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Leslie Rogalski shows how to make a netted seed bead bezel around a crystal.

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Netted "capture" bezel

Size 15° gold Delicas (A)
Size 15° black delicas (B)
6 size 4mm jet crystal bicones
1 size 30x20mm fancy oval crystal element
Bonded beading thread, .006 lb.
Thin beading needles
Scissors

Front netting

1. Round 1: center ring

On a 4' length of thread, leaving a 4 inch tail, string 1B and 2A twelve times for a total of 12B. Knot the tail and working thread, forming a ring. Exit the first B strung (Fig. 1a, green thread).

2. Round 2: petals String 4A, 1 bicone, 7A, 1B, and 7A. Pass through the bicone, forming a loop with the 1B in the

center at the tip. String 4A. Skip the next B in the center ring and pass through the next B in the ring (Fig 1b, red thread). Continue to work around the center ring adding a total of 6 petals.

3. Step up for the next round: After adding the 6 petals, pass through the first petal created to exit the tip B bead (Fig 1c, blue thread).

4. Place the fancy stone face down in the center of the netted 6-petal shape.

Close the netting on the back (Figure 2)

5. The back of the stone faces up. Create a new ring of B to "drawstring" the petals together on the back of the stone: With your working thread exiting the 1B from the first petal made, string 3B. Pass through the 1B at the tip of the next petal.

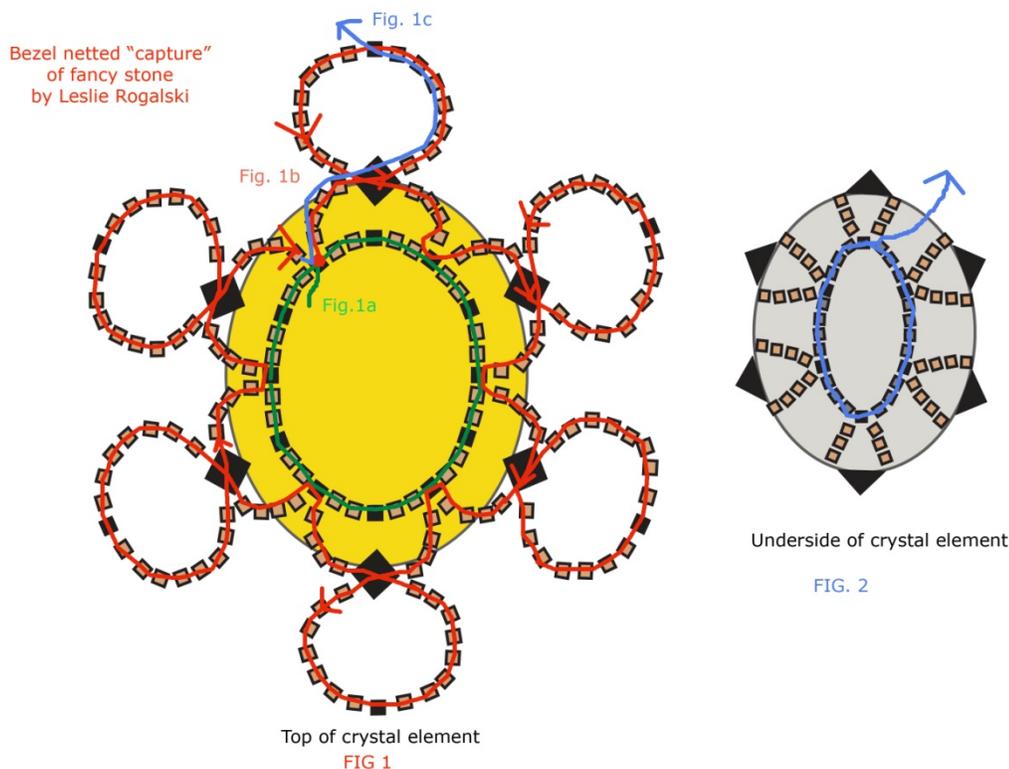
TIP: because the stone is oval, the side sections need more B beads; string 4B between petals 2 and 3.

6. String 3B and pass through the tip B of petal 4. Continue to add B between each petal, passing through the tip B beads in each petal. Remember to string 4B between petals 4 and 5.

7. Pass through the tip B bead of petal 5 and through the first B in the center ring strung in Step 5. Pull the thread to snug the circle so the petals hug the stone.

TIP: If the center ring appears too loose, carefully use a slender chain nose pliers and crack off an A bead between the two side petals. Pull the working thread to make sure the netting really captures the stone. Once it is snug, pass again through the circle ring of beads, knot off and weave in thread ends and trim.

When your focal is complete, use a new piece of thread to stitch a simple bail onto the top petal of netting and string an elegant wire or new strand of beads to show off your captured fancy stone.



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