

Mini Chevron Duo motifs are outlined with seed beads in shapes inspired by ancient Egyptian cartouches.

Technique: Two-needle weave

Skill: advanced beginner and up

MATERIALS

.25g size 15° beads

46 size 8° beads

20 mini Chevron Duos

18 size 6° beads (inc, bracelet end dangles)

Size 10 or 12 beading needle

Fireline

Scissors or thread zap

1 set partially finished bracelet ends

2 soldered jump rings 4mm

4 open jump rings 5-6mm

Pliers to open and close jump rings

TIP: Make sure all holes of any multi-holed beads are clear before use.

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MINI CHEVRON DUO BASE

FIGURE 1

Step 1. String a needle on each end of 1 yard of Fireline.

Step 2. String one 6° to the middle of the thread (Figure 1a). With each needle sew through the concave side legs of a mini chevron duo (b). Keep the beads centered on the thread.

NOTE: This first 6° is shown at the bottom of Figure 1.

Step 3. On one needle (**BLACK THREAD**) string through the convex side of one mini chevron duo leg (c). String one 6° (d). Sew in through the concave side of the other leg of the mini chevron duo (c).

Step 4. String another mini chevron duo through the convex side (e) and one 6°(f). Lay down this needle.

Step 5. With the other needle (**GREEN THREAD**) string one mini chevron duo through the convex side (g). String one 6° (h) and sew through the open leg of the mini chevron duo (g).

TIP: The mini chevron duos will all have their pointed tips facing in, legs facing out. The size 6° beads always sit in the “corner” inside the mini chevron duos.

Step 6. Sew through the convex leg of the mini chevron duo (e) and crisscross through the 6° (f).

Step 7. Sew one needle through a concave leg of a new mini chevron duo, and repeat with the other needle for the other leg. This mini chevron duo will fit over the last 6° from the previous unit, so that last 6° (f) is shared between units.

Step 8. Fiddle with the thread to adjust the 6°s so they are at right angles. Pull your thread so the beads just sit against each other. Do not pull too tightly or the beadwork with curl up. Keep beadwork lying flat.

Step 9. Repeat Steps 3 to 8 for a total of five units of mini chevron duos and size 6° beads. There should be a 6° at both ends of your beadwork.

TOP JUMP RING END

FIGURE 2

Step 10. On one needle (**BLACK THREAD**) string one 8°, three 15°, one 8°, and a closed ring. Sew back through the 8°, 15°, and 8°. Sew through the top 6°. String one 8° and one 15° twice, and one more 8°. Continue through the next 6°.

FIGURE 3

Step 11. With the other needle (**GREEN THREAD**) exiting a 6°, sew through the adjacent 8° added in Step 10. String three 15°, and sew through the top 8° at the closed ring. Sew through the closed ring. Sew back through the 8°, 15°, and existing 8° strung in Step 10. String one 15° and 8° twice. Continue through the next 6° towards the bracelet length.

SIDE BEADS FIRST SECTION

FIGURE 4

Step 12. On one needle (**GREEN THREAD**) string one 8° and one 15° three times, and one more 8°. Sew through the next 6° (b). String one 8° and one 15° twice, and one more 8°. Sew through the middle 6° (Figure 4 a-c.)

Step 13. Repeat with the other needle (**BLACK THREAD**), crisscrossing through the 6° (c) and the adjacent 8° previously strung. With the other needle (**GREEN THREAD**) sew through the 8° just added on the other side of the 6°.

SIDE BEADS MIDDLE SECTION

FIGURE 5

Step 14. On the same needle (**GREEN THREAD**) string four 15°s and one 8°. Sew through the next side 6°. String one 8°, four 15°s and one 8°. Sew through the next middle 6°.

Step 16. On the other needle (**BLACK THREAD**) string four 15°s and one 8°. Sew through the next side 6°. String one 8°, four 15°s and one 8°. Sew through the next middle 6° and the last 8° strung on the other side of the 6°.

Step 17. With the other needle (**GREEN THREAD**) sew through the last 8° on the other side of the 6°.

SIDE BEADS LAST SECTION

FIGURE 6

Step 18. On the same needle (**GREEN THREAD**) string one 15° and one 8° two times. Sew through the next side 6°. String one 8° and one 15° three times, and one more 8°. Sew through the next side 6°. String one 8° and one 15° two times, and one more 8°. Sew through the bottom 6°.

Step 19. Repeat Step 18 with the other needle (**BLACK THREAD**.) After crisscrossing through the bottom 6°, sew through the last 8° on the other side of that 6°. With the other needle (**GREEN THREAD**), sew through the 8° just added on the other side of the 6°.

BOTTOM CLASP END

FIGURE 7

Step 19. On the same needle (**GREEN THREAD**) string one 15° and one 8° two times. Sew through the side 6° on the last unit. String one 8° and one 15° two times, plus one 8°. Sew through the end 6°. String one 8°, three 15°s, one 8° and a closed ring. Sew back through the 8°, 15°s and 8°.

FIGURE 8

TIP: Before securing the thread to finish the beading, make sure the closed ring clasp end is centered below the end 6°.

Step 21. On the other needle (**BLACK THREAD**) string one 15° and one 8° two times. Sew through the side 6° on the last unit. String an 8° and a 15° two times, and sew through the existing 8° alongside the end 6° and through the end 6°. Sew down towards the bracelet end through the 8° on the other side of the end 6°. String three 15°s and sew through the existing 8° and the closed ring. Sew back through the 8°, three 15°s just strung, and through the next 8°, 15°, 8°, 15°, 8°, and side 6° DO NOT tie off your thread yet.

Step 22. With the other needle (**GREEN THREAD**) sew through the beads just added in Step 21.

NOTE: Before the next steps, pull gently on the thread to adjust so the end closed ring and beads are centered below the end 6° bead.

Step 23. One at a time with each needle, sew back through the thread path into the beadwork to secure the thread, and trim.

ENDING

Step 23. Use pliers to attach one open jump ring to one bracelet end jump ring. Repeat for the other end of the beadwork bracelet.

DANGLES

Step 24. Open a jump ring and loop carefully through one 6° and one bracelet end; close the jump ring. Repeat to add a 6° to the other bracelet end.

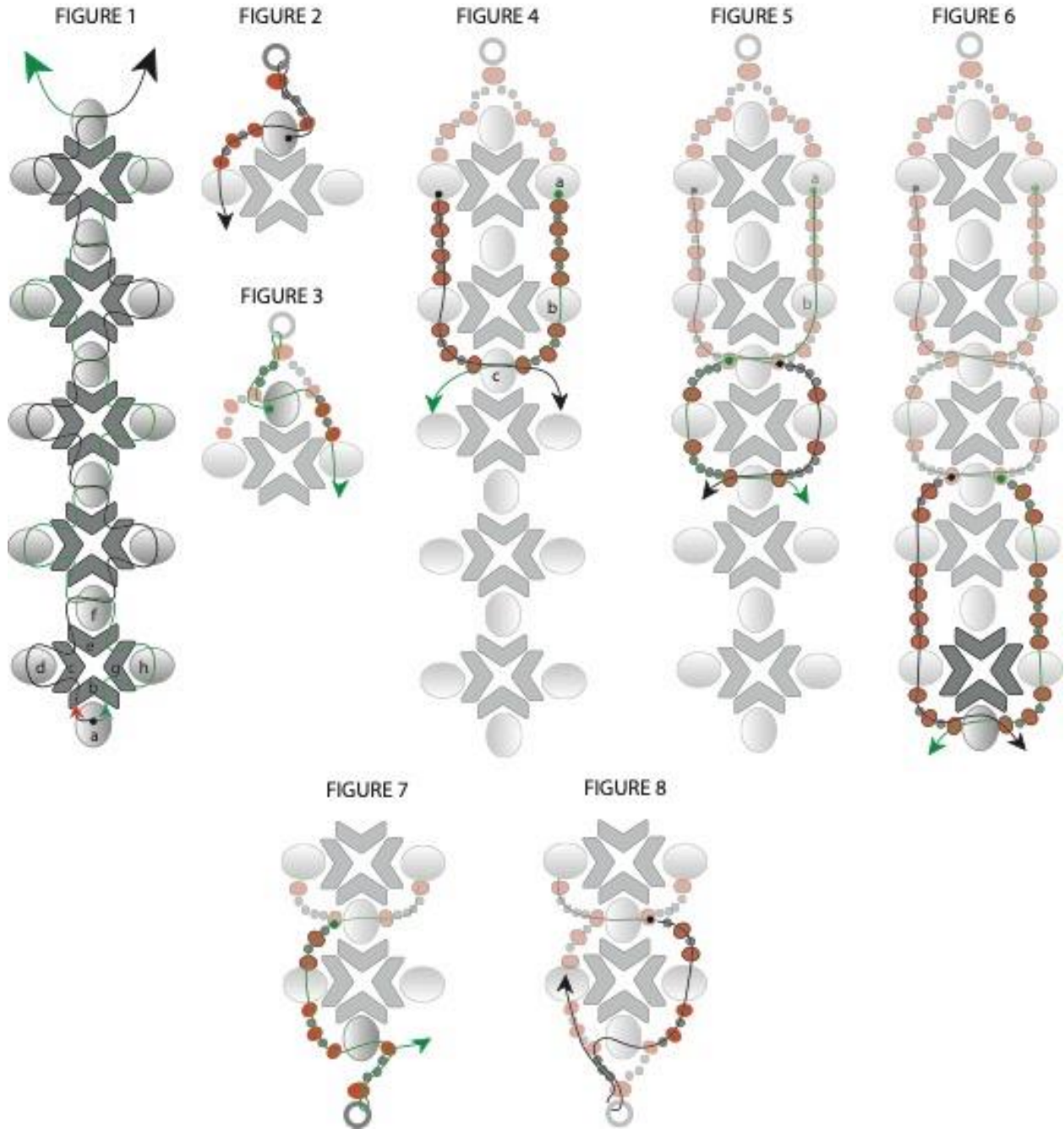


Mini Chevron Bronze Pale Gold
8/0 Seafoam Green fancy frosted pale
6/0 Baroque Pearl Cream
15/0 Galvanized Gold

Mini Chevron Duo Purple Vega
8/0 Duracoat Opaque Navy Blue
6/0 Matte Opaque Chartreuse AB
15/0 Duracoat Galv Muscat

Mini Chevron Duo Jet
8/0 Opaque Red
6/0 Baroque Pearl White
15/0 Galvanized Silver

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