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Spiral Rope Icicle Decoration



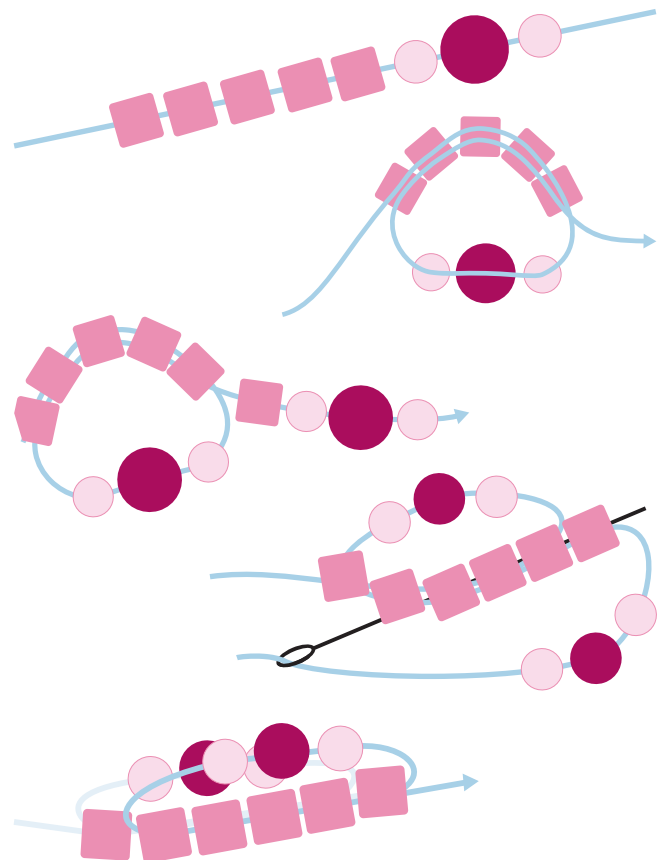
This decoration is based on a simple graduated spiral rope. If you change the design slightly and add a clasp you can make bracelets and necklaces using this pattern.

Materials

Beading Thread and Needle, 50 4mm Round Beads, Size 8 Seed Beads, Size 11 Seed Beads & Christmas Charm

Method

1. Thread your needle onto a 3 metre length of beading thread and pick up 5 size 8 seed beads, 1 size 11 seed bead, 1 4mm bead, 1 size 11 seed bead. Move the beads down to the end of the thread leaving a short tail of about 20cm from the first size 8 bead you picked up.
2. Pass your needle back up through the 5 size 8 seed beads strung in the previous step and pull tight to form a circle.
3. Pick up 1 size 8 seed bead, 1 size 11 seed bead, 1 4mm bead, 1 size 11 seed bead.
4. Missing out the first size 8 bead you picked up in step 1, pass the needle through the next 4 size 8 seed beads and then through the size 8 bead you just added - pull tight.
5. Let the beads that you just added fall to the side so that they sit on top of the beads you strung previously.



6. Repeat steps 3, 4 and 5 eight more times each time taking the needle up through the top 4 size 8 seed beads and then through the size 8 seed bead you just added. As you continue beading you will begin to see the spiral forming.
7. Repeat step 3 again but this time pick up 1 size 8 seed bead, 2 size 11 seed beads, 1 4mm bead, 2 size 11 seed beads. Repeat steps 4 and 5. The addition of an extra size 11 seed bead will make the spiral wider and allow the graduated shape to form. Repeat step 7 another 9 times.
8. Add another 10 rows of beads but this time add 3 size 11 seed beads either side of the 4mm bead. Add 10 more rows of beads but this time add 4 size 11 seed beads. Add 5 more rows of beads but this time add 5 size 11 seed beads.
9. To finish the spiral repeat step 3 again but this time do not add the size 8 seed bead, instead pick up 5 size 11 seed beads, 1 4mm bead, 5 size 11 seed beads. Pass the needle up through the 5 size 8 seed beads you took it through when you added the last row. Repeat this step another 4 times or until you have used up your beads, so that you end up with the last 4 rows of beads all going down through the same 5 size 8 seed beads.
10. To make the loop on top of the decoration pick up 12 seed beads. Thread the needle down back into the decoration through the top 5 size 8 seed beads if there isn't any space to fit you needle through the size 8 seed beads you can take it down through one of the rows of size 11 beads instead. Finish off your thread by tying a couple of half hitch knots around the thread between the beads, pull the knot into a bead and trim.
11. Now add you need to the tail of the thread that you left in step 1. Pick up 3 seed beads, the charm and 3 seed beads. Pass the needle up through the size 8 bead at the bottom of the icicle. To finish off the thread, weave it through the icicle tying a couple of half hitch knots around the thread between the beads, pull into a bead and trim.

