

Tassel bell cap

Make a modern tassel necklace with a stitched bell-shaped cap and swingy chain.

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Supplies

Tassel pendant 2¾ x ¾ in. (7 x 1.9 cm)

- 2.5 x 5 mm SuperDuo beads
 - 24 color A (matte bronze)
 - 12 color B (gold)
- 1 6° seed bead (Toho 221, bronze)
- 1 g 11° seed beads (Toho 221, bronze)
- 1 g 15° seed beads (Toho 221, bronze)
- chain
 - 2 ft. (61 cm) small link (.5 –3 mm links), for tassel
 - 28 in. (71 cm) medium link (3–5 mm links), for neck chain
- 3 in. (7.6 cm) 20- or 22-gauge wire
- 3 4 mm jump rings
- 1 clasp
- Beading needles, #12
- Fireline, 6 lb. test
- 2 pairs of chainnose, bentnose, and/or flatnose pliers
- Roundnose pliers
- Wire cutters

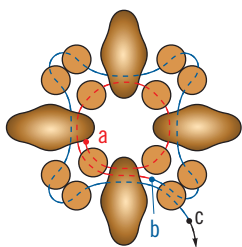


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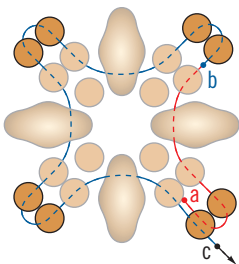


FIGURE 2

- 11° seed bead
- 2.5 x 5 mm SuperDuo, color A
- 2.5 x 5 mm SuperDuo, color B
- 15° seed bead

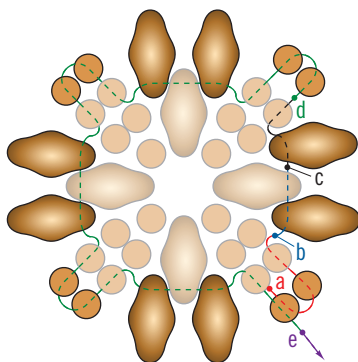


FIGURE 3

TASSEL CAP

1. On 1 yd. (.9 m) of Fireline, pick up a repeating pattern of an 11° seed bead and a color A SuperDuo four times. Leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail, tie the beads into a ring with a square knot, and sew through the first 11° and the same (inner) hole of the first A (FIGURE 1, a–b).

2. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the inner hole of the next A. Repeat this stitch three times to complete the round, and step up through the first 11° added in this round (b–c).

3. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the next 11°, A (inner hole), and 11° (FIGURE 2, a–b). Repeat this stitch three times to complete the round, and step up through the first 11° added in this round (b–c).

4. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the next 11° (FIGURE 3, a–b). Pick up an A, and sew through the open hole of the next A (b–c). Pick up an A, and sew through the next 11° (c–d). Repeat these three stitches three times, and step up through the first 11° added in this round (d–e).

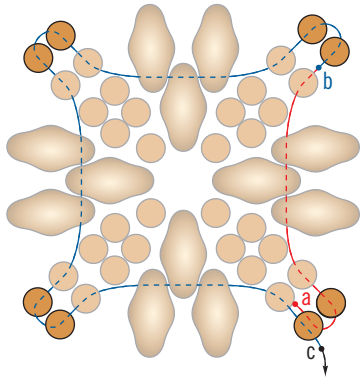


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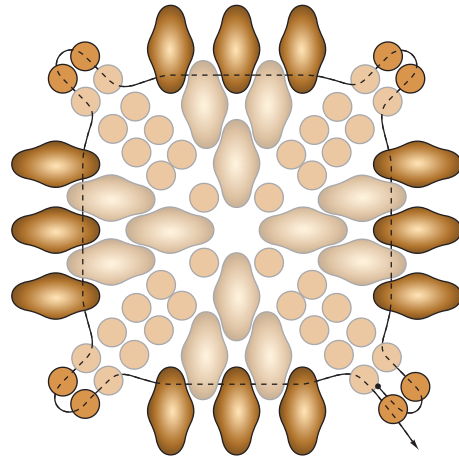


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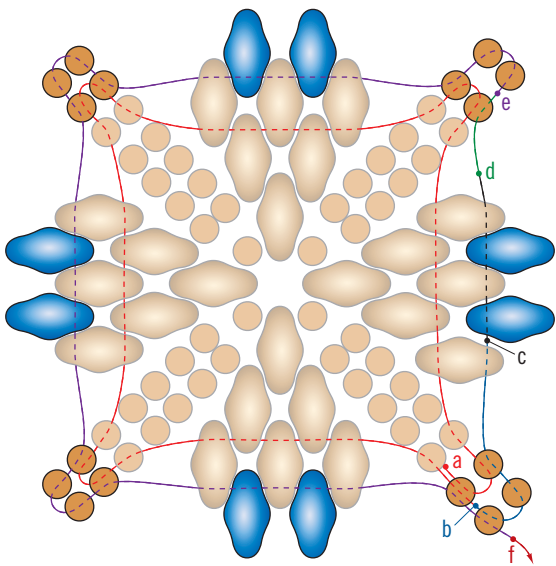


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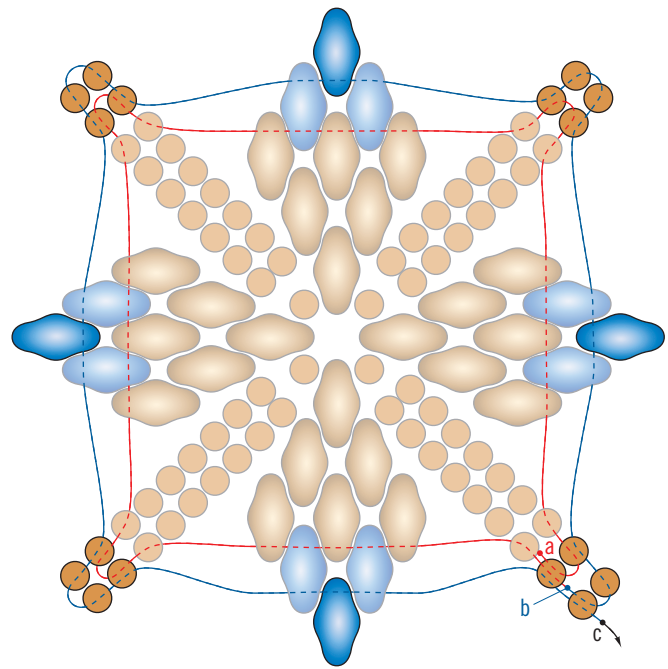


FIGURE 7

5. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the next 11°, three As, and 11° (FIGURE 4, a-b). Repeat this stitch three times to complete the round, and step up through the first 11° added in this round (b-c).

6. Working as in step 4, add two 11°s at each corner and three As on each side (FIGURE 5).

7. Working as in step 5, add two 11°s at each corner, sewing through the As on each side (FIGURE 6, a-b).

8. Work a corner stitch with two 11°s, and sew through the open hole of the next A (b-c). Work two stitches with color B SuperDuos (c-d), and then sew through the next 11° (d-e). Repeat these three stitches three times

to complete the round, and step up through the first 11° added in this round (e-f).

9. Working as in step 5, add two 11°s at each corner, sewing through the SuperDuos on each side (FIGURE 7 a-b).

10. Working as in step 8, add two 11°s at each corner and one B on each side (b-c).

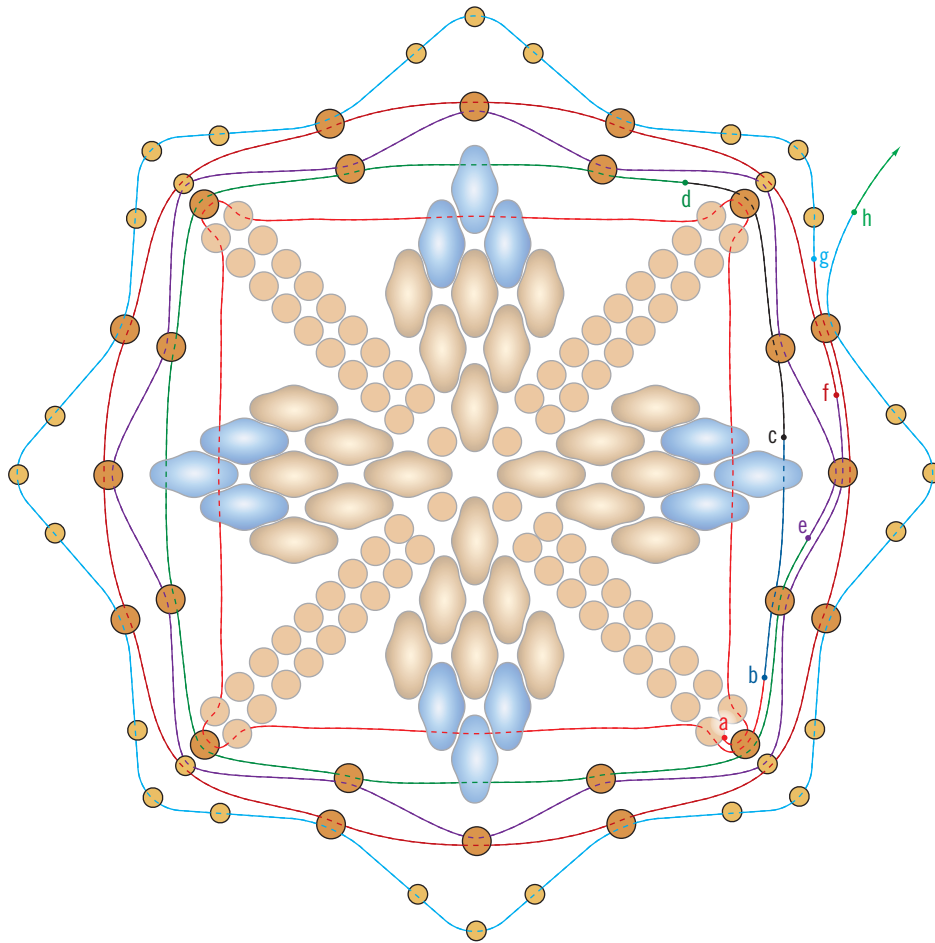


FIGURE 8

11. Work a stitch at each corner, but pick up only one 11° per stitch and sew through the Bs you sewed through in the previous round (FIGURE 8, a–b).

12. Pick up an 11° , and sew through the open hole of the next B (b–c). Pick up an 11° , and sew through the 11° at the tip of the next corner (c–d). Repeat these two stitches three times to complete the round, and step up through the first 11° added in this round (d–e).

13. Sewing through the 11° s added in the previous round, work a round of peyote stitch, using an 11° next to each B and a 15° seed bead at each corner.

Step up through the first 11° added in this round (e–f).

14. Work a round of peyote with 11° s (f–g).

15. Work eight stitches with three 15° s each (g–h), and end the thread.

ASSEMBLY

1. Cut 10 2-in. (5 cm) pieces of small-gauge chain.

2. Cut 3 in. (7.6 cm) of wire, and make the first half of a wrapped loop at one end.

3. Slide an end link of each chain into the loop, and complete the wraps.

4. String a 6° seed bead and the tassel cap onto the wire so the chain tassel exits the bottom opening of the tassel cap, and make a wrapped loop above the tassel cap.

5. Use a jump ring to attach the wrapped loop to the middle link of the medium-link chain.

6. Use a jump ring to attach each end of the chain to half of a clasp.