

Sparkle Rope

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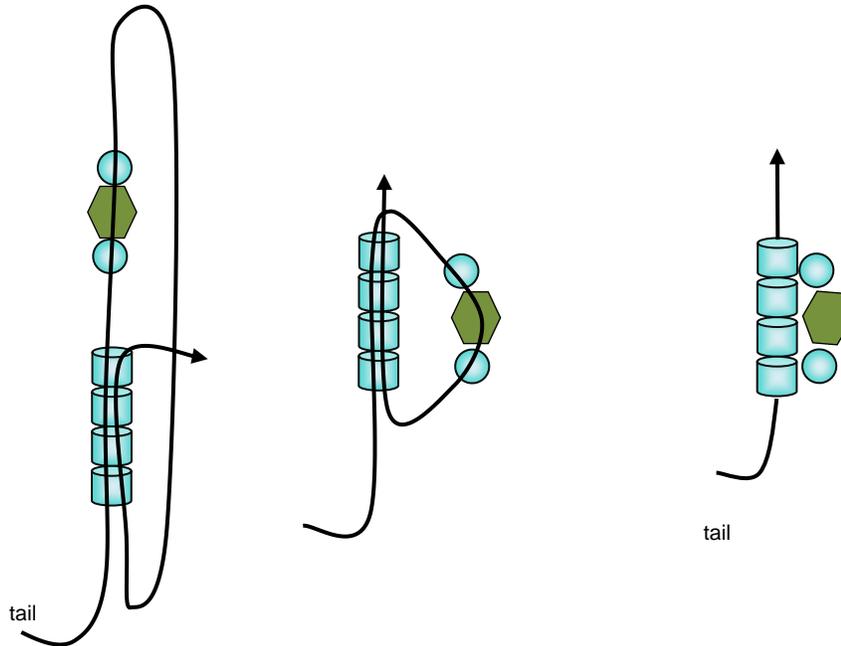


Materials

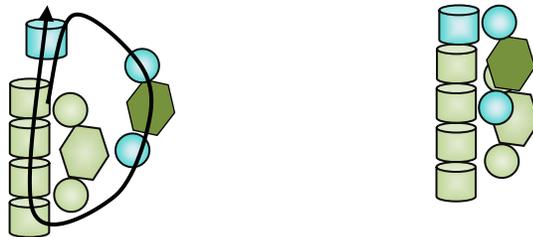
- Size 11° Delicas – 5 grams
- Size 15 seed beads – 6 grams
- 3mm crystal bicones – 700
- Fireline, 6lb test
- Size 12 beading needles

This pattern is quite versatile because you can work with any number of different kind of accent beads. Some good choices are: pearls, 3mm or 4mm firepolish, 3mm or 4mm crystals, semi-precious gemstones, and drop beads.

1. Cut a comfortable length of thread to work with. For beginners, that's usually about a wingspan – from outstretched arm to outstretched arm.
2. Thread your needle, and pick up four Delica beads, one 15° seed beads, one crystal, and one 15° seed bead. Bring the beads down to the end of your thread, leaving about 6 inches of thread for a tail below your beads.
3. From the tail end, pass back through the four Delicas (core beads.) Then push the loop of 15° beads and the crystal to the right of the core beads.

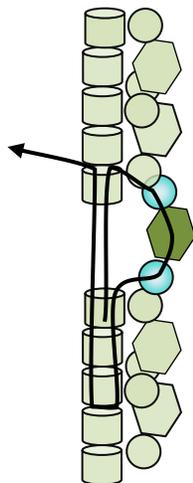


4. Pick up one Delica core bead, one 15° seed beads, one crystal, and one 15° seed bead. Skipping the bottom Delica core bead, pass through the top three core beads from the last set of beads added plus the new core bead you just picked up. Push the new loop over to the right side.



5. Repeat adding one new Delica core bead and the beads for one loop, and then passing through the top four Delicas until you reach your desired length.

- To join the two ends together, bring the ends together, and with your working thread on one end, pass through the last Delica on the other end. Pick up your loop beads, and pass through four core Delicas, with the last Delica being the one you just connected the ends by passing through. Weave off your thread and cut it. Now go sparkle!!



Ending and Adding Thread

To add more thread, I like to use a combination of weaving through the beads and tying a few half-hitch knots along the way. I don't tie any knots between the core beads, because I may need to needle through there again and I don't want to block the holes. So all knots should be tied in one of the loops.

To tie a half-hitch knot, you will needle under the threads attaching the bead you're exiting, and pull your thread until you have a small loop of thread left. Then needle through the loop of thread and finish pulling the thread tight. Tighten this slowly. The knot will disappear between the beads. Take care that your thread does not become hooked on any of the rest of your beads as you pull down.

You can wear this necklace long, or tie it in a knot, or even wear it doubled for a two-strand look. It's incredibly versatile and lovely to wear!

If you have any questions while you're working, please feel free to email me at jill@jillwisemandesigns.com. And visit our website at www.jillwisemandesigns.com for regular updates and new kits!



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