

Christmas

Crystal Bauble

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Materials Per Bauble

Preciosa 10/0 Seed Beads x12.5g
Aurora 11/0 MicroCrystals x96
5cm (2in) Ball (any material) x1
SpiderLon Beading Thread x3m (10ft)
Beading Needle x1

Extras

Acrylic Paint
Scissors

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1. Row 1: Cut a 3 metre (10 foot) length of beading thread and attach a needle onto one end. Pick up 16 **10/0 Seed Beads** and slide them down the thread, leaving a tail about 6 inches. Weave through all the beads again and through the first one a third time to create a circle of seed beads. **Diagram 1A**

2. Row 2: At this point we will start working in a stitched called "circular netting stitch". Pick up one **seed bead**, one **11/0 Crystal** and one **seed bead**. Skipping one bead around the circle made in the previous step, pass through the next seed bead. As you pull tight, the newly added beads will stick out to the side of the circle. Pick up one **seed bead**, one **crystal** and one **seed bead**, skip the following seed bead around the circle and pass into the following one. Continue this process all the way around the circle. Finally, "step up" by passing back up through the first seed bead and crystal only of the first group of beads added in this step. **Diagram 2A**

3. Row 3: Pick up three **seed beads**, one **crystal** and three **seed beads**. Pass through the crystal that is in the middle of the next group of beads around the circle, that was added in the previous step. Pick up another three **seed beads**, one **crystal** and three **seed beads** and pass through the next crystal around the circle. Continue this process all the way around the circle and finish by stepping up by passing through the first seed beads and crystal from the first group of beads added in this step. **Diagram 3A**

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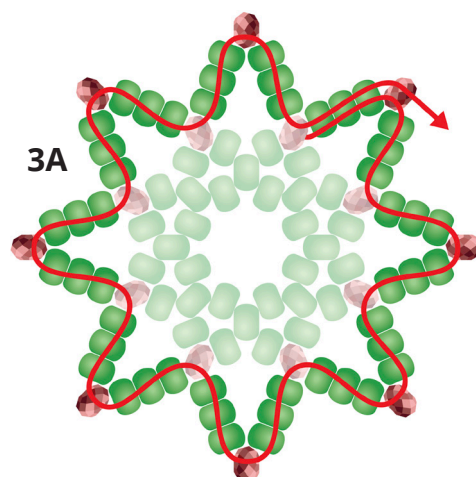
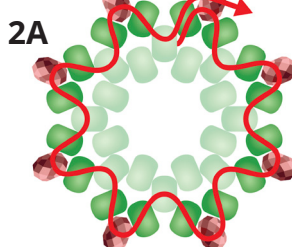
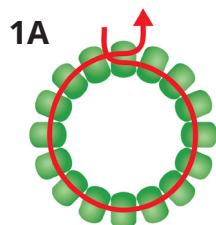
Aurora
11/0 Crystal



Preciosa
10/0 Seed Bead



5cm Ball



4. Continue adding rows of beads with the following quantities using circular netting stitch and finish each row by stepping up through the first group of beads added until you are exiting from the crystal.

Row 4: 4 **seed beads**, one **crystal** and 4 **seed beads**

Row 6: 6 **seed beads**, one **crystal** and 6 **seed beads**

Row 8: 7 **seed beads**, one **crystal** and 7 **seed beads**

Row 10: 6 **seed beads**, one **crystal** and 6 **seed beads**

Row 5: 5 **seed beads**, one **crystal** and 5 **seed beads**

Row 7: 7 **seed beads**, one **crystal** and 7 **seed beads**

Row 9: 7 **seed beads**, one **crystal** and 7 **seed beads**

5. After completing Row 10, it's time to add in your **5cm ball**. If you intend to paint your ball, make sure that it is completely dry and that you are happy with the final colour. Once you continue, you won't be able to change it any more. Push the ball into the centre of the netting and manoeuvre it so that it is enclosed neatly. Make sure that each segment of your 10th row of beading is in position, ready to continue working. **Diagram 5A**

6. Keeping your ball inside the netting, continue adding rows of beads with the following quantities using circular netting stitch and finish each row by stepping up through the first group of beads added until you are exiting from the crystal. Once you reach Rows 14 and 15, you will only be using seed beads. At this point, when it comes to stepping up, make sure that your thread is exiting from the central seed bead of the first group added in that row. Your netting will be finished once you have stepped up on Row 15. **Diagram 6A**

Row 11: 5 seed beads, one crystal and 5 seed beads

Row 12: 4 seed beads, one crystal and 4 seed beads

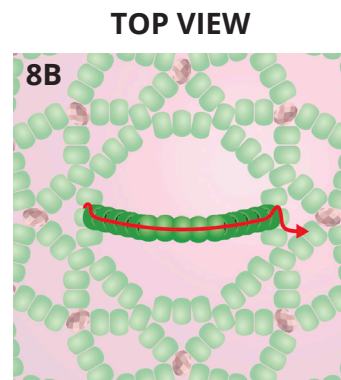
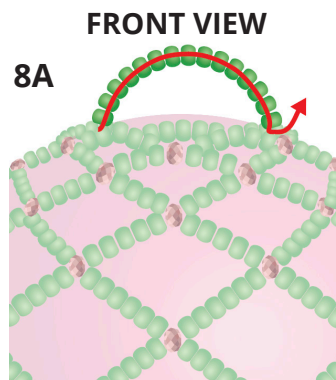
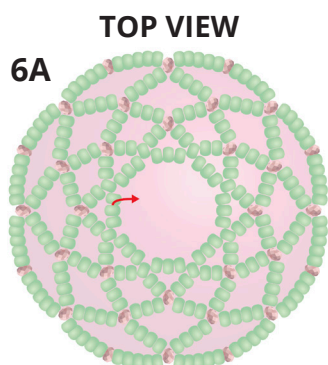
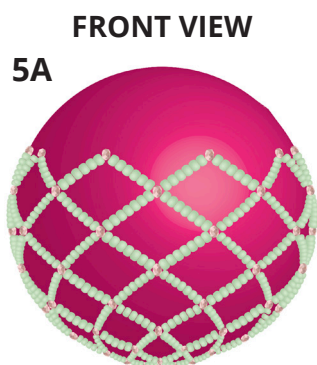
Row 13: 3 seed beads, one crystal and 3 seed beads

Row 14: 5 seed beads

Row 15: 3 seed beads

7. Now that you have completed Row 15, I recommend that you pass through the entire thread path of Row 15 again to help tighten your work. As you do this, tie occasional knots for security but **DO NOT** cut the thread just yet. Make sure that when you finish this process, you are exiting from the middle bead of any of the groups of 3.

8. Pick up 15 **seed beads**. (**NOTE:** The number of seed beads in this step can be altered to suit your aesthetic preferences, the only thing that is important is that you use an odd number of beads). Looking at your netting, find the group of 3 beads from Row 15 that is directly opposite from the one you are exiting. Pass through the central seed bead of the group you have identified. **Diagram 8A&B**



9. Take your needle back through all the seed beads added in the previous step and through the other side of the seed bead where the previous step began. Pass back into the beads added in the previous step until you are exiting from the central one. **Diagram 9A&B**

10. Pick up 40 **seed beads** (you can add or reduce this number as necessary depending on where you intend to hang your bauble). Loop back around and pass back through the other side of the bead you are currently exiting. As you pull tight, this will cause the newly added beads to form a circle above the loop created in the previous step. Pass through all the beads of this step again one or two more times for extra security then tie your thread back into your work several times until it is secure and cut off the excess. **Diagram 10A**

