



Millefiori Beaded Bead

This beaded bead looks complicated, but it is actually quite fast and easy to make

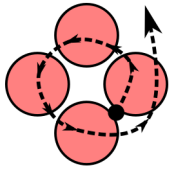


Material (for one beaded bead)

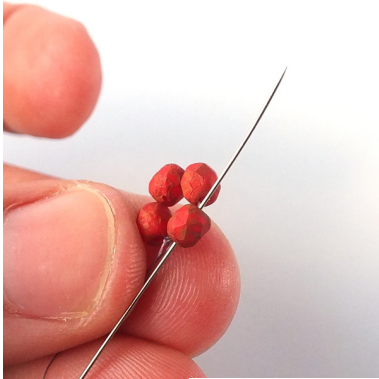
- 4mm firepolished beads (70 pcs)
- Matubo Miniduo (40 pcs, approx. 2.3 gram)
- Matubo Genduo (10 pcs)
- Matubo 8/0 (30 pcs, approx. 1.1 gram)
- Matubo 11/0 (or 11/0 Japanese seed beads) (approx. 1.7 gram)
- 15/0 Japanese seed beads (approx. 0.5 gram)
- 22mm wooden or acrylic round bead (1 pc)

Beading needle and thread (Nymo, Fireline...)

Difficulty: Intermediate



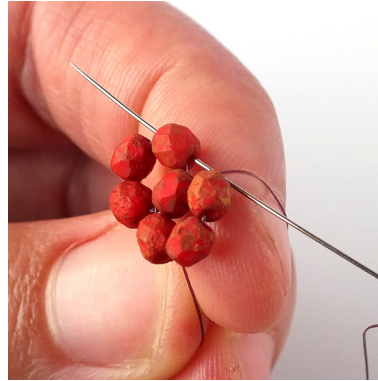
1) String four 4mm FP beads. Slide them to the end of the thread and tie a square knot to form a little square.



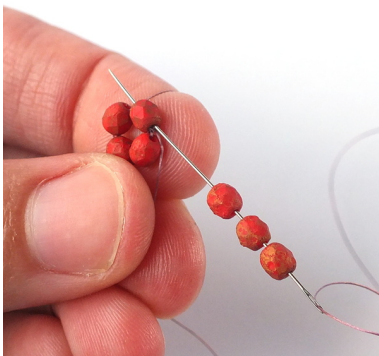
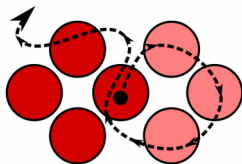
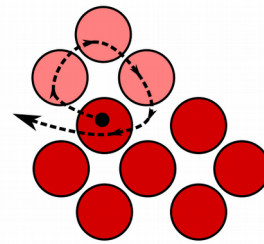
2) Pass through the nearest 4mm FP



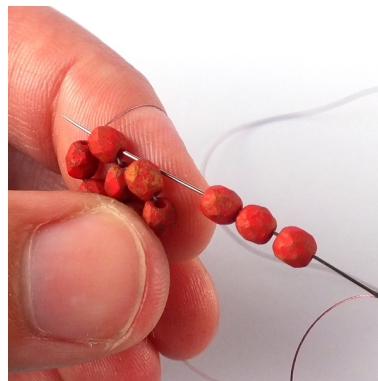
4) This is what you should get.



5) Then pass through the nearest 4mm FP from the original square.



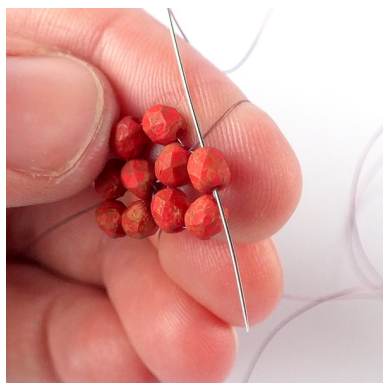
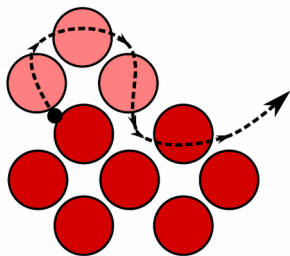
3) Add three 4mm FP and pass through the same bead the thread is exiting from again.



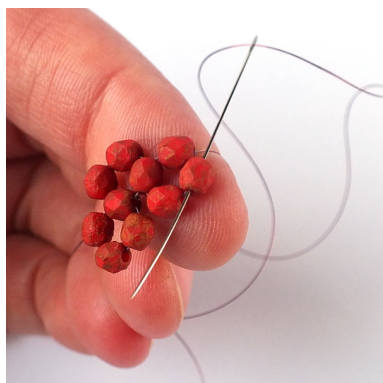
6) Add three 4mm FP and pass through the same bead the thread is exiting from.



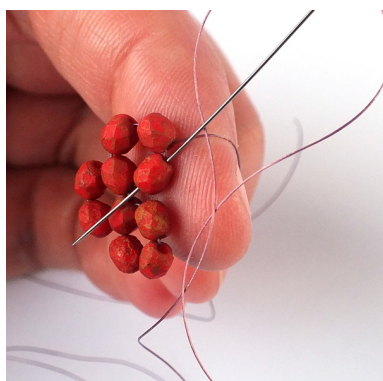
7) This is what you should get.



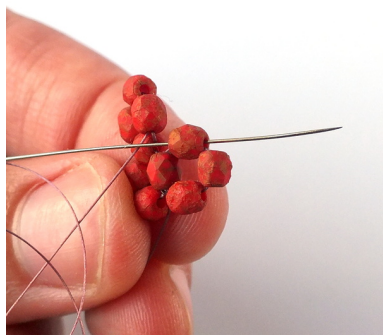
8) Pass through the first bead you added in step 6 ...



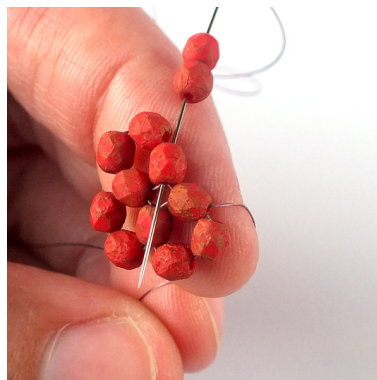
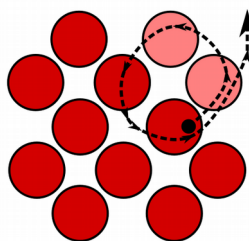
9) ... then through the second one ...



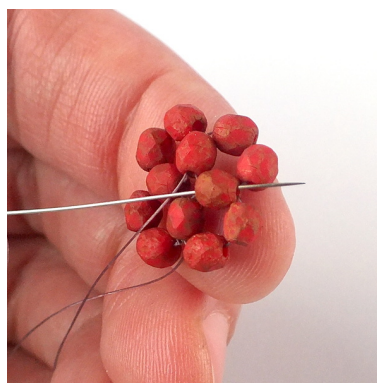
10) ... then through the third one ...



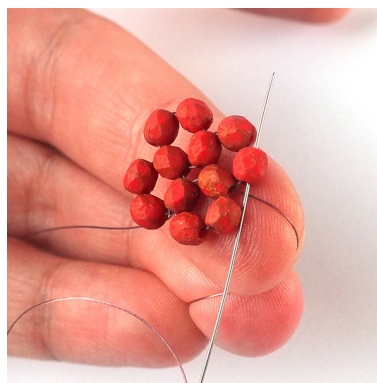
11) ... and then through the nearest bead from the nearest "unit".



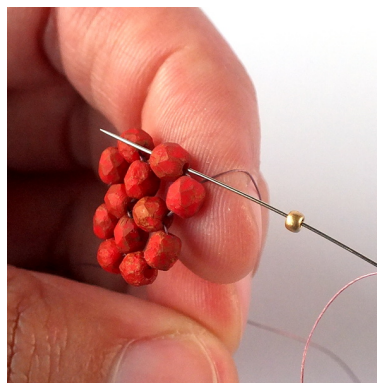
12) Add two beads. Pass through the "third" bead from the previous unit (the one from step 10) again ...



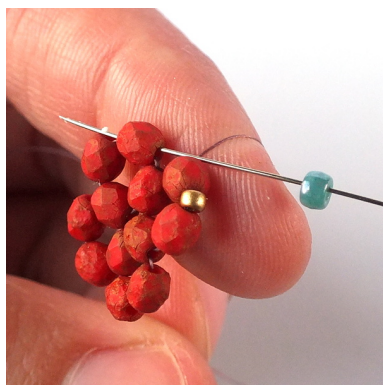
13) ... and then through the same bead you started from in steps 11/12.



14) Pass through the nearest FP bead on the edge of the square.

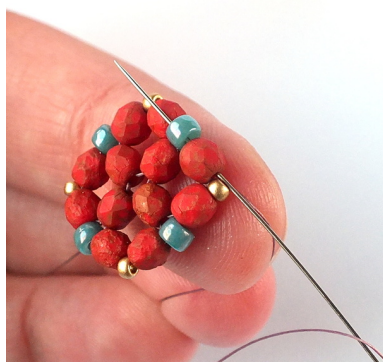
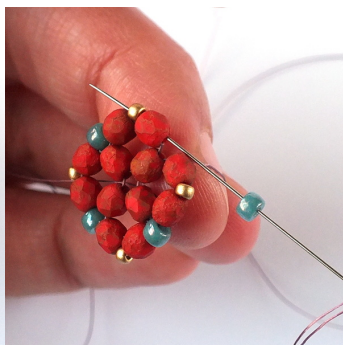
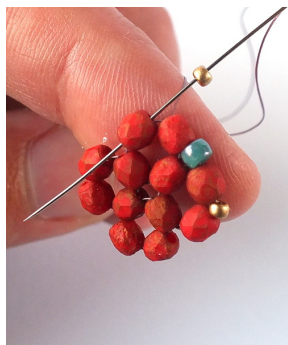


15) In the corner add one 11/0 and pass through the next FP bead.

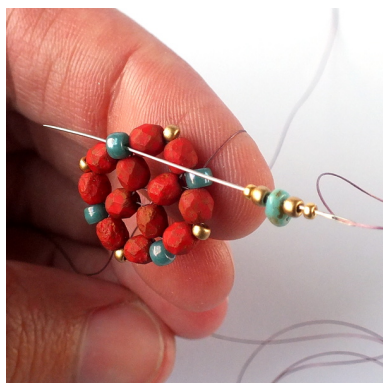


16) On the side of the square add one 8/0 and pass through the next FP bead.

17) Repeat steps 15 and 16, until you reach the end of the row.

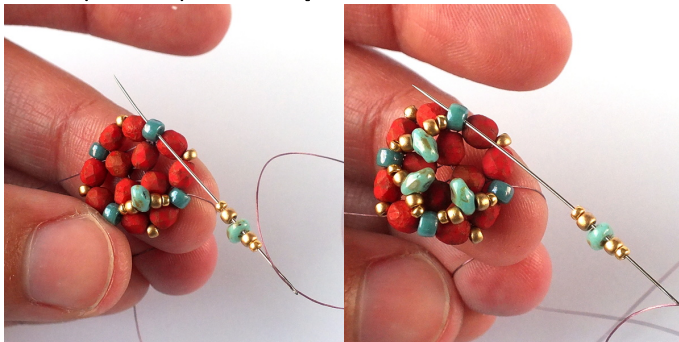


18) Then weave through beads to get to the nearest 8/0.

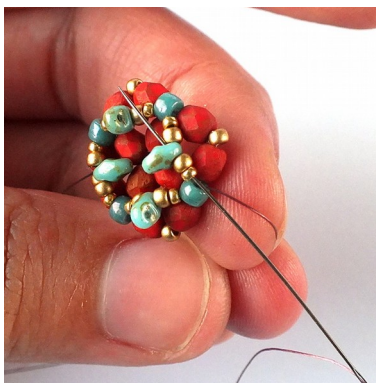


19) Add one 15/0, one 11/0, one Miniduo, one 11/0 and one 15/0 and pass through the next 8/ in the row.

20) Repeat step 19, until you reach the end of the row.



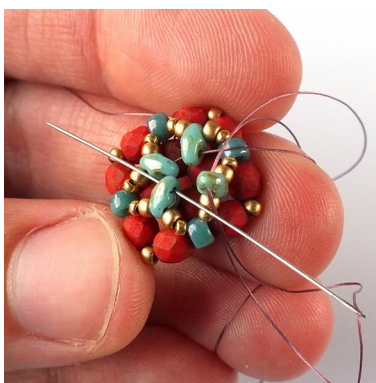
21) Then pass through the next 15/0, 11/0 and the lower hole of the next Miniduo.



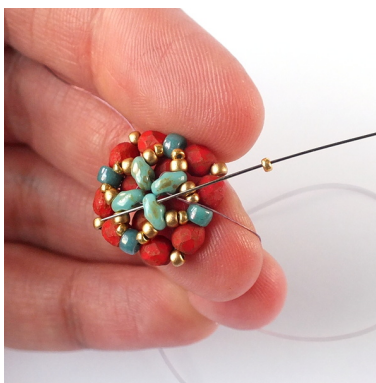
22) Pass back through the upper hole of the same Miniduo.



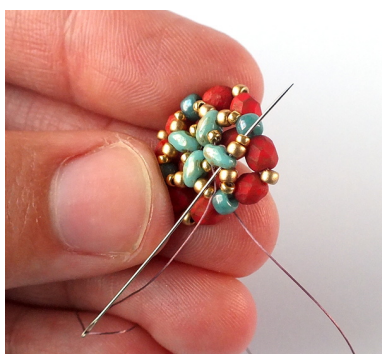
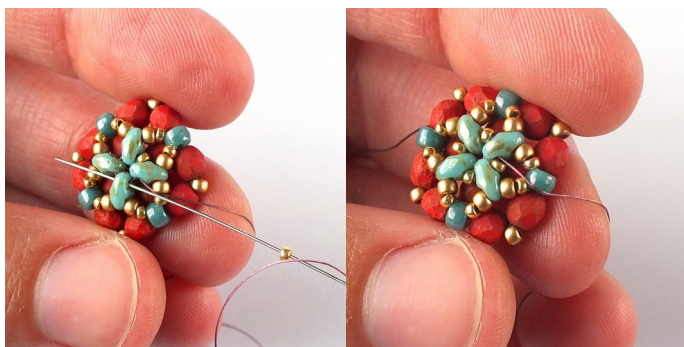
23) And then weave through the upper holes of all the four Miniduos and pull them together.



24) The thread is exiting from one of the Miniduos. Add one 15/0 and pass through the upper hole of the next Miniduo.



25) Repeat step 24, until you reach the end of the row.

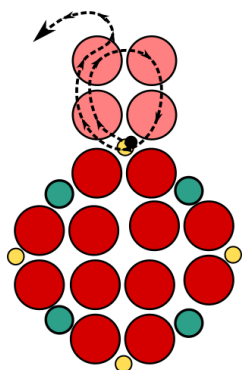


26) The thread is exiting from the upper hole of one of the Miniduos. Pass back through the lower hole of the same Miniduo and also through the next 11/0 and 15/0 ...



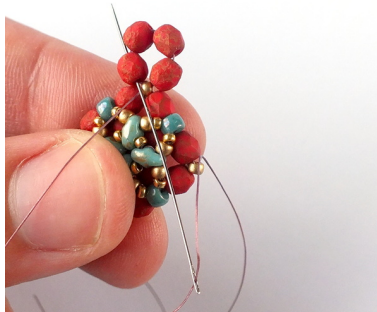
27) ... and also through the next 8/0, 4mm FP and the 11/0 in the corner.

From there we'll start making another square.

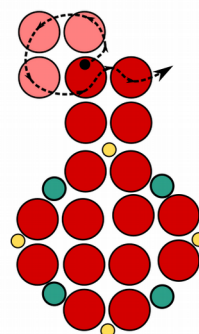


28) Add four 4mm FP and pass through the same 11/0 again.

29) Pass through the first FP you added in the previous step ...



30) ... and then through the second one ...



31) ... and then add three new FP beads and pass through the second one again.



32) This is what you should get.

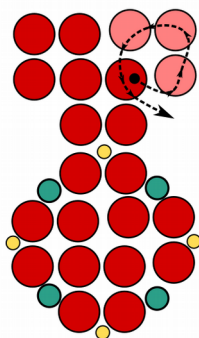




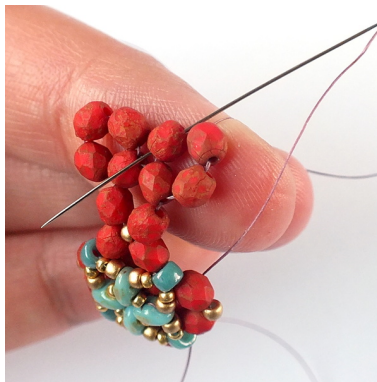
33) And then pass through the nearest bead from the first unit (the one you added in step 28).



36) Then pass through the second one ...



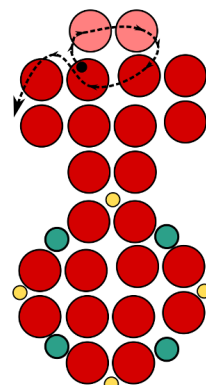
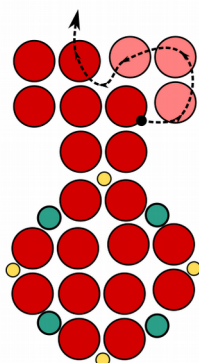
34) Add three 4mm FPs and pass through the same bead the thread is exiting from.



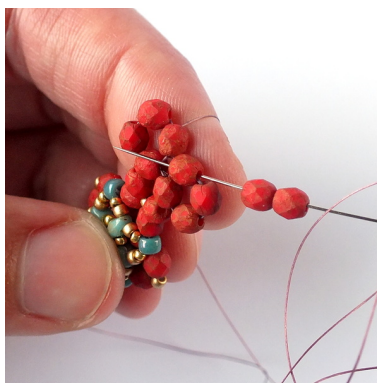
37) ... and then through the third one ...



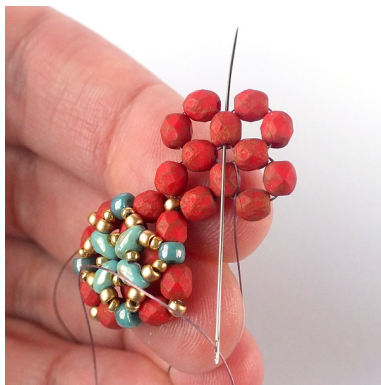
38) ... and then through the nearest bead from the next "unit".



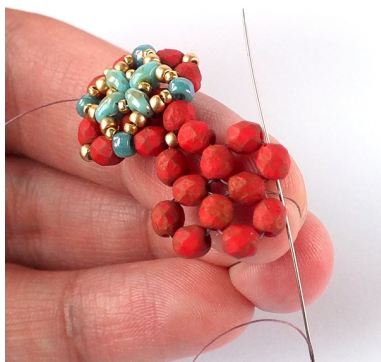
35) Pass through the first bead you added in step 34.



39) Add two 4mm FPs. Pass through the "third" bead from the previous unit (the one from step 37) again ...



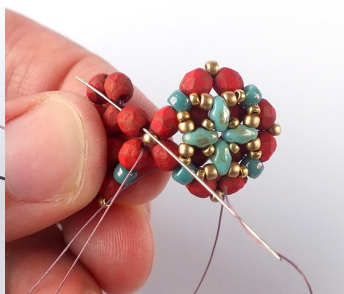
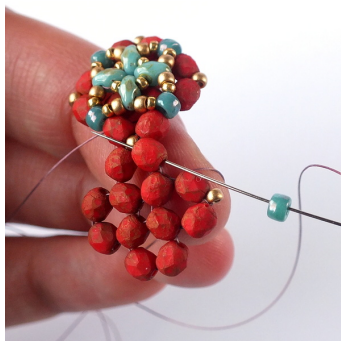
40) ... and then through the same bead from where you started in steps 38/39.



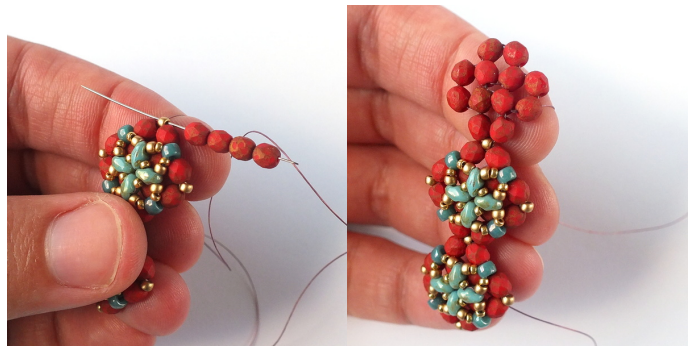
41) Pass through the nearest bead on the edge of the square ...

42) ... and finish the new square by repeating steps 15 – 27. The only difference is that there already is the one 11/0 in the corner that is shared between the two squares – when you reach it, you'll simply skip it.

In the end you should exit from the "end" 11/0 on the new square.



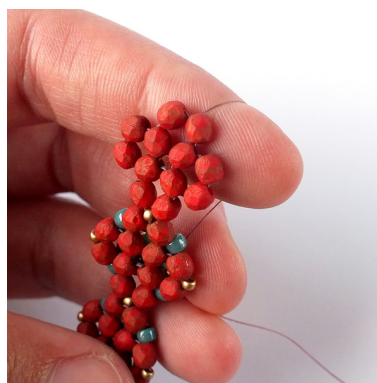
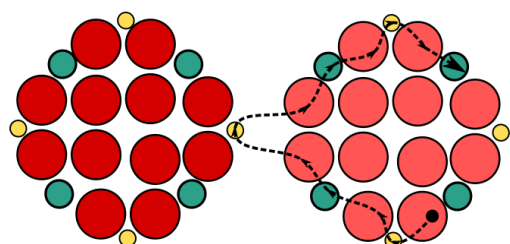
43) Keep adding new squares by repeating steps 28 – 42.



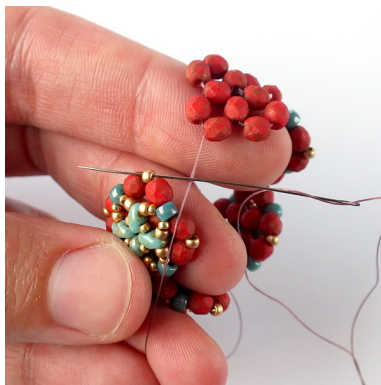
44) You want to make a strip that consists of five squares – as shown in the photo. But before you decorate the last square, you need to connect it to the first one.

The "red" square is the first one. The "pink" one is the last one.

When you're adding the 8/0s and 11/0 around the edge of the last square, don't add new 11/0 in the last corner – use the 11/0 from the other end of the strip instead. Then finish the last square as usual.



45). Like this. The thread is exiting from one of the two FPs at the end of the strip.



46) Now we're going to pass through the 11/0 on the other end of the strip ...



51) Add one 11/0, one 4mm FP and one 11/0 and pass through the corresponding 4mm FP on the next square ...



47) ... and then through the second 4mm FP on the last square



52) ... through the next 11/0 and through the next 4mm FP

48) Now both ends are connected to create a ring and you can finish decorating the last square like in steps 15 - 28.

53) Repeat steps 51 and 52, until you reach the end of the row.



49) Weave through beads to get to the nearest 11/0 on the side of the ring.



54) Then weave through beads to get to the other side of the ring ...



50) Pass through the next 4mm FP on the same square.



55) ... and repeat steps 49 - 53 again.



56) You can put the core bead inside. If you kept your tension tight enough, the bead should hold inside just fine.



61) Repeat steps 58 – 60, until you reach the end of the row.



57) Weave through beads to get to the nearest "new" 4mm FP you added in this row.



62) Pass through the first 11/0, lower hole of the next Miniduo and the next Gemduo ...



58) Add one 11/0, one Miniduo, one Gemduo, one Miniduo and one 11/0 ...



63) ... and then pass back through the upper hole of the same Gemduo.



59) ... and pass through the next "new" 4mm FP in the row.



64) Add two 11/0s and pass through the upper hole of the next Miniduo.



60) This is what you should get.
The back side of the Gemduo should lie against the core bead.



65) Add one 15/0 and pass through the upper hole of the next Miniduo.



66) Add two 11/0s and pass through the upper hole of the next Gemduo.



71) The thread is exiting from the upper hole of one of the Gemduos. Go down through the first ("upper") 11/0 from the next pair:



67) This is what you should get.



72) Go up through the "upper" 11/0 from the next pair:



68) Repeat step 64 ...



73) Add one 11/0, one 8/0 and one 11/0 and go down through the first ("upper") 11/0 from the next pair:



69) ... 65 ...



74) Go up through the "upper" 11/0 from the next pair:

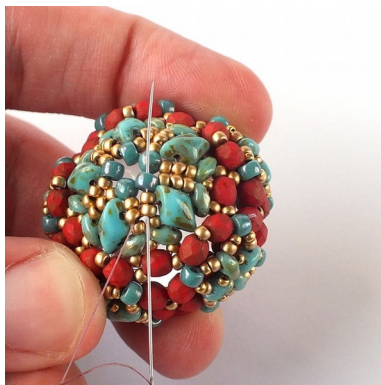


70) ... and 66, until you reach the end of the row.



75) Repeat steps 73 and 74, until you reach the end of the row.





76) Weave through beads to get to the nearest 8/0.



77) Weave through all the five 8/0s and pull them together.



78) The thread is exiting from one of the 8/0s. Add one 15/0 and pass through the next 8/0.



79) Repeat step 81, until you reach the end of the row.



80) The first half of the bead is finished.



81) Weave through beads to get to the other side of the bead.

82) And repeat steps 58-80 there.



83) The bead is finished. Tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off all the remaining thread.



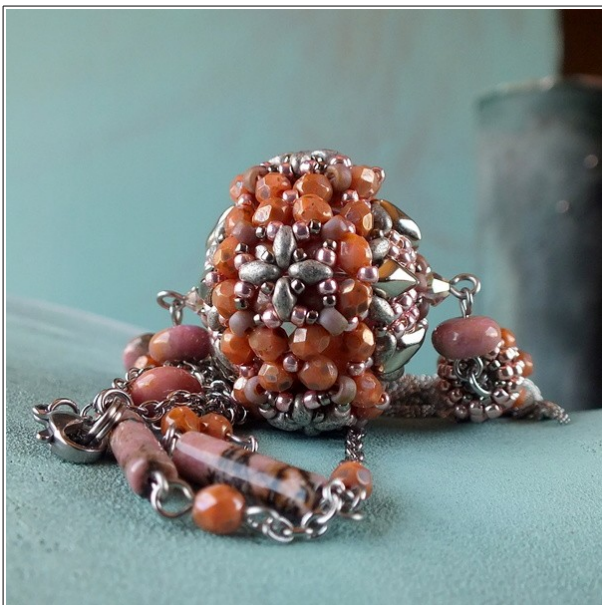
Tip: This beaded bead design is a variation of an earring and pendant design I made for International Beading Week 2019 – you can download the tutorial for free at:

www.nationalbeadingweek.co.uk/Downloads.php

Colorways:



4mm FP 23980
Matubo Miniduo 00030/85455
Matubo Gemduo 00030/85455
Matubo 8/0 53410/86875
Matubo 11/0 23980/90215
15/0 Miuyki seed beads 4517 Brown Picasso



4mm FP 73030/86800/43400
Matubo Miniduo 23980/81002
Matubo Gemduo 00030/37000
Matubo 8/0 23020/86875
11/0 TOHO seed beads PF552
 PF Galvanized Sweet Blush
15/0 Miuyki seed beads 190 Steel

4mm FP 63130/84100/15496
Matubo Miniduo 23020/15001
Matubo Gemduo 63130/85001
Matubo 8/0 63030/15001
11/0 TOHO seed beads 2604F
 Semi Glazed Turquoise
15/0 TOHO seed beads 1010
 Silver-Lined Luster Med.
 Amethyst



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Matubo Gemduo 93200/83500
Matubo 8/0 61100/84110
11/0 TOHO seed beads 2611F
 Semi Glazed Orange
15/0 Miuyki seed beads 190 Steel

4mm FP 93200/84100/15496
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Matubo Gemduo 63030/86805
Matubo 8/0 63130/15001
Matubo 11/0 00030/01710
15/0 Miuyki seed beads 4202
 Duracoat Galvanized Gold

