

CALI® TWISTED ROPE

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Create this stunning, fun project featuring the new 3-hole Cali® beads and using a variation of the spiral rope beading technique.

MATERIALS:

- 100 - 3x8mm Dk. Blue Luster Cali® beads – JB# 27801717-04
- Approx. 1000 11/0 black seed beads – JB# 66434904
- Approx. 1700 15/0 metallic silver Miyuki Delica – 690DBS0-0021
- 1 – 20mm Sterling Silver toggle clasp – JB# 96005018
- 1 – 6mm Sterling Silver jump ring – JB# 96002609
- Beading needles size#10 or #12
- Miyuki thread, Wildfire or thread of your preference

METHOD:

Step 1: On a good length of thread pick up a distinctive colour bead and use it as a stop bead, it will be discarded later. Leave a tail of 15-20 cm (6 inches). Thread on the following sequence of beads: 4(A), 4(D), 1(CALI, the needle goes through middle hole of the three) and 4 (D) again, Fig 1; at this point knot the threads twice and sew through the 4 (A) size 8/0 beads (core beads), pull the thread firmly, see Fig2.

Note: A cluster of outside beads will be produced later on when we pass twice more through the Cali® bead using the outer holes.

Step 2: Pick up 1(D), 2(B) & 1(D) go through first outer hole of Cali® bead; pick up 1(D), 2(B) & 1(D) and sew through the 4 size 8/0 core beads again, as shown in Fig 3. Keep tension firm.

Step 3: Thread on 1(D), 2(B), 1(D) pass into the third hole of the Cali® bead, pick up 1(D), 2(B),

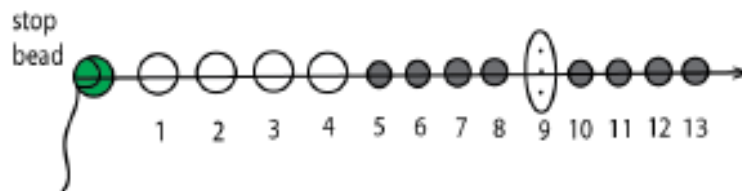


Fig 1.

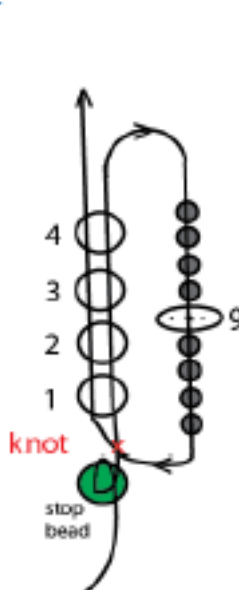


Fig 2.

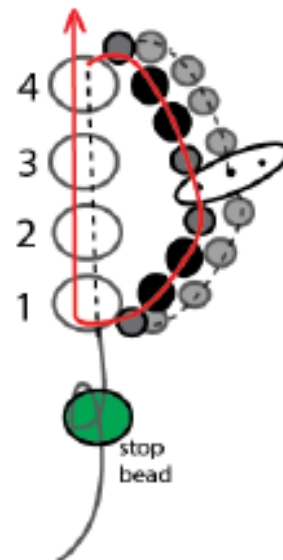


Fig 3.

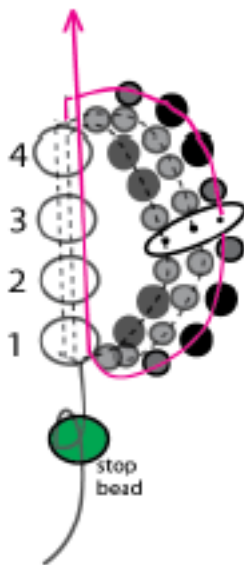


Fig 4.

1(D) and sew again through the 4 (A), see Fig 4. You are now ready to step up and start another cluster of beads.

Step 4: At this point move the cluster you have just created to your left so the new group of beads are positioned on your right. Pick up 1(A), 4(D), 1 (CALI-middle hole), and 4(D), pass through 4 size 8/0 beads (A) counting from the top and using the size 8/0 seed bead just added in this round which creates a step, as shown in Fig 5 (See graphic on the right top corner of next page). Tip: Keep tension firm.

Continue repeating Steps 2, 3 and 4 above until you have reached your desired length of twisted rope.