads again (referred to as beads 2.1 and 2.2 in figure 5), moving in a circular direction as shown. The second two beads (2.3 and 2.4 in figure





5) will be referred to below as the 'foundation beads'.



**6.** Repeat steps 3 and 4 to complete your second link. See figure 6.

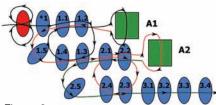
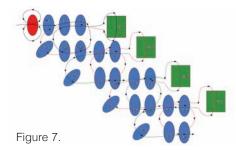


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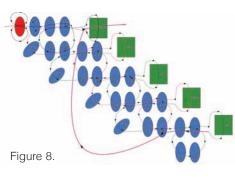
**7.** Use the same technique, to create two more links, so each time you will be repeating steps 5 and 6. See figure 7.



#### **Creating the Rope**

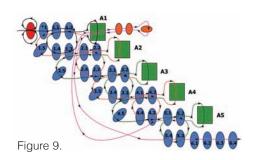
**8.** Start the fifth link, but when you have added the (A) bead in this link, pass back through three beads, but instead of picking up 'bead 5', pass

through bead A1 at the very start of your chain. See figure 8. From this point onwards, in every link, instead of adding a 'bead 5', you will be passing through the (A) bead that is five links back from the one on which you are working.



#### **Adding the spikes**

**9.** Before starting the next link, you will create a spike. You should be exiting from an (A) bead. Pick up 3 (C) and pass back through the first two (C), then through your (A) bead, to create a little picot spike. From the (A) bead, pass through the two foundation beads from the final link, so you are ready to pick up the next 4 (B) to start the next link. See figure 9.



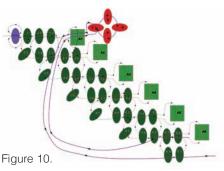
- 10. Keep repeating steps 8 and 9 to add links, join the rope and add the spikes, until your rope is almost the desired length. When you add the final four links, replace the (A) beads with (B) beads and do not add the spikes. This will allow the end to taper so you can attach a clasp.
- **11.** Add your choice of clasp to each end of the rope. Remember to remove the stop bead from the start before you attach the clasp.

# Variation 2: Christmas berries twisted rope

To make this rope use large Toho triangle beads in silver lined emerald for your (A) beads, Size 11/0, Toho emerald transparent luster for the (B) beads, Size 11/0, Toho lustre opaque cherry red for the (C) beads.

This variation is a 'five link' rope, so you will add an extra flat link to make five flat links (following steps 1-7) and then on the sixth link, start to join the beads into the rope (step 8).

To create the berries, instead of making a spike (step 9), you will pick up 4 (C) and pass through the first (C) again, moving in a circular direction as you would if you were stitching a Right Angle Weave unit. From here, pass through the (A) and then through your last foundation beads, ready to start the next link. See figure 10.





#### Over to you...more possibilities to try!

Try mixing different sizes of beads: change the size of your (A) bead on every 20th link in order to create a curved rope.

Change the way you return to your foundation beads: instead of adding a spike or a berry, then passing back through the (A) bead and into the foundation beads, simply pick up 2 size 11 beads and move straight to the foundation beads without passing back through your (A) bead.

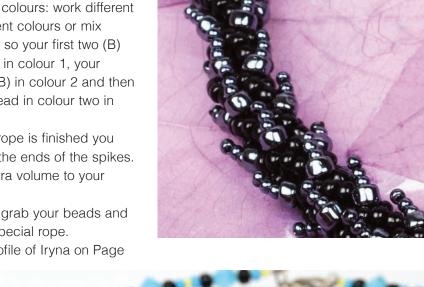
Experiment with your spikes or berries: you can vary the number of beads and the layout of this picot to create different effects and textures. See figure 11 for a few different ideas.

Mix up the colours: work different links in different colours or mix within the link so your first two (B) beads will be in colour 1, your second two (B) in colour 2 and then add an (A) bead in colour two in each link.

After your rope is finished you can connect the ends of the spikes. It will give extra volume to your rope.

So go and grab your beads and create your special rope.

See the profile of Iryna on Page



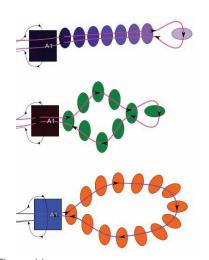


Figure 11.





#### **BEAD**store

- 11° round seed beads:
- A, bronze metallic, 60 g
- B, matte transparent violet,5 g
- C, silver metallic, 4
- D, matte blue metallic, 5 g
- E, matte transparent chartreuse, 5 g
- F, matte transparent fuchsia, 5 g
- G, matte transparent aqua,5 g
- H, semi-matte opaque olivine, 5 g

#### TOOLDOX

- Gold nylon thread
- Size 12 beading needles
- Small, sharp scissors or thread cutter

#### DIMENSIONS

• 36 inches (91.4 cm) long

#### **TECHNIQUES**

 Tubular evencount peyote stitch Is it a beaded representation of DNA? Or some kind of a trippy roller coaster? However you interpret its clever construction, this long necklace is beading genius.

#### **Overview**

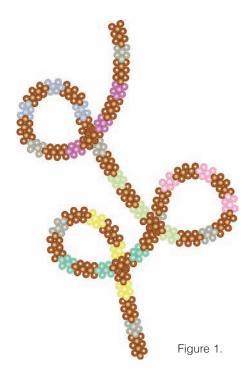
The necklace consists of a core surrounded by four spines running along it. The core and spines are connected by spokes of different lengths, which cause the spines to look as if they're undulating. All rounds in the core, the spines, and the spokes use tubular even-count peyote stitch.

**Note:** Always bead in the same direction—clockwise or counterclockwise, depending on your preference. The peyote tube will spiral in the opposite direction from the direction that you use to complete the beadwork.

Since the peyote stitch is tubular even-count, you'll need to step up at the end of each round. Each time, pass the thread through the first bead of the round that you just completed before starting a new round. Also, tubular even-count peyote stitching with only two beads in each row requires additional strengthening. To achieve this, reinforce each stitch by repeating the thread path in each round before beginning the next round. The reinforcing stitches are omitted from illustrations for simplicity.

#### **Make the Core**

1. The core is made primarily of 11° As,



with the other colours strategically placed to aid in the final assembly (figure 1).

Rounds 1 and 2: String four As, pass through the first bead strung to create a ring, and tie a knot. The first and third beads become Round 1, and the second and fourth beads become Round 2. Round 3, odd round: Using As, peyote stitch the round.

Round 4, even round: Using As, peyote stitch the round.

#### **Pattern**

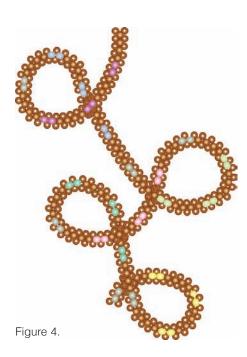
After you complete Rounds 1 through 4, complete the following rounds in peyote stitch: Add two more rounds of two As. \*Add four rounds of two Bs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Bs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Bs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Cs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Ds. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Ds. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Ds. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Cs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Es. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Es. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Es. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Cs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Fs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Fs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Fs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Cs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Gs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Gs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Gs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Cs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Hs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Hs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Hs. Add six rounds of two As. Add four rounds of two Cs.

Repeat from \* two more times, weave in the thread, and set the core aside.

#### **Make the Spines**

Notice that the tubular peyote that you've completed had only two beads in each round, but it gives the illusion of having four sides.

2. Following the pattern below and referring to figure 4, work in tubular even-count peyote stitch to create a spine just as you did for the core in step 1. Note: You add all beads other than As on one side of the spine.



#### **Pattern**

The initial circle of 4 As makes the first two rounds.

Add seven more rounds of two As. \*Add one round of one A and one

Add one round of two As. Add one round of one A and one B. Add nine rounds of two As. Add one round of one A and one B. Add one round of two As. Add one round of one A and one B. Add nine rounds of two As. Add one round of one A and one B. Add one round of two As. Add one round of one A and one B.



Add six rounds of two As.



#### **Rachel Nelson-Smith**

As a master beadweaver,
Rachel Nelson-Smith has taught
and shown her work
internationally. Examples of her
vibrant work appear in
numerous publications. She has
written two books, Seed Bead
Fusion and Rachel NelsonSmith's Bead Riffs, and a third is
in the works.

Add nine rounds of two As.

Add one round of one A and one C.

Add one round of two As.

Add one round of one A and one C.

Add nine rounds of two As.

Add one round of one A and one D.

Add one round of two As.

Add one round of one A and one D.

Add nine rounds of two As.

Add one round of one A and one D.

Add one round of one A and one D.

Add one round of two As.

Add one round of two As.

Add one round of one A and one D.

Add nine rounds of two As.

Add one round of one A and one C.



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Add one round of one A and one G.

Add one round of one A and one G.

Add one round of one A and one C.

Add one round of one A and one C.

Add one round of one A and one H.

Add one round of two As.

Add nine rounds of two As.

Add one round of two As.

Add nine rounds of two As.

Add one round of two As.

Add one round of one A and one H.
Add nine rounds of two As.
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Add one round of one A and one H.
Add one round of two As.
Add one round of two As.
Add one round of one A and one H.
Add nine rounds of two As.
Add one round of one A and one C.
Add one round of two As.
Add one round of one A and one C.
Add nine rounds of two As.

Repeat from \* two more times, weave in the thread, and set the spine aside.

**3.** Repeat step 2 three times to create a total of four identical spines.

#### **Create the Spokes**

The spokes originate from the core, with the end of each spoke connecting to one of the spines. You'll make four spokes of different lengths on the core at each point where the bead colour is other than A, and you'll make those spokes in the same colour as the ones on the core.

The undulating spines connect to the core by spokes. Within each of the 18 undulations is a set of spokes, all the same colour. The middle spokes in each set are nine rounds long, and they're flanked by spokes five rounds long, which in turn are followed by spokes one round long. All spokes one round long are made with Cs.

To begin each spoke, as is shown in figure 5, weave the thread through the beads in the core to exit a non-A bead—the middle set of Bs is shown in the illustration. Work with a single needle and thread.



Figure 5.

**4.** The instructions in this step tell you how to make one nine-round spoke. Note: You attach the spokes to the respective spines as you add them. See step 6 for instructions on attaching each spoke.

Make all 72 of these spokes as are needed along the core, in the central position for spokes of each colour. Note: When adding up rounds in the spokes, count them on the diagonal.

Round 1: String a bead, and working counter-clockwise, stitch down through a bead in the core that is the same colour.

String a bead, and working counter-clockwise, pass up through the core bead where you initially started to complete the round.

Rounds 2 through 9: Peyote stitch the rounds.

**5.** On either side of the 9-round spokes are 5-round spokes. Begin the 5-round spokes in the same manner as the 9-round spokes but make them only five rounds long. Make all 144 of them as are needed along the core.

Begin the 1-round spoke in the same manner as the 9-round spoke at each set of Cs on the core but make each only one round long. You need 72 along the core; make them all.

**6.** You attach spokes to a spine as you make them. To attach a spoke, line up one spine with the core so that all sets of non-A beads are coordinated—Bs of the core with Bs of the spine, Cs of the core with Cs of the spine, and so on.

Working in tubular even-count peyote stitch again and without adding new beads, stitch through one co-ordinating bead on the spine, through the other bead in the last round on the spoke, and through the other co-ordinating bead of the spine (figure 9). Repeat the thread path to secure this attachment. Weave back to the next spot on the core to add the next spoke.

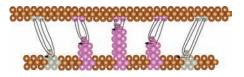


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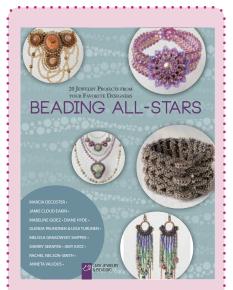
#### Finish the Necklace

**7.** After you've attached all the spines to the spokes, it is time to connect the two ends of the

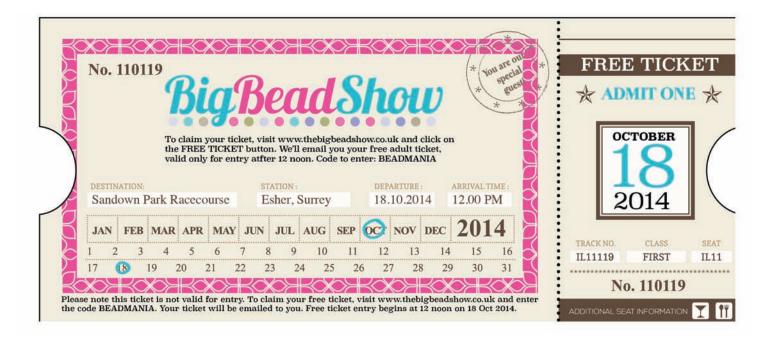
necklace to form a continuous circle of beadwork, needing no clasp. Working in tubular even-count peyote stitch and without adding new beads, stitch through the coordinating bead at one end of the core and weave as described in step 7 (figure 10). Remember to reinforce this connection.



Figure 10.



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# FOOD for THOUGHT

When Patience Boggis needs inspiration with her jewellery making, she heads straight to the local patisserie to sample their tempting desserts. All in the name of creativity, of course!

### Boggis is an unusual name. Where are you from?

I was born and bred in a small village in North Norfolk. I grew up with one older brother and lots and lots of amazing pets!

#### Do you still live in Norfolk?

Yes. I currently live in a cosy little one bedroom flat with my fiance and two cats! My mother and father live close by and my older brother is studying away from home.

# You're disabled. How has that effected your working life?

After graduating from Norwich University College of the Arts I managed to find myself a small part-time job working on the tills in my local town, but due to my life-long disability I found I had to give up my job. It was just too hard to manage my disability along with working.

However, after after going to a few little local craft fairs and fetes with my jewellery, the feedback I got gave me the boost in confidence I needed to go it alone and start making my own money, which actually allowed me work around my limitations perfectly!

Now I work more or less full-time from home, selling online via Facebook and in shops. I also travel to events.

## What materials do you use to make your 'food' jewellery?

The primary material is polymer clay. I especially love the liquid clay version you can get. It's great to use, allows me to 'ice' my mini cupcake charms perfectly, and gives a great realistic finish!

I use a huge range of materials to add the finishing touches to my charms. Every tin, draw and box in our flat is full of all sorts of pretty glitters, sequins, paints and pastels. One of my favourite materials to decorate are micro marbles which makes the perfect hundreds and thousand sprinkles for my cupcakes, cakes and ice cream charms!

#### What's in your toolbox?

In my work toolbox you would find lots of different household items too! For example, scrunched up tinfoil is great for making a 'sponge' like texture. Sandpaper and cocktail sticks are also must-haves.





Every day I encounter a whole variety of problems and challenges from temperature changes (summer = VERY sticky clay!) or when I use light-coloured clay every speck of fluff shows up and gets stuck to it. That isn't very helpful when I also have two very curious cats! Sometimes I have to scrub up like I am going in for surgery just so I can get perfectly white clay!

#### Have you always been artistic?

I have always loved being creative and 'hands on', and studied art and also graphic design for my GCSEs and A levels. I then followed this up by taking my Art Foundation Degree, which led to an offer to study at Norwich University of the Arts. I graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree with honors.

Even though none of my classes I ever took related directly to jewellery and bead making I do feel it has kept my creativity growing and allowed me to get to the age where I was ready to start my own business!

## Do you enjoy eating food as well as 'making' it?

As you can probably tell I absolutely LOVE my food! I have a huge sweet tooth too. One of my favourite things to do when I have a creative block is to go to a patisserie or bakery and look at their beautiful handmade desserts and treats to get inspiration for charms to make. And of course I need to sample a cake or too while I'm there! It's a tough life!

I also love to create pieces that are really recognisable and almost iconic, like the classic cupcake shape, or lolly.

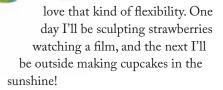
I have fallen madly in love with one



You said your flat was 'cosy'. Have you got room to work?

Living in our tiny little one bedroom flat, dedicated workspace is very limited, but I have managed to adapt. All I usually need to start sculpting is my glass board, sculpting tools and a big cup of coffee and I can work anywhere! I





#### Sounds like you really enjoy your work?

I just absolutely love working with polymer clay. It's great to make miniature food charms, the effects you can achieve are fantastic and so realistic. But there is also so much more you can do with it too... the possibilities are literality endless!

Since discovering polymer clay I have found I have developed my own sculpting style. I hope people can look at my work and know that it's mine. I also like to stick to one area and that is tasty treats! I love to be known for something so fun, bright and exciting, and making jewellery that makes everyone smile!

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# Riverside Beads celebrate in style

Donna McKean Smith 's passion for jewellery making shines through at the shop she founded twelve years ago

iverside Beads recently celebrated their twelfth birthday and celebrated by expanding and adding a great new range of beads, cords, Kumihimo materials and findings to name a few!

The shop was established in 2002 alongside a sister papercraft company, Riverside Crafts. Both businesses are based within the craft centre in Market Deeping. Peterborough.

Founder and owner Donna McKean Smith said: "A visit to our shop can fill a day! We are online with a great selection too. We attend some shows around the country including the Big Bead Show, NEC & Make it. We stock most things a beader's imagination will allow includ-

ing one of the UK's largest selection of findings in eight colours, innovative new products and our exclusive snowflake spacer beads."

Donna has had a passion for craft and jewellery making from a young age. She said: "My first love was Fimo and I went on to make a beaded Fimo necklace for one of my GCSE projects. I am a qualified financial adviser but after having my family young I decided I wanted a job that meant I could bring up my family. So Riverside was born!

"We have slowly grown over the years to be the area's number one craft and bead shop and now have visitors from all over the country to our wellstocked store."

Riverside host daily good value workshops and regularly hold make and takes or demos to show customers their latest ideas.

> Donna said: "We have a fab team of demonstrators who specialise in their own craft from wirework to chain maille, bead weaving to Kumihimo





along with all our other craft classes too. We are available to visit local groups and also welcome groups to us for a demo and to make use of our workshop area.

"Donna designs for various bead publications including Bead and Jewellery magazine and also designs many of Riverside's popular kits."

She said: "My latest passion has been to provide inspiring Kumihimo ideas and I've produced some great new designs and kits for our collection. I also teach many of our classes and love to work with beginners on a subject and see how well their skills develop after one of our courses.

I was so excited to produce my first Riverside jewellery making kit and our own pliers range too."

A visit to Riverside will be an inspiring trip.

#### S*ee*More

50-56 High Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough, PE6 8EB Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10-5pm; Sun and bank holidays 11-4pm Website: www.riversidebeads.co.uk Email: riversidebeads@yahoo.co.uk Phone: 01778 344550



# Cornwall School of Art, Craft and Jewellery

The Cornwall School of Art, Craft and Jewellery, based near Bodmin in Cornwall, runs a wide variety of classes all year round in a beautiful, countryside location close to beaches and tourist attractions - the perfect location for a creative break!



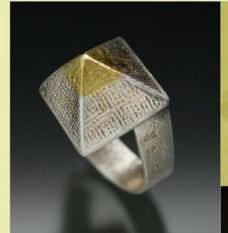
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