

Pip Bead Mini Flower

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Materials:

5x Pip beads.
Size 11/ seed beads
Fireline thread.

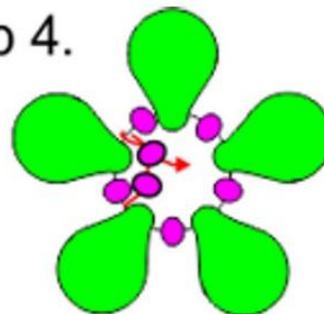
This flower gains its strength by using brick stitches. These stitches increase the tension in the base ring pulling the petals firmly to the middle

1. Pick up (seed bead, Pip bead) x 5
 2. Go round through all beads again.
 3. Continue through 6 more beads, and pull to draw in the thread. (So that you don't have to weave it in later).
- * If you are making a ring, reinforce now by going around all beads again, once or twice.



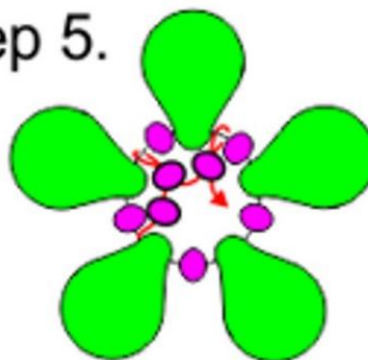
4. Pick up 2x seed beads.
Pass behind the thread between a pip, and seed bead.
Pass back through the last seed bead added
This is a Brick Stitch.

Step 4.



5. Make another brick stitch:
Pick up a seed bead.
Pass behind the thread between a pip and seed bead.
Pass back through the seed bead.
Repeat twice more.

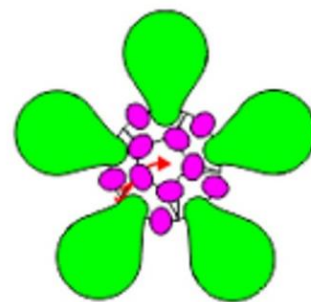
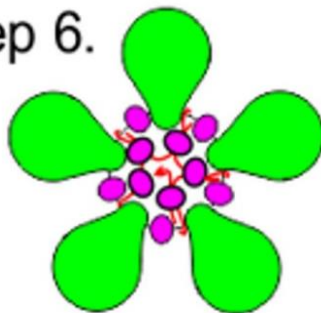
Step 5.



6. Pass back through the first seed bead added.

Make a brick stitch, and come back through the same seed bead.

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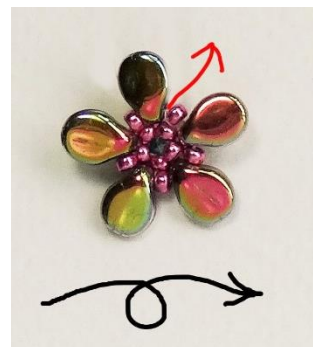


7. Pick up a 2mm crystal (to go in the middle).

Pass through the seed bead opposite.

Pass through a seed bead on the outer ring.

Turn the work over.



8. Pick up 2x seed beads.

Make a brick stitch as before.



9. Make brick stitches all the way round as before, and join as in step 6.

Finish in the centre.

Cast off OR



To make a ring stitch a herringbone band, approximately 40 beads long.

Attach through the seed beads centre back.

Alternatively add a crystal on the back, to make it double sided.

Alternatively cast off at step 9.

Make lots, and attach to a bracelet!

