



METTE PENDANT

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Skill Level: Intermediate

Techniques to know: Right angle weave stitch, circular peyote stitch, stitching with two-hole beads, ending/adding thread, making a simple wire loop

Finished size: caged pearl – ~1" (2.5cm); cage pearl with bail and tassel – ~5" (12.5cm)

MATERIALS

1g size 15° seed beads

2g size 11° seed beads

1g size 8° seed beads

1 x size 20mm Cotton pearl

10 x GemDuos

1 x Eye pin (40mm)

Tassel of choice

Bail

2 x size 4 or 5mm jump rings

Chain/cord with clasp of choice

Pair of earring rubber stoppers

Beading thread to match

Size 10 or 12 beading needle

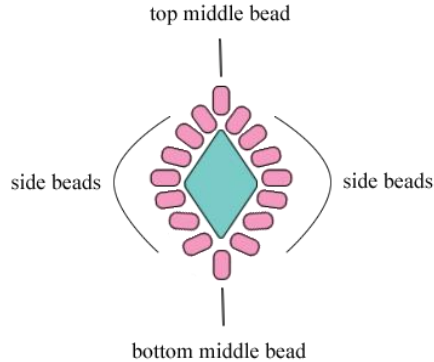
Scissors/Pliers

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DESIGNER TIPS

- Check all holes of two-holed beads and make sure they are clear before stitching.
- For the purpose of this tutorial, I refer to the beads as follows:



STEP 1. Thread 1.5 yards (90cm) onto a needle and string five 8° seed beads. Tie a knot and sew through all the beads again.

STEP 2. Add one 11° between 8°s from previous step (five in total). Exit through the first 11° added in this step.

STEP 3. String two 11°s, a GemDuo, two 11°s and sew back through the 11° exited at the start from the opposite direction. Sew through the next 8° to exit through the next 11°.

STEP 4. Repeat Step 3 four times, then sew through beads to exit through the first GemDuo.

STEP 5. String four 11°s and sew up through the open hole of the GemDuo.

NOTE: Thread direction will change with every step so follow instructions closely.

STEP 6. String four 11°s and sew down through the other hole of the GemDuo. Sew through the side beads from previous step to exit through the upper hole of the GemDuo.

STEP 7. String three 11°s and sew through the GemDuo from the opposite direction. Sew through those beads again.

STEP 8. Sew down through four side beads, then sew through the lower hole of the GemDuo. Sew down through two side beads. Skip the bottom middle bead and sew up through the fourteen 11°s surrounding GemDuo.

STEP 9. String one 11° and sew up through the top side bead of the next GemDuo. Sew through GemDuo. **NOTE:** In this step I used a second color of 11°s - this is an optional design variation.

STEP 10. Repeat Steps 5 through 9 four times. After adding the last 11°, sew through beads to exit through the fourth side bead on the opposite side of the GemDuo.

STEP 11. String one 15° and sew down through the fifth side bead of the next GemDuo (counting from the top). Sew through the 11° from Step 9. Sew through the 11° below the one exited at the start of

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this step. Sew back through the 15°, then sew through the fourth side bead of the next GemDuo (counting from the top). Sew through the next eight 11°s surrounding the GemDuo. Pull thread snug so that your beadwork starts to bend inward, forming the beginning of the bead cap.

STEP 12. Repeat Step 11 four times, secure the thread and end it.

STEP 13. Use about 1.25 yards (1.2m) of thread and repeat Steps 1 through 12 to make the second bead cap but do not end the working thread. After adding the last 15°, sew through beads to exit through top middle 11°.

STEP 14. On an eye pin, add a rubber stopper, the current bead cap, the cotton pearl, the finished bead cap and the second rubber stopper. Push the second stopper all down to secure the pearl in place.

STEP 15. String one 15°, one 11°, one 15° and sew through the mirror top middle 11° of the other bead cap. Sew back down through those same three beads and sew through the 11° exited at the start of this step from the opposite direction.

STEP 16. Sew again through beads added in the previous step to reinforce the thread and pull snug. Sew through several beads to exit the next top middle bead.

STEP 17. Repeat Steps 15 and 16 four more times, secure the thread and end it.

STEP 18. Remove rubber stoppers and the caged pearl from the eye pin.

STEP 19. Return the caged pearl to the eye pin. Use pliers to make a simple loop.

STEP 20. Add a jump ring to the tassel and attach the tassel to the lower loop of the eye pin. **NOTE:** You can use pre-made tassel or you can make one yourself.

STEP 21. Add a jump ring to the second loop of the caged pearl and attach the bail. String your chain or cord through the bail.

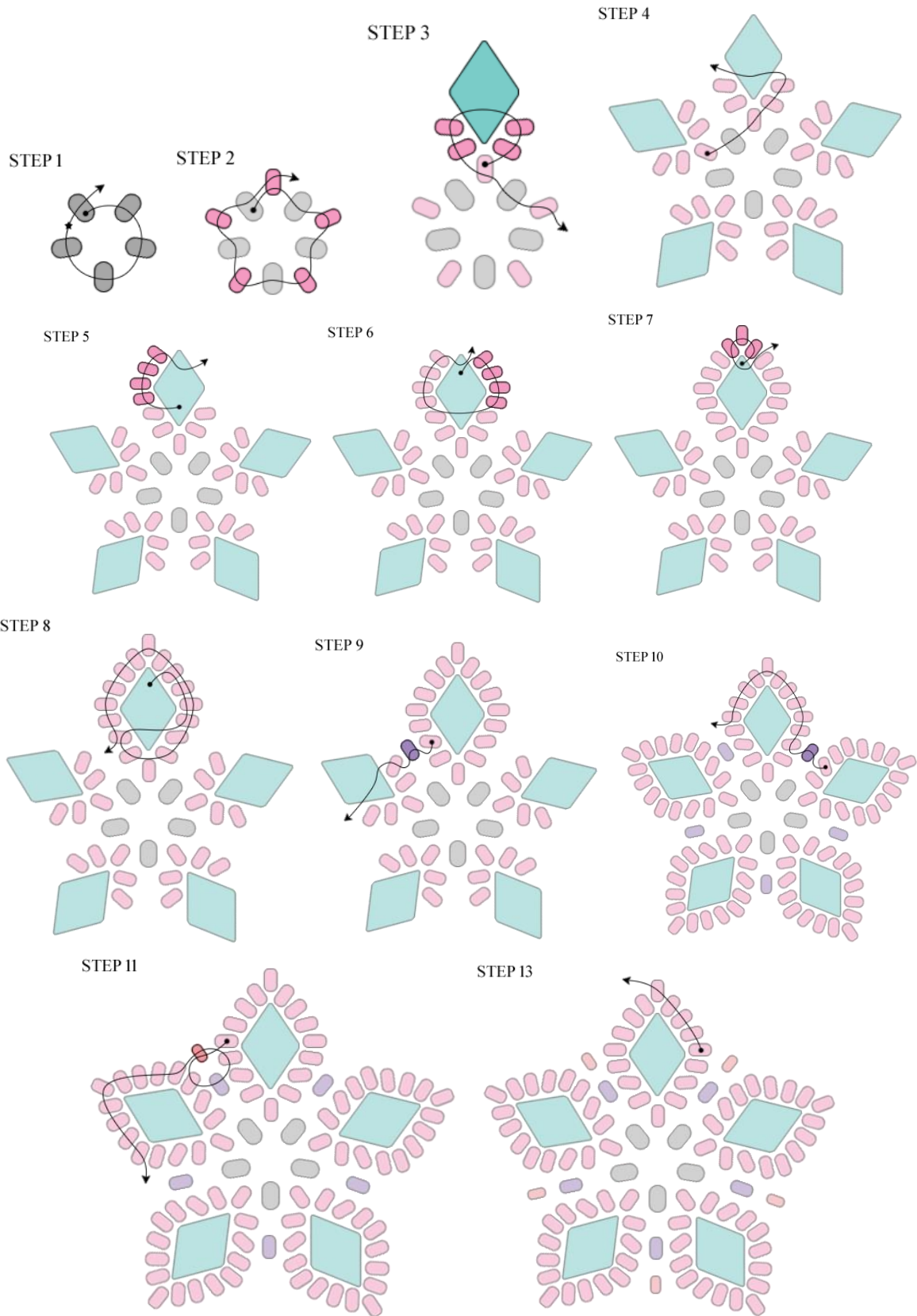


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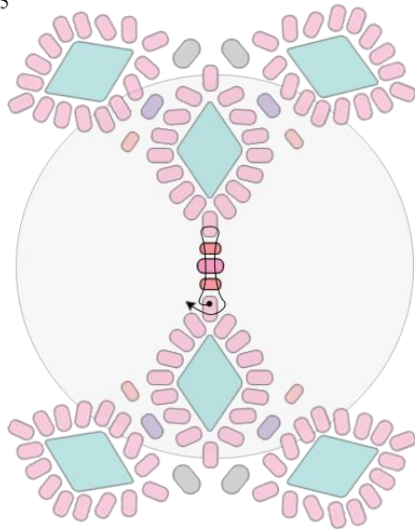
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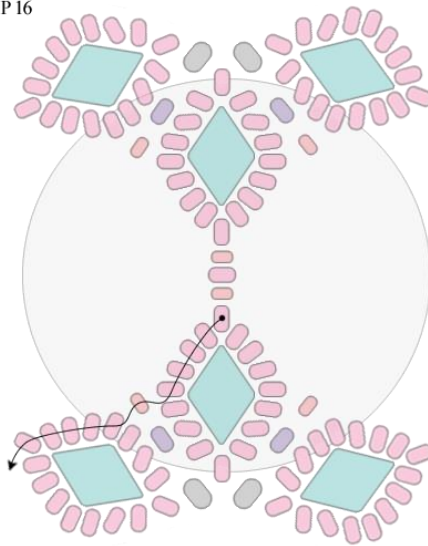


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STEP 15



STEP 16



STEP 21

