

Spiral Lanyard Necklace Design

Supplies

Tools

Size 6/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads, One Color

Size 8/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads, One Color

Size 10/0 Czech Glass Seed Beads, One Color

49 Strand Beading Wire (.018) SKU 10121916

Beadalon Findings Pack SKU 10186866

#2 Crimp Beads SKU 10352491

Wildfire Beading Thread .006 SKU 10470337

Swivel Badge Clips SKU 10332396

Size 10 Beading Needles SKU 10332394

Precision Scissors SKU 10591717

Chain Nose Pliers SKU 10121794

Bent Chain Nose Pliers SKU 10121795

Crimping Pliers SKU 10332396

Semi-Flush Cutters SKU 10121797



Time: 4 to 6 hours

Skill Level: Intermediate

This design can be made as a lanyard, a necklace with a pendant added, or even a bracelet design. Depending on the jewelry you plan to make, adjust the length of beading wire you cut. This design doesn't shorten when worked or stretch with wear. The strong core of beading wire makes this design ideal for suspending a heavier pendant or as a lanyard that needs to stand up to wear.

Cut approximately 36 inches of beading wire. Crimp one end to a jump ring. To do this, use a medium jump ring from your findings variety pack and make sure it is closed using your chain nose and bent nose pliers.

Slide one end of your beading wire through a #2 crimp bead and loop through the jump ring, then back through the crimp. Use your crimper tool to compress the crimp. Trim the beading wire tail. Fig 1



Fig1

Add size 6/0 beads to the beading wire to the desired length of your lanyard, leaving enough beading wire tail to close a second crimp bead at the end of the design. For now, secure that end with scotch tape or a bead stopper, leaving a small amount of wiggle room for the beads. Fig 2

The size 6/0 beads are the "core" beads.

Cut a length of Wildfire beading thread approximately 45 inches in length and thread a size 10 beading needle. Run the needle down the thread 15 inches and fold over. This design is worked on a single strand.

Leaving a 7 inch tail, go through the first three size 6/0 beads added on the beading wire strand, going in the direction of the crimp bead.

Pick up three size 10/0 beads, one size 8/0 bead, and three size 10/0 beads. Fig 3

These sets of three 10/0, one 8/0, and three 10/0 are the "arms" of the spiral.

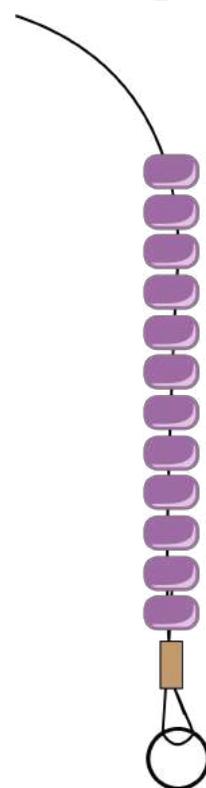


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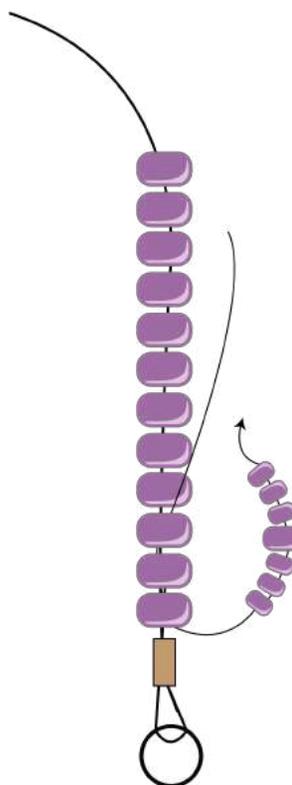


Fig3

Go through the third and then the second 6/0 beads added onto the beading wire in the direction of the crimp bead. Fig 4

Pick up three 10/0 beads, and 8/0 bead, and three 10/0 beads and go through the fourth bead added, heading in the direction of the crimp bead. Fig 5

Go down through the three beads below. Fig 6

Turn and go up through the first set of three, 10/0 beads added and the 8/0 bead added. The next step will go through the 8/0 bead in the second arm. Fig 7

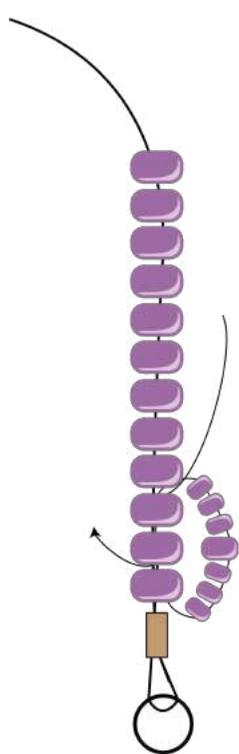


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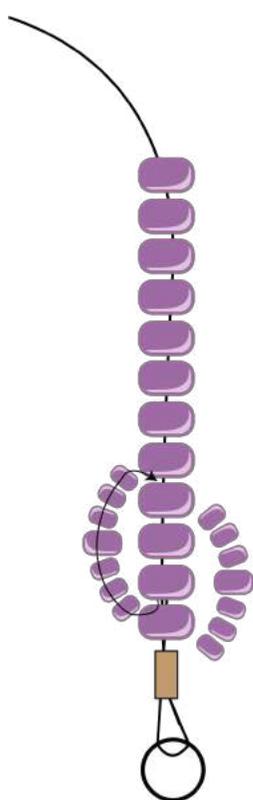


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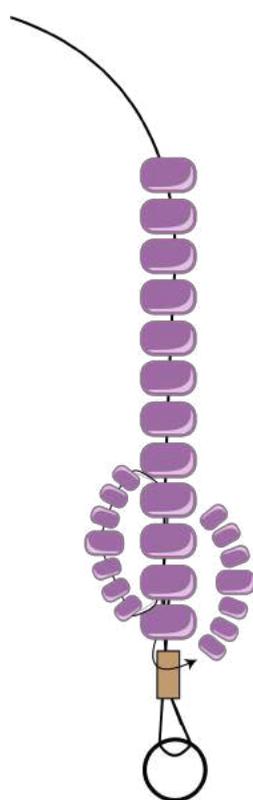


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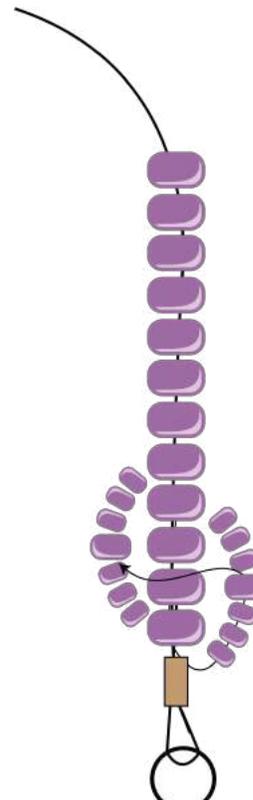
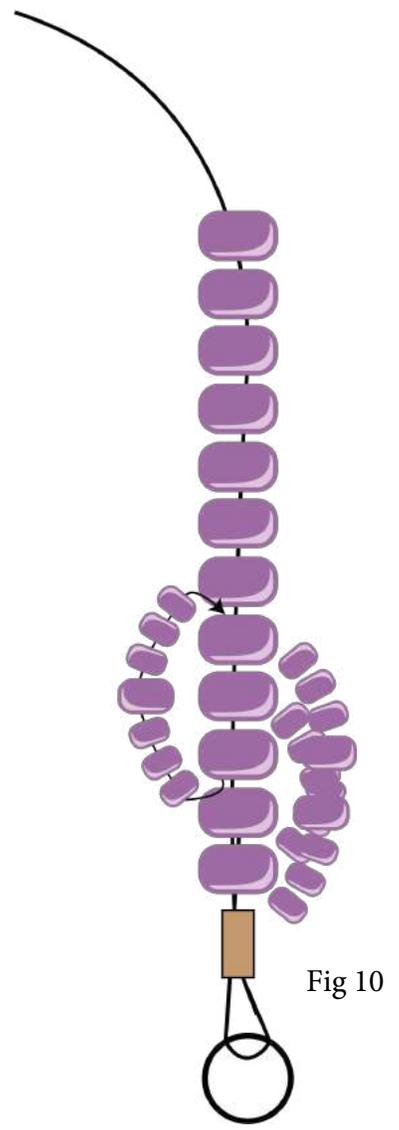
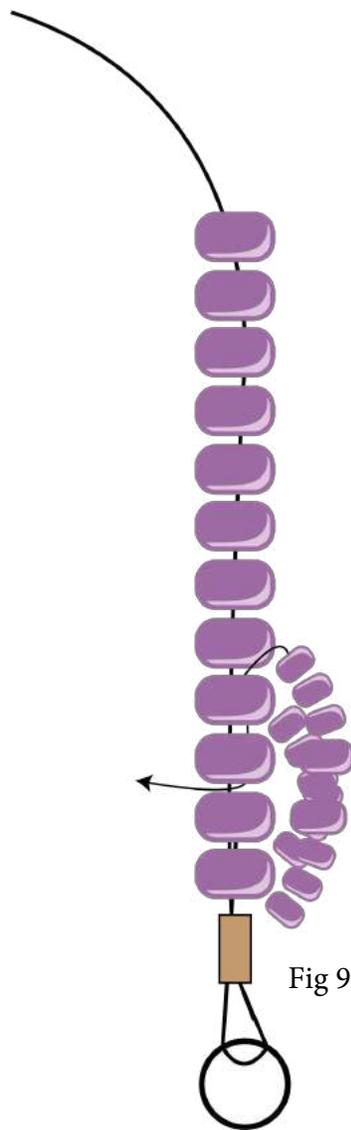
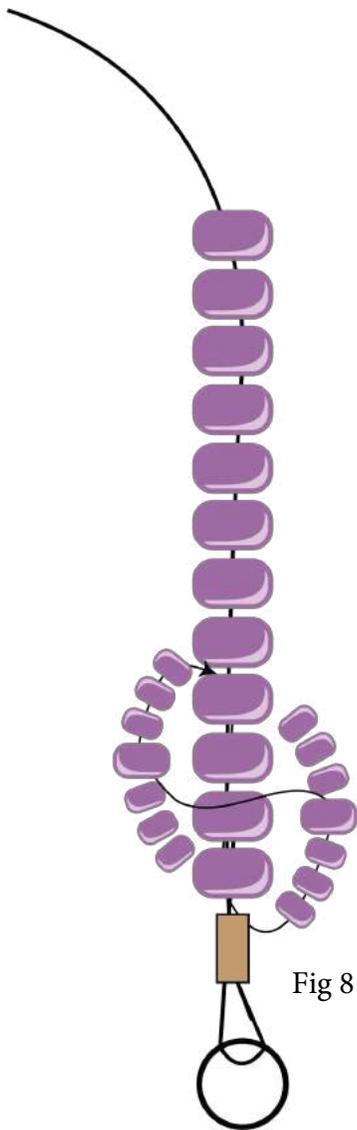


Fig 7

Continue through the three, 10/0 beads above. Fig 8

Go down through the fourth and third core beads added, heading towards the crimp bead. When you pull the thread, the second arm will snuggle up next to the first. Fig 9

Add another set of arm beads. Fig 10



Turn and go down through four, 6/0 beads, those are the fifth, fourth, third, and second core beads added. Fig 11

Repeat the steps shown in figures 6 through 10 for the remainder of the necklace.

Adding Thread

At the point where your thread begins to run short, stop and remove the needle. Set aside for now, and add a new length of thread by going through several core beads, heading in the direction of the crimp bead, and looping up around an arm, back down through a few core beads, then back up through another arm. Pull after each loop to see if the tail of the new thread is movable. Once the tail stops moving when you pull, your new thread is woven in.

Complete a few pattern iterations and then go back and add the needle to the old working thread. Weave it into the new work in the same way the new thread was woven in. Trim.

When your necklace has reached the desired length, weave in remaining thread as described above and trim.

The last step is to slide a crimp bead onto the beading wire, through a jump ring, and back through the crimp bead. Pull the crimp bead up against the last 6/0 bead added, and go ahead and run some of the beading thread tail through a few of the 6/0 beads. Pull to tighten one last time, then use the crimper tool to close your crimp bead. Trim the remaining beading thread using your semi-flush cutters.

Using jump rings, attach the swivel badge clip to your lanyard necklace.

