

# Michael's

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*How to Use Gemstone  
Donuts in Jewelry*



*John Bead*  
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# Materials

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads Size 8/0  
Opaque Black, SKU 10549076

Labradorite Donut Pendant, SKU 10666411

Semi-precious, 5mm Hematite Disc Spacers, SKU 10464241

Wildfire Beading Thread .006, SKU 10470337

Size #10 Beading Needle, SKU 10332394

Black Oxidized Findings Pack, SKU 10151191

Chain Nose Pliers, SKU 10121794

Bent Nose Pliers, SKU 10121795

Precision Scissors, SKU 10591717

Beading Mat, SKU 10348546

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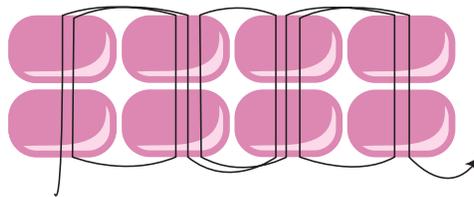
In this class we will use two-column, herringbone round stitch technique to create a bracelet design featuring a semi-precious donut gemstone for a statement bracelet design.

This class has a prerequisite review recommended. [Linked here is the herringbone rope bracelet class from John Bead for Michaels Stores.](#) This technique is the foundation for the design we will cover in this class.

## Overview

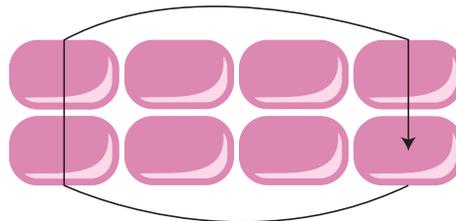
### Step 1

Cut approximately 70" [178 cm] of beading thread. Ladder stitch together four stacks of two beads each in Color A.



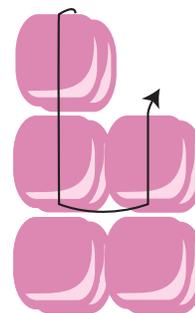
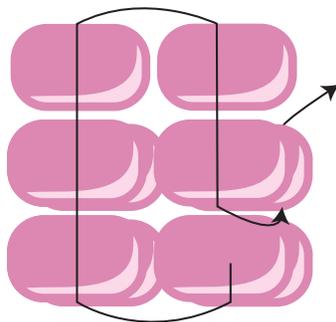
### Step 2

Join the last stack to the first. Stitch up through the first two 8/o beads and back down through the last two 8/o beads added. The beads will form a cube shape.



### Step 3

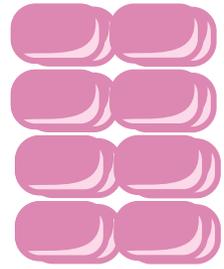
Pick up two Color A beads and go down through the next bead. Come up through the next bead.



Side View

#### Step 4

Pick up two more Color A beads. Go down through the next 8/0 bead and come up through the next bead. This time, you'll need to step up through the bead above (which was the first bead added in step 3).



#### Step 5

Repeat steps 3 and 4 for a total of (9) rounds. Beginning with round 10, if desired, begin replacing one bead per round with a 5mm hematite spacer. You can do this randomly, or, in a pattern that places each new spacer one up diagonal from the previous round. This pattern will spiral around. Do this for a total of (10) spacers/rounds. Then repeat steps 3 and 4 for (7) more rounds using only 8/0 seed beads.

#### Step 6

Begin creating single column herringbone stitch. This will leave one side of the herringbone rope open. Build the single column for a total of 24 rows. Bring through the center of the gemstone donut. Fold it around to meet the herringbone rope on the other side. Connect it to the open side of the rope as if you were adding two new seed beads, just using the existing beads on that side as the new beads. Weave in remaining thread and trim.



### Step 7

Using the tail thread, String (4) Size 8/0 Seed Beads. Skipping the next bead in the round, go through the Size 8/0 bead that is diagonal from the bead your thread is exiting. A loop of size 8/0 beads will form. Stitch down and pick up a thread bridge under the bead below. Come back up through the bead and continue through the (4) 8/0 beads to reinforce the loop. Repeat this reinforcing step once more, then weave in the remaining thread and trim.

### Step 8

Repeat all steps above to create the other side of the design.

### Step 9

Using the variety pack of findings, open a 6mm jump ring using your chain nose and bent nose pliers. Attach a lobster claw to one side and a chain of jump rings to the other. If desired, create a decorative dangle for your chain using a headpin from the pack and two of the hematite spacers.



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