

Snowflake Ornament / Pendant / Earrings

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Supplies:

42 – Small size beads (S)
12 – Large size beads (L)
10-20 size 11 or 15 seed beads for hanging loop

Needles, Thread



6 and 8mm



Size 11 & 8 seed beads

This snowflake is made with two sizes of beads of your choice depending on what size you want the finished product to be. You can use any round, fire polish or Swarovski beads. Earrings - Size 11 & 8 seed beads (1 inch)
Pendant/Ornament - 4 and 6mm (1.75 inches), 6 and 8mm (2.5 inches) or 8 and 10mm (3.5 inches).

Thread your needle with 2 yards of thread. Use it doubled. Tie the ends together and burn off the tail.

Step 1 - Pick up six S and forming a circle pass through the two strands of thread above the knot. Pass back through the last bead. (Figure 1)

Step 2 - Pick up five S. Forming a circle, pass through the same bead in the base circle. Continue through the next bead in the base circle. (Figure 2)

Step 3 - Pick up four S. Forming a circle, pass through the side bead in the previous circle. Continue through two base circle beads. (Figure 2).

Repeat Step 3 three more times. (Figure 3)

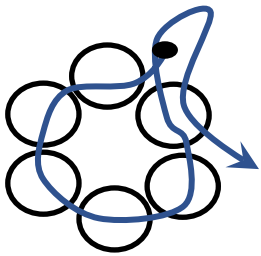


Figure 1

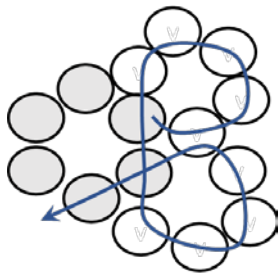


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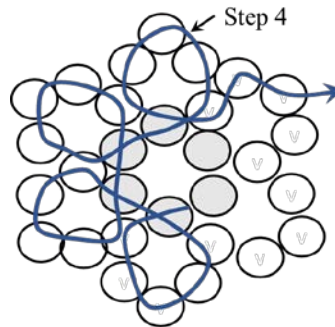


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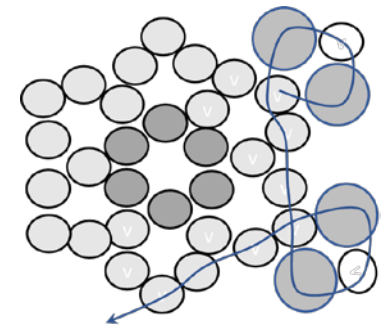


Figure 4

Step 4 - Pick up three S. Pass through the side bead in the previous circle, the base bead and the side bead in the first circle. Continue through that circle coming out of the top bead to set yourself up for the next step. (Figure 3)

Step 5 - Pick up L, S, L. Forming a circle pass through the top bead of that circle again. Continue through the beads, coming out of the top bead in the next circle. (Figure 4)

Continue around the snowflake adding a loop of seed beads as a hanging loop on one of the points. (Figure 5) Pass through the loop of seed beads twice for strength.

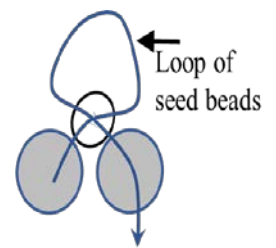


Figure 5

Stiffen Snowflake -

I dip the star into clear floor wax (Pledge with Future Shine) to stiffen the piece. Pour a little into a throw-away container. Lay the snowflake on a piece of wax paper. Use a Q-tip to generously apply the liquid to the piece, but do not allow to form puddles. Turnover and repeat. Now is the time to do any shaping that may be necessary. The liquid will absorb into the thread. Turn over after about 15 minutes. Let it lay there for another 15 minutes then transfer to a paper towel to complete the drying. It will take 24 hours to fully dry and stiffen. Future can be used on most beads and crystals and will not alter their color. However, if in doubt, you should test a single bead before applying to the entire project. It is a permanent stiffening and sealing product.