

Tee Bead bracelet

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Supplies:

49 Tee Beads (A)
49 Tee Beads (B)
2 grams size 11 seed beads (SB)
7 - 10 mm Fire Polish (FP)
Size 12 needles, thread



Seven Tee Bead Flowers connected as indicated will be 6.5 inches, plus whatever type of clasp you choose to use. Adjust the amount of flowers or the type of clasp to check the length of the bracelet.

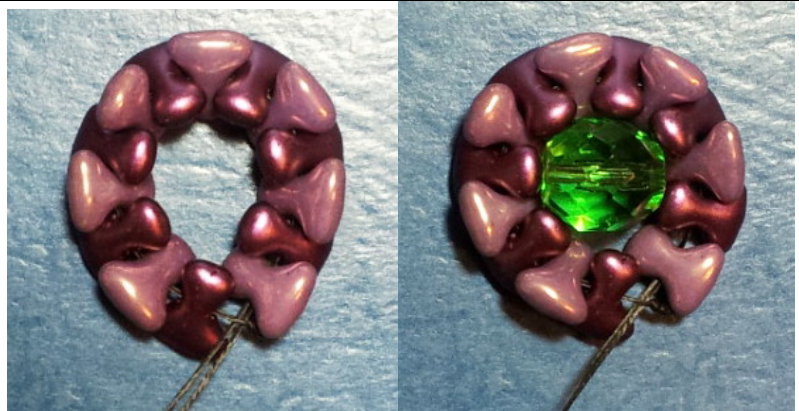
Thread your needle with one yard of thread. Tie the ends together and burn off the knot. Test to be sure the knot is secure.

Tee Bead Flower

Step 1 – Pick up A, B seven times for a total of 14 beads. Slide them down close to the knot. Lay the beads on the table and position them so that all the larger ends of each color are facing the same direction.



Step 2 – While keeping the beads lying on the table, form a circle with the row of beads. Place the FP inside the circle to help keep the beads pointed correctly. Try to position the FP so that the hole is 2 or 3 beads from where the circle is joined. You should see all of the large end of one color and all the small ends of the other color. Adjust the placement of the beads as necessary.



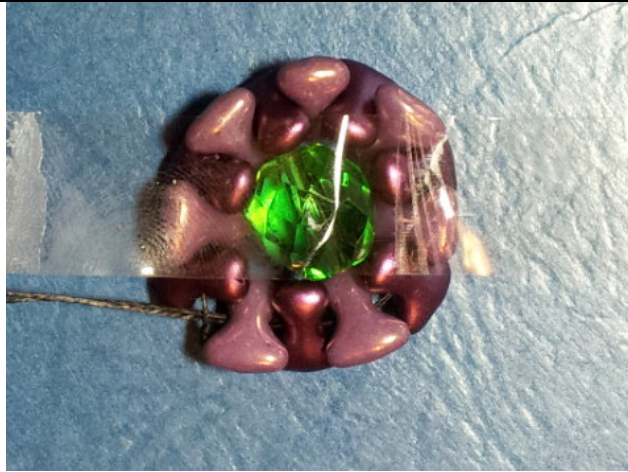
Pass the needle between the two strands of thread near the knot and pull tight.

This step can either be very easy or very frustrating.

If you are seeing all the small ends of both colors, straighten out the row and flip it forward or backward. Then form the circle again.

If only one or two of the beads have moved it is easiest to “flip” them with your needle.

Step 3 – Lay a piece of clear tape about 3 inches long on top of the flower (this will help hold the beads in place as you stitch).
Pass back through the last B added.
Pickup the flower and fold both ends of the tape around to the back side of the flower.



Wax your thread.

Step 3 – Pass through beads until you reach the hole in the FP. Pass through the FP. Pass through the Tee Beads in the opposite direction to get to the other hole in the FP. Pass through the FP and several Tee Beads.

Leave your thread hang as it will be used later to attach the clasp.

Complete another flower.

Step 4 – Attaching the flowers.

Pickup four SB and pass through a Tee in the other flower. Pick up four SB and complete the connection by forming a circle and passing through a Tee. Repeat the thread path if possible, tying a few knots as you go. Pass through several more Tee beads and cut off excess thread.



Repeat until you have seven flowers.

On your last flower, do not cut the thread after you connect the last flower. Instead, weave the thread around to the other side of the flower and use it to attach your clasp.

Attach whatever type of clasp you prefer using SB loops to connect to the split rings attached to the clasps.