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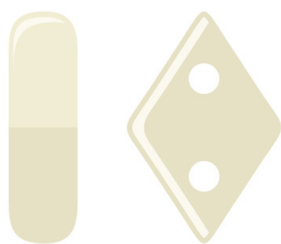
CZECHMATES

DIAMOND HONEYCOMB FLOWERS

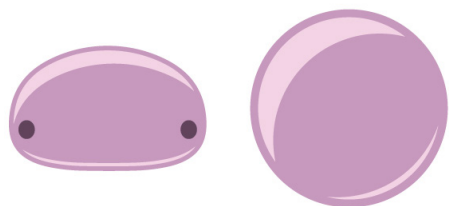


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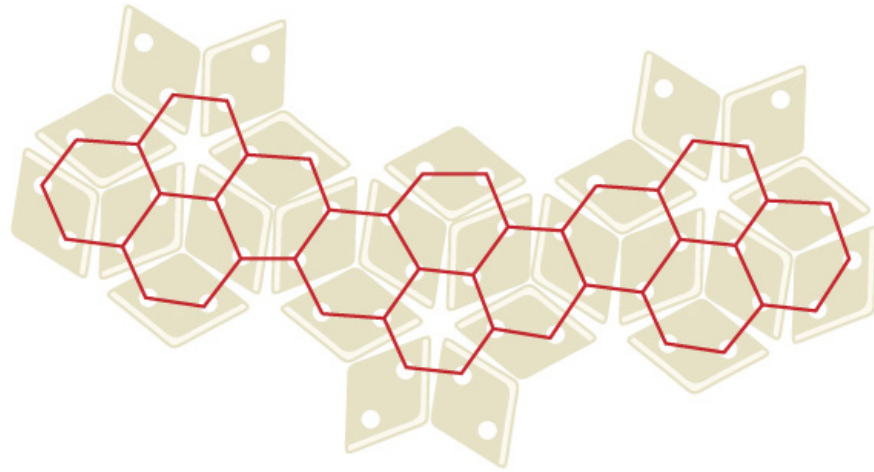
In this inspiration we combine Czech Mates 2-Hole Diamond Beads in a new way that connects them flat to make shapes of honeycombs and flowers.



Czech Mates Diamond 2-Hole 4 x 6.5mm Beads



Czech Mates Cabochon 2-Hole 7mm Beads

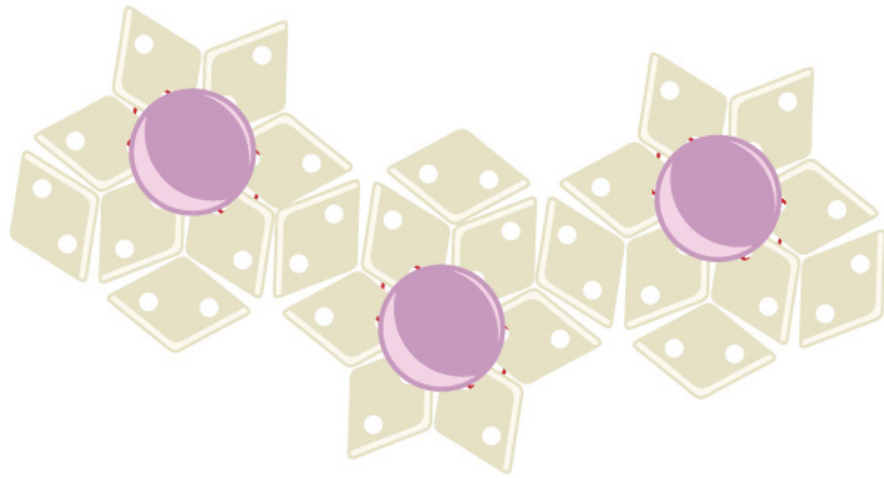


STEP 1

Working with the diamonds in a flat configuration is easy to do. It's helpful to arrange them together in the shape you'd like to connect, then use a looping stitch to join each hole to the hole in the adjacent beads. You can jump to the other hole in the same bead. In designs like this the thread shows. You can match your thread color to the bead, or, use a contrasting thread to make it part of your design, where the stitching shows on purpose for visual interest and style.

In the two featured designs, a 2-Hole Cabochon is stitched in the middle of the flower shape. The cabochons are joined in a rectangle stitch through the 2-holes in the bead and at the center of the star shape, as shown.





STEP 2

Finishing Tips: 22 gauge wire or jump rings will fit the holes of the Diamond beads. You can also stitch a loop of seed beads to connect clasps. Weaving in is easy to do by looping through the stitches and making turns to weave in. Half hitch knots with thread may be hidden on the underside of the piece.

