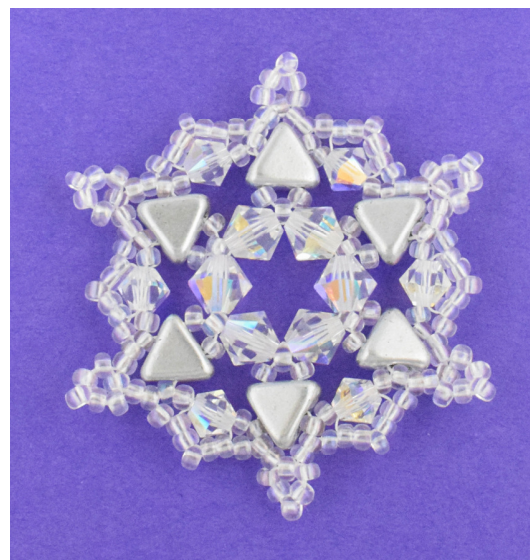


Sparkling Snowflake

Materials

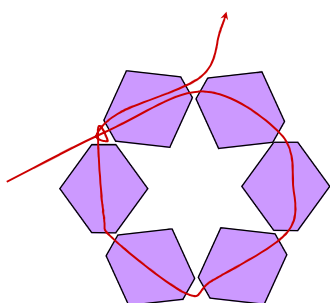
- 6 x 5mm Swarovski Xilion beads
- 6 x 4mm Swarovski Xilion beads
- 6 x 6mm Kheop par Puca 2 hole beads
- 144 (approx. 1.1g) x Size 11 Seed Beads
- 1m x 0.15mm white wildfire
- Size 10 Beading needle



New thread paths in each step are highlighted in **red**. New beads in each step are added in **purple**. It's a good idea to read through the pattern before starting to help you visualise how it all comes together.

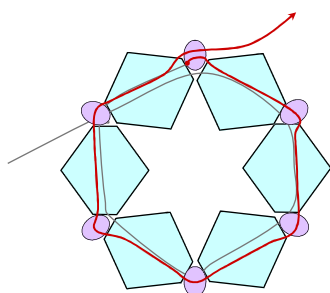
This lovely sparkling snowflake pattern was created by Steph Gibbs - she loves the wonderful geometric & symmetrical shapes created by nature and has captured them in this beautiful decoration. This pattern is aimed at both beginner and intermediate level beaders. For beginners; work your snowflake up to step 4, then fasten off your threads. If you'd like more of a challenge continue on to step 5 to add a spiky edge to your snowflake.

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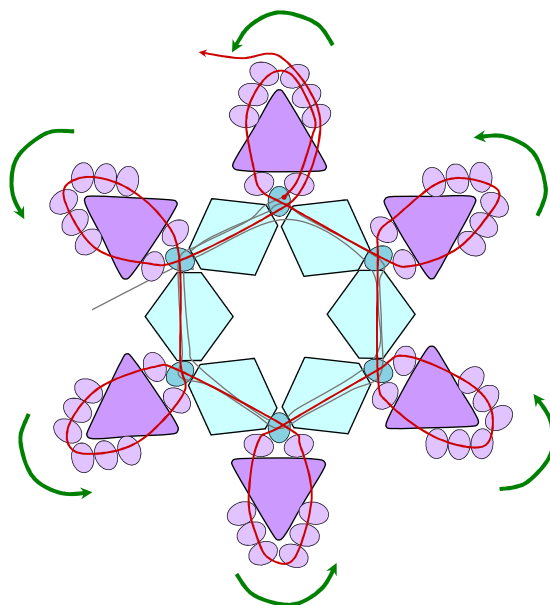
1. Cut a 1m length of thread. Thread your needle and pick up 6 x 5mm Xilion beads, tie the two ends of thread together using a double knot; creating a circle. Leave a tail of thread long enough to fasten off later (approx. 8cm), thread through the first bead in the circle again.

2.



2. Pick up 1 seed bead, thread through the next Xilion bead, repeat this until you have 1 seed bead in between each Xilion, finish by going through the first seed bead added in this step.

3.



3. Pick up 1 seed bead, thread through a Kheop bead (on the side with 2 holes), pick up 6 seed beads, thread down through the other hole in the Kheop bead (so the 6 beads sit over the point) pick up 1 more seed bead and thread back through the seed bead in between the Xilion bead that you started from, in the same direction, followed by the next Xilion bead and seed bead. Repeat this 5 more times to add the remaining snowflake 'arms'. Finish this step by threading through the first new seed bead, Kheop bead and the next seed beads of the first arm added.

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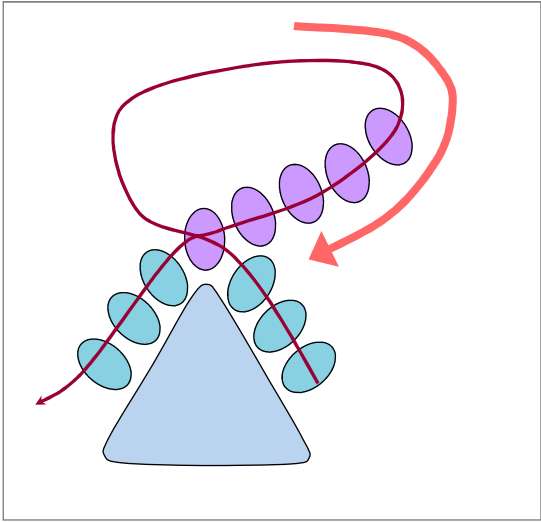
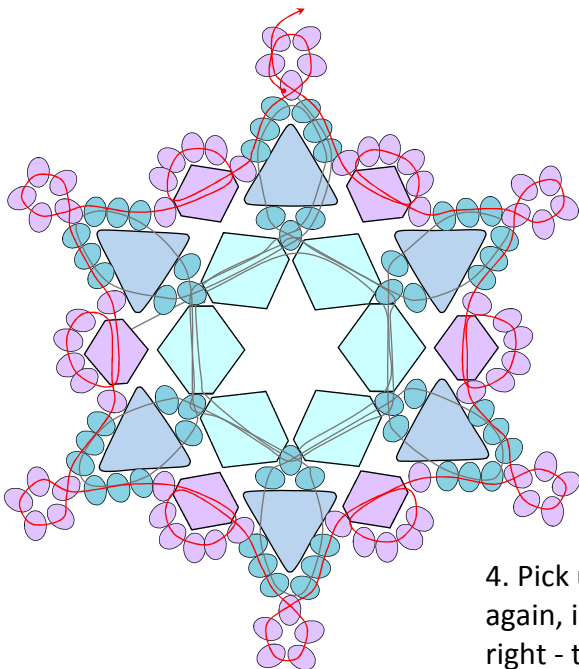
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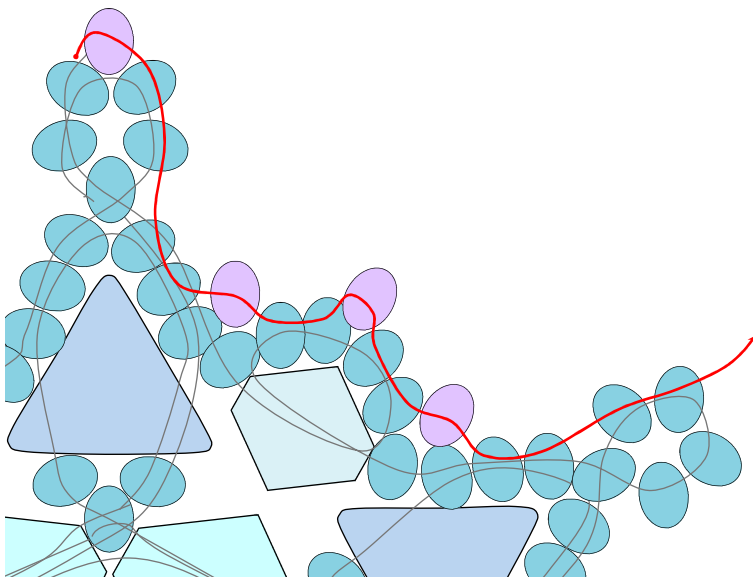
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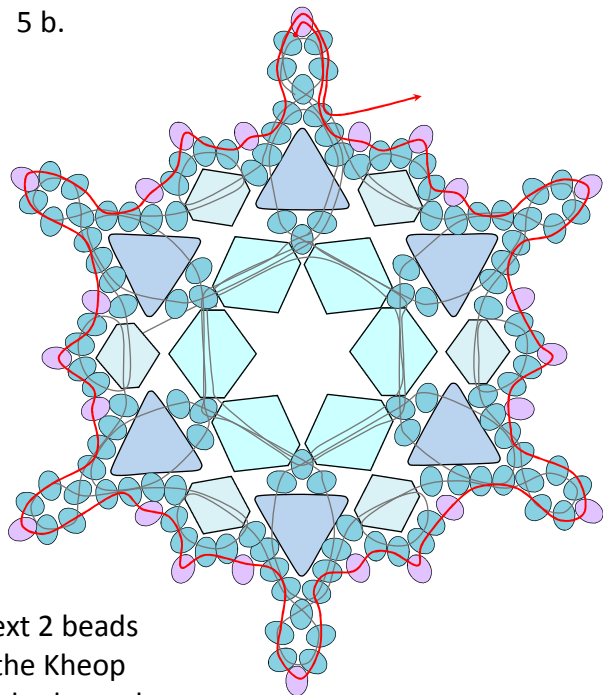


4. Pick up 5 seed beads, thread through the 1st of these beads again, in the same direction (see enlarged diagram above to the right - this will create a small circle) then thread down through the 3 seed beads on the other side of the Kheop bead. Pick up 1 seed bead, followed by 1 x 4mm Xilion bead and 4 more seed bead, thread though just the 4mm Xilion bead again, (in the same direction) pick up 1 more seed bead and thread up the first 3 seed beads along the side of the next Kheop bead. Repeat this 5 more times. Finish by going through the first 3 seed beads at the point above the Kheop bead. *For beginners you can finish your snowflake here; see the fasten off section below.*

5 a.



5 b.



5. **Intermediate level** - Pick up 1 seed bead, thread through the next 2 beads of the small circle, followed by the first 2 beads down the side of the Kheop bead, pick up 1 seed bead and thread through the first 2 seed beads above the 4mm Xilion bead, pick up 1 seed bead and thread through the remaining 2 beads above the 4mm Xilion bead (this will form a point). Pick up 1 seed bead and thread up through the second and third beads of the 2 beads up the side of the Kheop bead, followed by the 2 beads that form the side of the small circle (5 a). Repeat this 5 more times to complete the snowflake, finish by going through the first seed bead added, fasten off your threads. You can use an off cut of the thread to hang your snowflake from one of the points.

Fastening off and securing threads - Tying half hitch knots is a secure way to fasten off your threads; take the needle under the thread in between the bead you are exiting from and the next bead; as you slowly pull the thread through a loop will form, take the needle though the loop in the direction the thread was going, pull the thread tight, this should create a knot around the thread. Thread through a few more beads, tie another half hitch knot, pass through a few more beads then cut off the excess thread - it's important to go through a few beads after a knot, before cutting the excess thread so the knot doesn't become undone.