

NETTED BEADWORK ORNAMENT

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Materials

- Glass Ornament (2 ½" Diameter)
- 5 gm size 11° Delica Bead [MC]
- 5 gm size 11° Delica Bead [CC]
- Silamide or Nymo D
- Size 12 beading needle
- Fine-tipped beading cement
- Small sharp scissors

Abbreviations

- MC - Main Color
- CC - Contrasting Color
- PT - Pass Through: pass needle through in same direction.
- PBT - Pass Back Through: pass needle through in opposite direction.
- RND - Round: tier of beadwork.

RND 1 - foundation loop. String 48 MC. PT first 6 beads, leaving a 6" tail at end of loop.

RND 2 - thread 21 CC, 1 MC, 21 CC. PT first six beads again, forming the first 'petal'. PT next six beads (#'s 7 to 12) on foundation loop. Thread 21 CC, 1 MC, 10 CC. PBT last 11 beads of previous 'petal' as in Fig. 1. PT beads #7 to 12 of foundation loop again. PT beads #'s 13 to 18 of foundation loop. Thread 21 CC, 1 MC, 10 CC. PBT last 11 beads of previous 'petal'. PT beads #'s 13 to 18 of foundation loop. Continue as before until 8 'petals' are formed. To make 8th petal, PT 11 beads of 1st 'petal', thread 10 CC, 1 MC, 10 CC, PBT 11 beads of previous 'petal'. You may knot here by weaving to the tail of the thread left on foundation loop and making a couple of square knots.

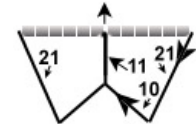


Fig. 1

RND 3 - weave through a 'petal' to the middle bead, which is an MC bead. Thread 15 MC, 2 CC, 15 MC. PT the MC bead in the middle of the next 'petal' forming a 'point'. Thread 15 MC, 2 CC, 15 MC. PT next MC bead in the middle of the next 'petal'. Repeat until 8 'points' are formed. You may weave back up and knot as before, to maintain tension.

Make another netted piece to match.

Place one piece over the cap of the ornament. Weave thread so you have just PT the second CC in the middle of a 'point'. Thread 4 CC. PT 2 CC beads in the middle of a 'point' on the other netted piece. Thread 4 CC. PT 2 CC on the top netted piece to form a loop. Pull tightly. Weave to next 'point' and repeat until all 'points' are joined in the same manner.

To end off, I like to weave through to the top foundation loop and tie the threads off with a couple of square knots and then glue with cement. A cement with a fine applicator is important in this project so that the cement isn't gooped all over the glass ornament, ruining it's finish. If you weave through the project to tie the thread at the top of the ornament, the cap on the ornament will help to hide the knots. Nothing can replace clipping the threads close to the knot once the glue dries with a pair of good sharp scissors.

Variation: To make an ornament that shows more beads, use these counts with the same directions as above.

RND 1 - same 48 MC foundation loop.

RND 2 - PT 4 beads of foundation loop (not six). Thread 18 CC, 1 MC, 18 CC. PT beads #'s 1 to 4, then #'s 5 to 8 of foundation. Thread 18 CC, 1 MC, 10 CC. PT #'s 5 to 8 of foundation, then #'s 9 to 12. Go around to make 12 'petals'.

RND 3 - thread 15 MC, 2 CC, 15 MC. PT next 'petal'. Thread 15 MC, 2 CC, 15 MC until 12 'points' are formed.

Make two pieces.

To join the two pieces, create loops of twelve, as before.

Original ornament uses about 8 grams total Delicas. Variation ornament uses about 10 grams total Delicas.