

Graduated Spiral Rope

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Materials:

Round Miyuki Seed Beads in Sizes 15/0, 11/0, 8/0, 6/0

Round Miyuki Seed Beads in Size 8/0 (Core Beads)

Fireline or Beading Thread 6lb or 8lb

Beading Needle

Clasp of Choice

Legend:

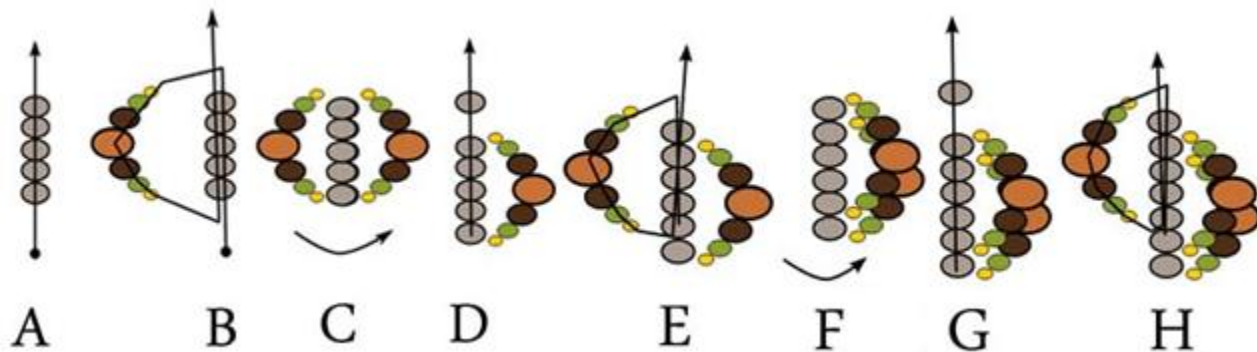


To make this variation, you will want to pick up five of your size 8/0 core beads and hold them so that they are stacked vertically and your needle is coming out the top (A).

Then pick up one 15/0, one 11/0, one 8/0, one 6/0, one 8/0, one 11/0, and one 15/0. Once you have that sequence picked up, go back through your stack of five core beads from bottom to top, making a loop (B).

Now, slide your loop over from the left of your stack to the right (C). This will be important later, to keep your loops in the correct order to spiral.

Then pick up one of your core beads and slide it down to the top of your stack (D).

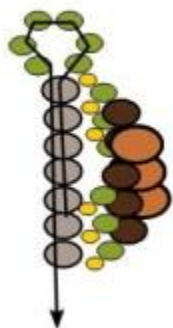


Great! Now pick up your loop sequence again – one 15/0, one 11/0, one 8/0, one 6/0, one 8/0, one 11/0, and one 15/0 and go back through five core beads **including the newest one added**. That means you are skipping the bottom-most core bead and just going through the top five (E).

Once again, flip your newest loop from the left side to the right to join your last loop (F).

Add another core bead and slide it down to the top of your stack (G).

Then add your sequence of one 15/0, one 11/0, one 8/0, one 6/0, one 8/0, one 11/0, and one 15/0 and go back through the top five core beads including the newest one added (H).



That's really about it! Each time you will add a core bead, add your loop, and then slide it to the side and do it all again! For the clasp, I usually make a loop of about six 11/0's to attach it. Just make sure to reinforce to keep it nice and strong.