



Floral Pinch Beads

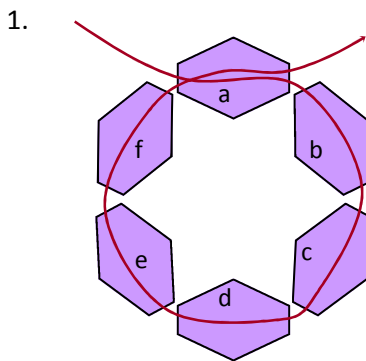
Materials

- 18 x 5 x 3mm Czech glass pinch beads (18 per bead)
- Size 11 Czech Glass seed beads (6 beads)
- 1m x 0.25mm clear supplemax thread

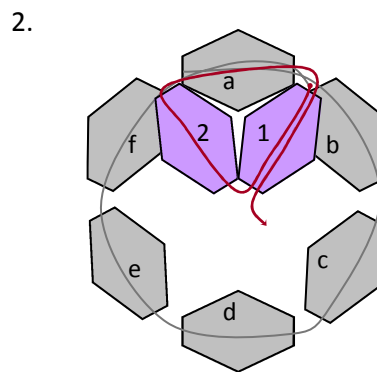


Thread tension is really important, spending a little time getting it right will give you really neat results.

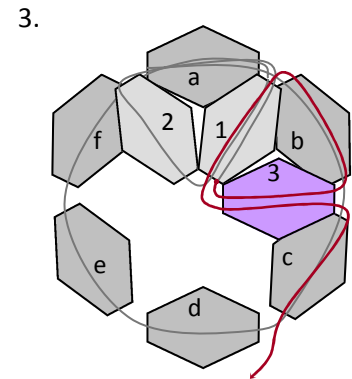
New beads added in each step will be highlighted in purple and new thread paths in red.



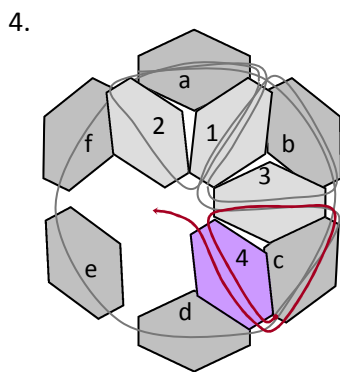
1. Cut a manageable length of thread (approx. 1 m). Thread on 6 x pinch beads, take one end of the thread through the first bead again, in the same direction, creating a ring of beads. Slide the ring of beads so that it is sat roughly in the centre of the thread. This ring has the labels a-f to make it easier to identify them on the next steps.



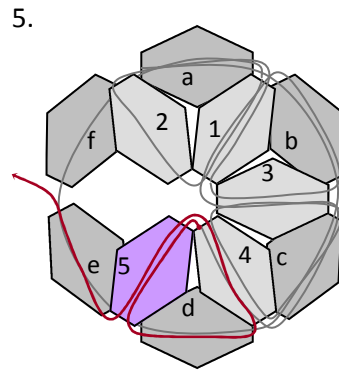
2. Pick up two new pinch beads (1 & 2) and go through bead a, creating a small triangle of beads, take the thread through bead 1 again, ready for the next step.



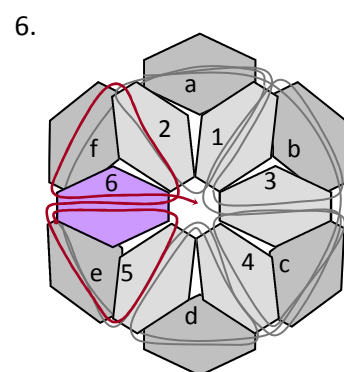
3. Pick up 1 new pinch bead (3) thread through the next bead from the original circle (b) towards the previous triangle, thread through bead 1 and through bead 3 again, to complete the next triangle. Thread through the next bead in the outer circle (c) ready for step 4.



4. Pick up 1 new pinch bead (4) thread through bead 3, followed by c where you started from, then back through bead 4.

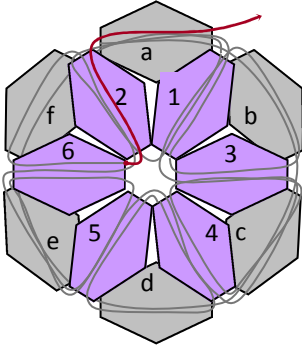


5. Pick up 1 new pinch bead (5) thread through bead d, followed by bead 4, then back through bead 5, followed by bead e, the next in the outer circle.



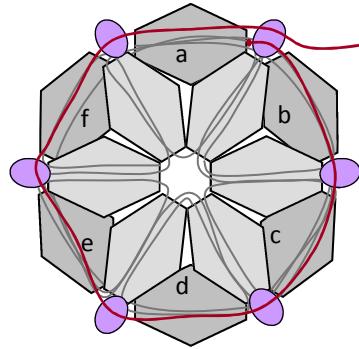
6. Pick up 1 new pinch bead (6) thread back through bead 2, bead f and back through 6 again.

7.



7. Turn your bead over and working with the other end of thread repeat steps 2 - 6 to complete this side of the bead. Finish by taking your thread through bead 2 followed by *a*, ready for step 8.

8.



8. Pick up 1 size 11 seed bead, thread through the next outer circle bead (*b*). Pick up another seed bead and go through bead *c*, continue in this way adding beads in between the pinch beads in the outer circle. Finish by going through the first seed bead added. Secure both ends of thread by tying half knots around the thread in between two beads, thread through a few more beads, tie another knot, then thread through a few more beads before cutting off the excess. You have a complete floral pinch bead!



Your finished Floral Pinch Beads can be used for loads of different jewellery projects including bracelets, necklaces or earrings. For this bracelet example the beads have been threaded on to 2mm leather cord with a sliding knot. They would also fit onto a chunky snake chain bracelet. They are also easily turned into earrings, like this example with 4mm xilion beads either side of the floral pinch bead on a headpin, the xilion beads ensure the floral bead sits centrally on the pin making for a neat finish.

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