

'Cute as a button'



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What do you need?

Beads:

- ca. 2.5 gr. of 11/0 seedbeads
- ca. 1.0 gr. of 15/0 seedbeads
- 2 x dagger beads - 11x3 mm (or similar)
- 2 x gumdrops - 10x7 mm

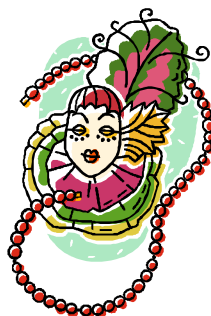
Tools:

- Size 12 beading needle
- 1 pair of earring findings
- Thread
(I used 2lb fireline but you can use a slightly thicker thread if you want. But please note that I made this pattern with the 2lb fireline in my mind!).
- Scissors
- Thread conditioner (optional)

A note on the side: Miyuki and Toho seedbeads can differ in size...

On page 10-11 there is an example of it.

And last but not least: Have fun beading!

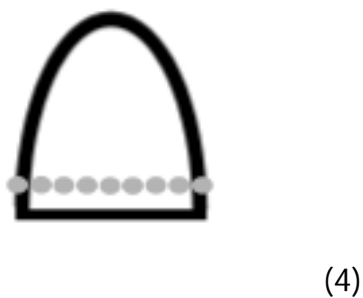
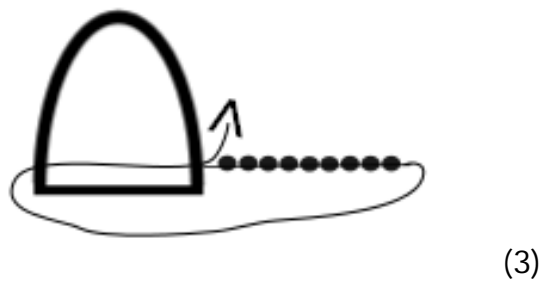
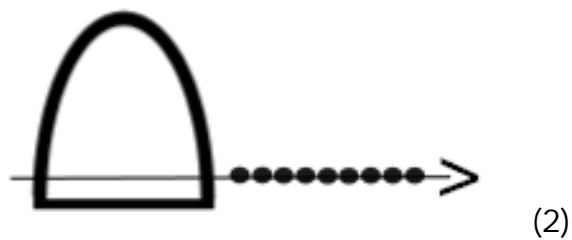


Let's begin!

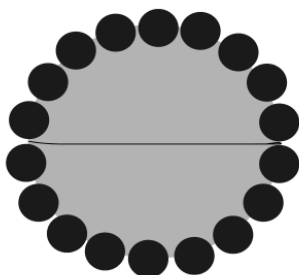
1 - Snip of a length of thread that you are comfortable working with. String a gumdrop on it and carry it to the end of the thread. Leave about a 6 inch tail. Follow figure 1.



2 - String on nine 11/0 seedbeads and go through the gumdrop on the opposite direction. Follow figure 2 and 3.

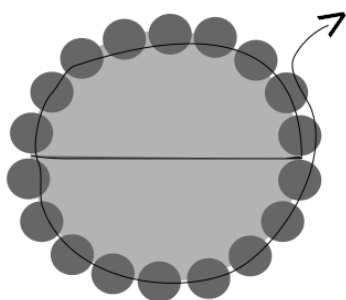


3 - Repeat step 2 and make sure you have those beads on the opposite side of the first string of beads. Make sure you hold on your thread tight throughout the pattern!



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4 - Go through all the beads again so that all the beads connect.

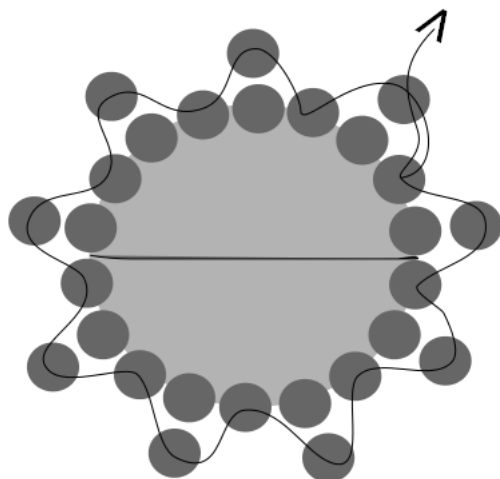


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5 - Come out of one of the beads and string on one 11/0 seedbead, skip one bead and go through the next..

Make sure you are going to peyote stitch on the dome side of the gumdrop.

Follow figure 7.

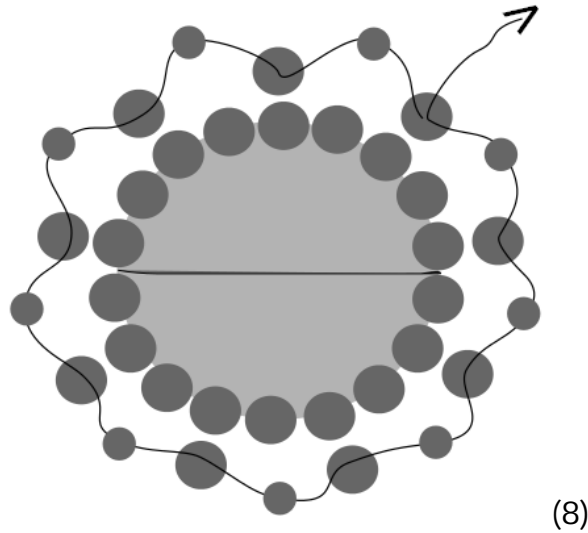


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6 - Repeat step 5 for the rest of the round. Don't forget to step up after you have beaded the last bead.

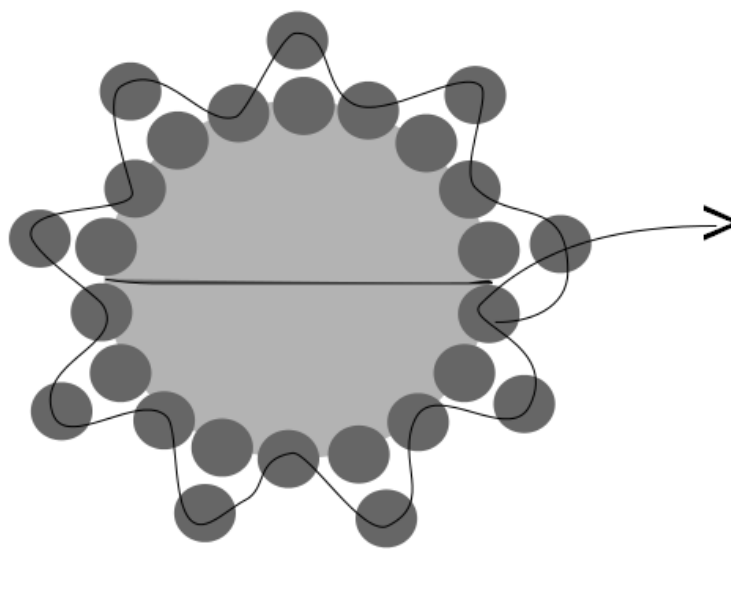
7 - The next round we are going to peyote stitch with size 15/0 seedbeads.

Follow figure 8.



8 - When you have finished this round, peyote stitch again but without picking up a bead. This makes the work a little bit tighter.

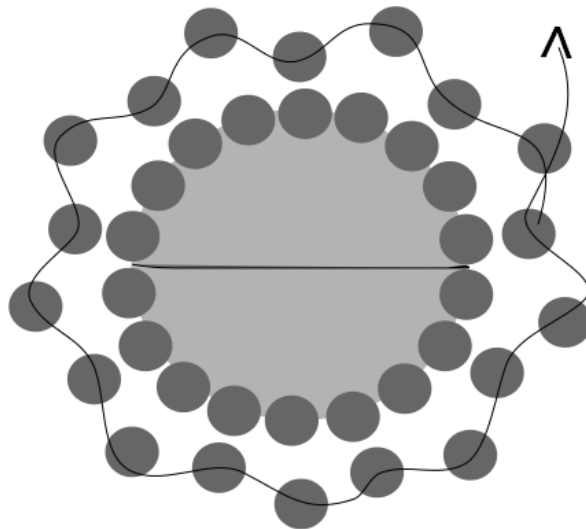
9 - Go back in the work and exit a bead on the bottom. Follow figure 9.



10 - Come out of one of the beads and string on one 11/0 seedbead, skip one bead and go through the next..

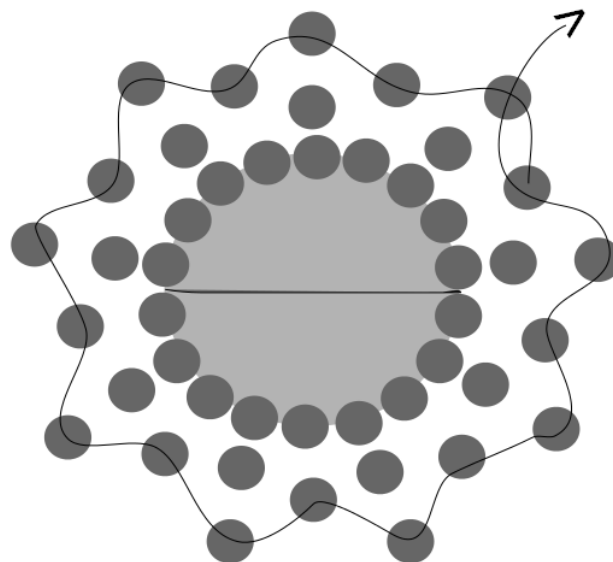
Make sure you are going to peyote stitch on the flat side of the gumdrop.

Follow figure 10.



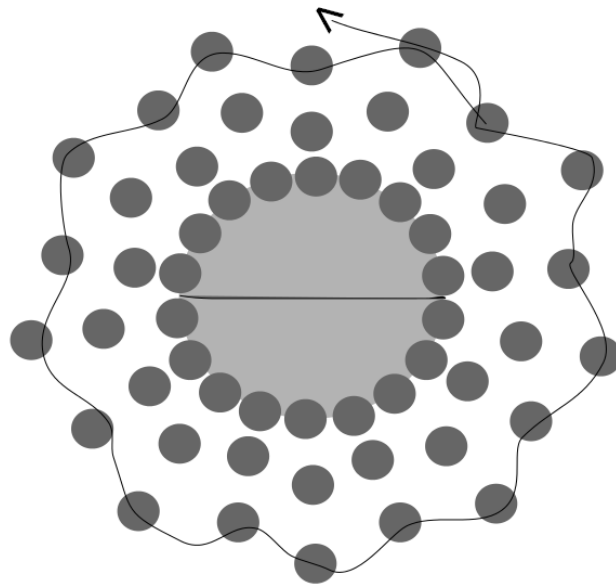
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11 - Repeat step 10 again for another round. Follow figure 11.



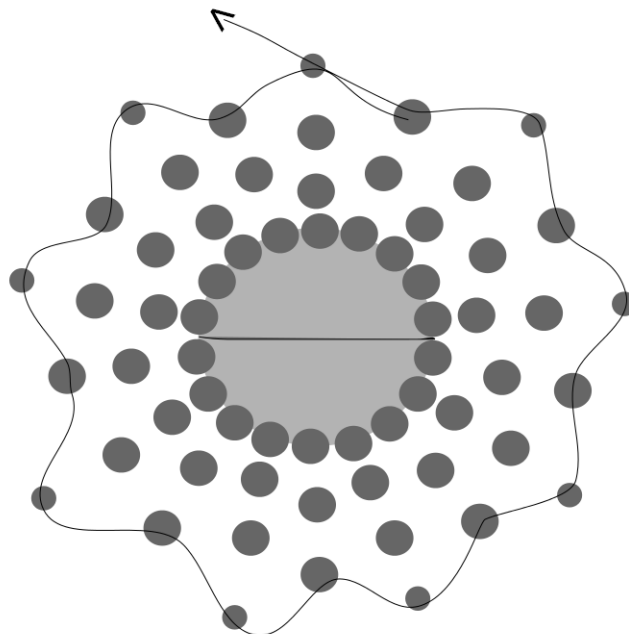
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12 - Repeat step 10 again for another round. Follow figure 12.



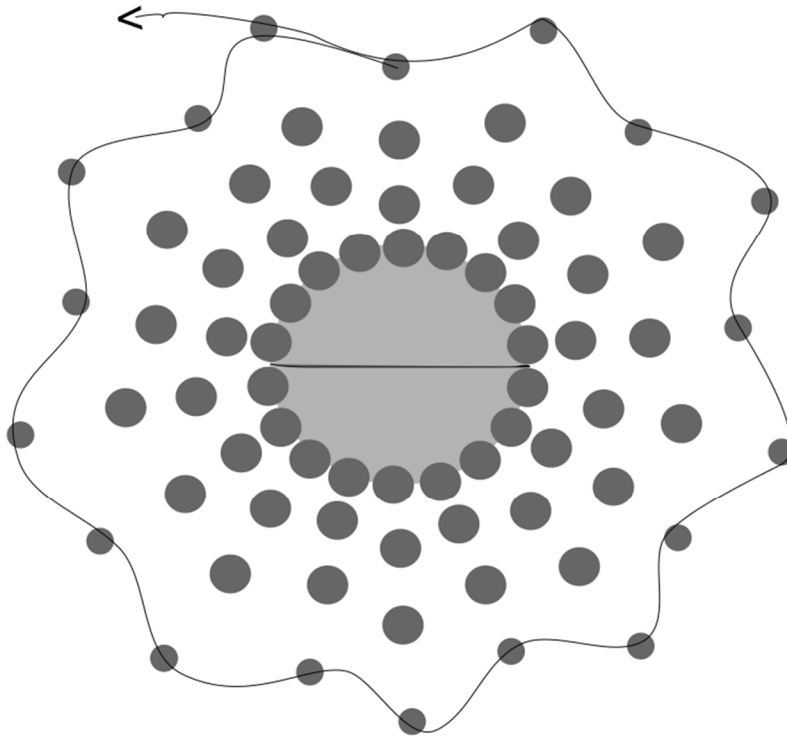
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13 - Repeat step 10 but replace the size 11/0 seedbeads with 15/0 seedbeads!
Follow figure 13.



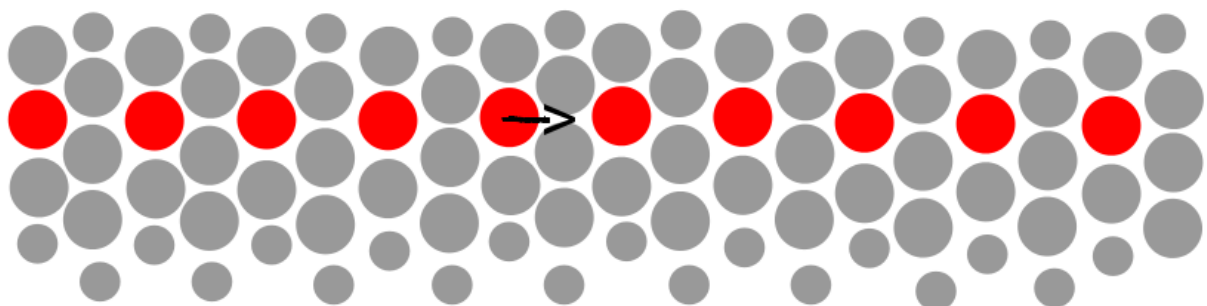
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14 - Repeat step 13 for the last time and go through all the beads again without picking up a bead. Follow figure 14.



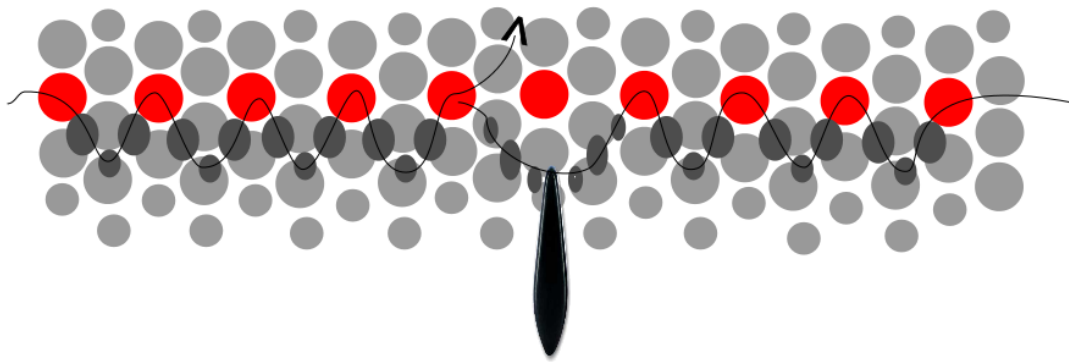
(14)

15 - Go back into your work and come out a 11/0 seedbead (one of the red colored bead!). Follow figure 15a.



(15a)

16 - Pick up one 15/0 - one 11/0 - one 15/0 - daggerbead (or similar) one 15/0 - one 11/0 - one 15/0 - skip one red bead and go through the next. Follow figure 15b.



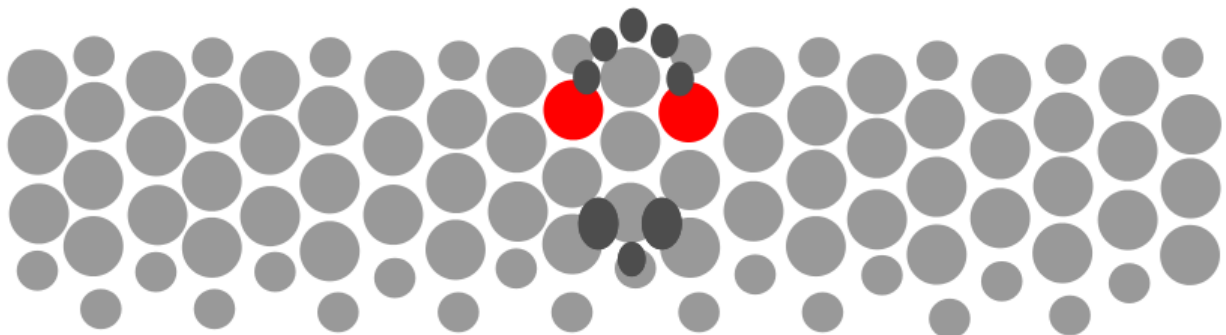
(15b)

17 - Pick up one 11/0 - one 15/0 - one 11/0 and go through the next red bead.
Follow figure 15b.

18 - Repeat step 17 for 6 other times and go through the beads of step 16 again.

19 - Go back into your beadwork until you reach the top side of your earring. This is behind the middle picot and straight in line with the dagger dangle on the bottom.
Make sure you come out of the first red bead on the left.

20 - Pick up 5 (or more if needed) and go through the next red colored bead. See figure 16.



(16)

21 - Go through the bail several times for strength and go back into your beadwork and make a half-hitch knot, if you want to secure it, here and there.

22 - Repeat steps 1 to 21 for the second part of the earrings!



Cute as a button earring examples!



A different color scheme can make a big difference!

On the next picture the Cute as a button earrings are made with 11/0 Miyuki (nr. 11-2006) and 15/0 Toho (TR-15-55) seedbeads.

I had to add 1 extra 11/0 seedbead in step 2, so I did not add 9 but 10 seedbeads.

If you encounter the same you can skip another red colored bead in figure 15b and go through the next one. Just don't forget to add also some seedbeads in step 16.

The dagger I used in this example is a size 16x5.5 mm



I hope you had fun with making these cute as a button earrings as I did 😊

If you have any questions or comments, they are always welcome!

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