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Leslie Rogalski creates a unique spin on spoked beaded beads, a traditional method of using seed beads to cover wooden beads.

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EASY SPOKE BEADS
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It couldn't be easier to make larger wood or resin beads your own by embellishing them with seed beads. String two beaded rings to sit over the holes of the wood bead, then string spokes of cylinder beads to encase the wood bead.

This tutorial is for a 12mm center bead. Other sizes of beads will need adjustments to the number of seed beads and cylinders in the rings and spokes.

Skill level: Beginner and up

Materials:

- 1 size 12mm round bead, wood, resin, Lucite, etc.
- 20 size 11° non-cylinder seed beads
- 2g each two colors size 11° cylinder beads
- WildFire .006 beading thread
- Beading needle 10 or 11
- Scissors
- Optional 3" piece of sturdy scrap wire to fit through wood bead

1. End Ring 1: On an 18" piece of thread string a ring of 10 size 11° beads, leaving a 6" tail. Tie a simple square knot with tail and working thread. Pass through 1 ring bead.

2. Spoke 1: String 11 size 11° cylinders, alternating between the two colors.

3. End Ring 2: String 10 size 11° seed beads and pass through the first bead in the ring after the string of cylinders.

FIGURE 1

Several spokes can be added off the main wood bead, inserting the bead within the spokes before completing them.

FIGURE 2

TIP: Use the scrap wire to keep the rings from slipping off the larger bead as you string the spokes. It may help to make a small loop at one end of the wire. String one ring, the large bead, and the other ring.

FIGURE 3

4. String the remaining spokes:

On the working thread string 11 cylinders alternating the two colors. Pass clockwise through 1 size 11° in the other ring. String a new spoke. Pass clockwise through one bead in the working thread ring. Pull the spoke snug.

5. Repeat adding spokes, passing around both rings for a total of 10 spokes.

6. Exit the size 11° in the ring and snug the spokes by tugging them gently with your finger. Once spokes are snug, pass the working thread once more completely around the ring, exiting next to the tail thread. Knot working thread to the remaining tail thread.

FIGURE 4

7. Bury both tails in the beadwork, trim.

TIPS:

Always pass through both rings in the same direction when stringing spokes.

Always use an even number of beads for the end rings.

For different sizes of center beads: It may take a few tries to determine the number of ring beads and spoke beads to fit correctly.

Sources: Check your local bead shop or contact: Resin beads, Natural Touch Resin, naturaltouchbeads.com. Lucite beads: Beadin' Path, www.beadinpath.com.

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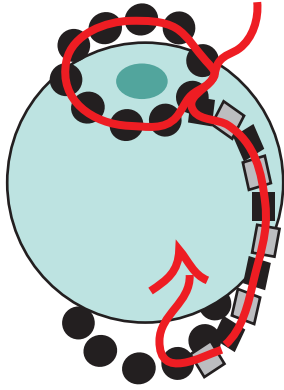


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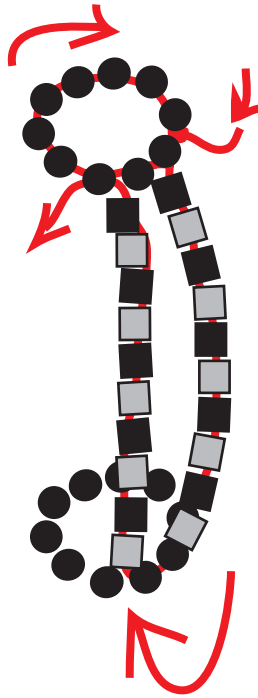


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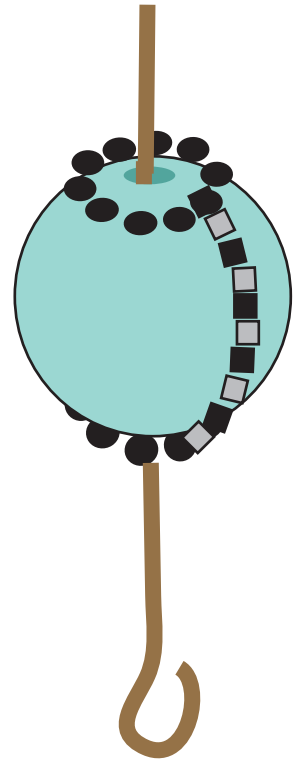


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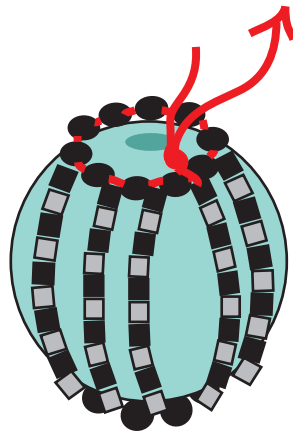


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