

Checkered Donut Necklace

Project N7040

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Weave a herringbone and peyote bail using Miyuki Delicas in a colorful, checkered pattern that brings out the earthy hue of an aventurine gemstone donut bead.

What You'll Need

Matte Green Aventurine Gemstone Pendants, Circle Donut 40mm, 1 Piece, Jade Green

SKU: SPAV-201

Project uses 1 piece



Miyuki Delica Seed Beads 11/0 'Galvanized Silver' Metallic DB035 7.2 GR

SKU: DB-035

Project uses 1 tube



Miyuki Delica Seed Beads 11/0 Transparent Emerald Green AB DB175 7.2 GR

SKU: DB-175

Project uses 1 tube



Miyuki Delica Seed Beads 11/0 - Silver Lined Dark Rose DB1342 - 7.2 Grams

SKU: DB-1342

Project uses 1 tube



Miyuki Delica Seed Beads 11/0 - Silver Lined Violet DB610 7.2 Grams

SKU: DB-610

Project uses 1 tube



Crystal Fireline Braided Beading Thread .006 In. 15 Yards

SKU: XCR-1280

Project uses 10 feet



Black Waxed Cotton Necklace With Silver Plated Clasp 1.5mm / 16 Inches

SKU: XCR-4203

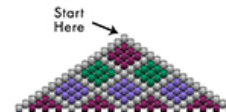
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Recommended Tools:

[XTL-3006] Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-0109] Beadsmith

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Instructions

These instructions call for bead weaving in a counter-clockwise direction. If you are left-handed, you might find it easier to weave in a clockwise direction. These instructions will make a 16 inch necklace. For a longer or shorter necklace, you can purchase a finished cord necklace of a different length.

1. Begin by watching our video on how to bead weave a triangle using peyote and herringbone stitches. You will be using a variation of this technique to make the square-shaped peyote and herringbone bail for your gemstone donut. Follow the bead pattern shown in the photo; the silver sides of the triangle represent your herringbone columns and the colorful pattern will be done in peyote. You will work from the center outward, repeating this pattern on all 4 sides of your square.
2. Cut a length of Fireline thread as long as you are comfortable working with, and thread a size 12 beading needle. In the video, 3 beads are strung and tied in a loop, but in order to make the square shape needed for the bail, you will need to string 4 silver Delica beads. Move them down to the end of the thread, leaving a 4 inch tail, and tie a knot so the beads form a square loop. Sew through the bead to the left.
3. Expanding on the instructions shown in the video, you will now create 4 herringbone stitch columns, one on each side of the anchoring square loop from the previous step. With your needle exiting one anchor bead, add 2 silver Delicas to your needle and sew down through the next bead, forming a column. Repeat this action three more times, and on the last column, step up to create the third row.
4. On the third row, add 1 magenta Delica bead between the silver herringbone columns on each side of the square using peyote stitch. This magenta Delica bead corresponds to the top bead in the magenta diamond near the top of the triangular beading pattern shown in the photo; you will be following this pattern to fill in the design on all 4 sides of the square.
5. Continue weaving the 4-sided piece, using peyote for the pattern on each side and herringbone for the silver spines. As you work, the piece will warp and fold over naturally into the shape you want in order to create the bail. Use slightly tighter thread tension as you weave to make sure the square folds in half naturally. You will need to tie off and weave in new thread as you work.
6. When you've completed the pattern, hold the piece folded over the gemstone donut, so two opposing tips of the square meet in the center hole. Join the tips by passing your needle through the silver Delicas on both ends of the central herringbone column. Reinforce the join three more times for strength. Weave in your thread tails.
7. Open the clasp of the waxed cotton cord necklace and slide the end without the clasp through the top of the bead woven bail.
8. Your necklace is ready to wear!

