

Bachelor Buttons

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INTRODUCING THE MINIDUO™

New from the manufacturer as the SuperDuo is the MiniDuo. The MiniDuo is both smaller and lighter while maintaining the iconic Duo shape.

ABOUT THE ARTIST: SUE CHARETTE-HOOD



Sue is an award-winning Canadian jewelry artist living in Texas and has been designing/teaching for many years. She works in different jewelry media but 'no-glue' kumihimo and beadweaving are her loves. She is a devoted instructor and delights in sharing with students. Her classes are designed with success in mind, guiding techniques while allowing for individualization. Sue is married with two daughters. Visit Sue at www.etsy.com/shop/crystalwonders

COLORWAYS: Silver – MiniDuo Silver (364-24-27000), Hematite (364-24-14400), Jet (364-24-2398); TOHO Round 11° Silver-Lined Crystal (TR-11-21); TOHO Round 8° Silver-Lined Crystal (TR-08-21). Green/Pink – MiniDuo Luster Stone Green (364-24-64454), Opaque Pink Luster (364-24-P14495), Luster Opaque Amethyst (364-24-P15726); TOHO Round 11° Gold-Lined Rainbow Aqua (TR-11-995); TOHO Round 8° Gold-Lined Rainbow Aqua (TR-08-995).



INSTRUCTIONS

- Form a Component:** On one yard of thread, pick up six MD1. Form a ring by tying a knot with the tail. Pass through all beads again. Add one SB11, pass through the MD1 on the opposite side of the ring, and pass back through the SB11 and the first MD1. Jump through the second hole of the MD1. Trim the tail.
- Add MD2, pass through the open hole of the adjacent MD1. Repeat five times, for a total of six MD2. Pass through all beads again to reinforce. Jump through the second hole of the first MD2.
- Add two MD3, pass through the open hole of the adjacent MD2. Repeat five times, for a total of 12 MD3. The piece will begin to form the dome shape. Pass through all beads again to reinforce. Jump through the second hole of the first MD3.
- Add one SB11. Pass through the open hole of the adjacent MD3. Add one SB8, pass through the open hole of the adjacent MD3. Repeat five times, for a total of six SB11 and six SB8. Pass through all beads again to reinforce, tying knots as you go to keep the tension and shape of the dome. Exit a SB11, but do not cut the working thread. The first button component is complete. Make six more components for a total of seven.
- Join Components:** With the remaining working thread, add SB11, MD3, SB11. Pass through an SB11 on the outer edge of a second component. Add SB11, pass through the second hole of the MD3. Add SB11, then pass through the SB11 you started at. Pass through all beads again to reinforce. Weave into the first component, then tie off.

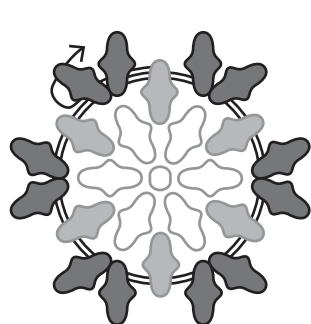
Repeat to join all components.

- Add a Clasp:** Using the working thread of an end component, add SB11, MD3 and five seed beads. Pass into the second hole of the MD and add SB11. Pass through the SB11 you started at, then pass through all the beads again to reinforce. Weave into the first component, then tie off. Use jump rings to attach the clasp to the loop as shown.

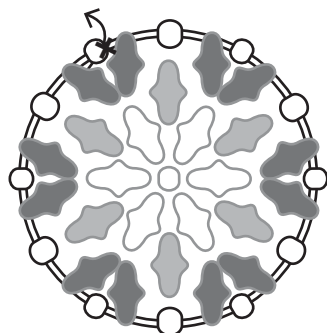
MATERIALS

- 42 MiniDuos, Color 1 (MD1)
- 42 MiniDuos, Color 2 (MD2)
- 92 MiniDuos, Color 3 (MD3)
- 2gm TOHO 11° Rounds (SB11)
- 2gm TOHO 8° Rounds (SB8)
- Clasp of Choice
- 2 Jump Rings
- Thread of choice

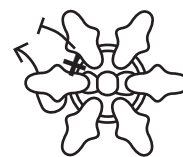
Bracelet as instructed is approx. 6.25". One component and one connector measures approx. 1/8".



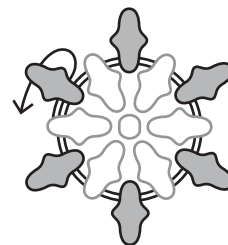
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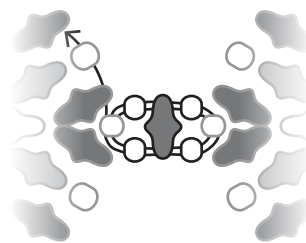
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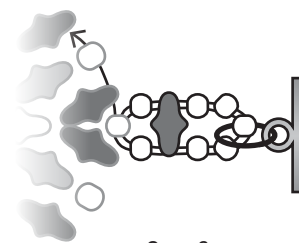
Step 1



Step 2



Step 5



Step 6