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Make a Designer Lanyard for your Ear Buds!



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What You'll Need

Size 6/0 Czech Seed Beads, Flamingo Mix, SKU 10737551
Size 6/0 Czech Seed Beads, Orange, SKU 10478802
Size 6/0 Czech Seed Beads, Lemon, SKU 10478805
Size 6/0 Czech Seed Beads, Crystal Green Lined, SKU 10737548
Size 6/0 Czech Seed Beads, Mint Julep, SKU 10478800
Size 11/0 Czech Seed Beads, Crystal Silver-Lined, SKU 10627238

Beading Wire .018in, 49 Strand, SKU 10121916
2x2 Crimp Tube, Stainless Steel, SKU 10697711
Standard Crimping Tool, SKU 10332396
Flush Cutter Pliers, SKU 10443472
John Bead Eyeglass Holders, SKU D701123S

Beginner Bead Stringing 1-Hour

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Introduction

John Bead Czech seed beads in bright colors make the best lanyard jewelry! Never search for lost ear buds again with this fun, easy-to-make design. In today's class we will demonstrate an easy technique to string seed beads onto beading wire and finish with a crimped end to an eyeglass finding.



Step 1 - Plan your Design

You can work from the beading wire spool to begin stringing your design if you are not sure of the length or color flow you would like yet.

Our sample design has a finished length of 26-inches and was worked in an ombre from red to green, mixing oranges and yellows into a flow of summer color. If you like this idea but want to change up the colors, select any four or five tubes of size 6/0 Czech seed beads in a rainbow order to work with. You'll also need a contrasting or corresponding size 11/0 Czech seed bead to act as your spacer between each 6/0 bead.

Step 2 - Begin to String

Start with a 6/0 seed bead in your first color, then string an 11/0 seed bead. The 11/0 seed bead spacer between every 6/0 bead guarantees that your lanyard will have silky movement.

To create an ombre, string four or five beads in your first color, then introduce the next color in your flow as one bead, followed by three of the first color. Introduce two of the new color, then add two more of the old color. Then add three of the new color, and add only one of the old color. You can loosely work the color changes in this fashion and you will achieve a nice ombre. When you've transitioned to your last color, you can work backwards through the flow and repeat as many times as needed to achieve the desired length of your piece.

Step 3 - Performing a Crimp

To finish your design, string a 2x2 crimp tube onto the beading wire end. Make sure you have at least 4-inches of additional beading wire length to maneuver with after the crimp. String on one side of your eyeglass holder finding; this will be one side of the rubber loop. Feed the wire back through the crimp tube and a few seed beads. Pull it through until you have a 5mm loop of beading wire securing the finding. Use crimping pliers to crimp a U-shape, then the front of the pliers to fold the u-shape closed. Trim the excess beading wire using flush cutters. We will demo this in class.

Cut the other side of your design free from the spool using flush cutters. Repeat Step 3 to secure a second eyeglasses finding to that side.

Slide the ear bud into the rubber finding and move the metal coil to tighten. Enjoy your new, ear buds lanyard! Works for eyeglasses too!