



“Kerala” Beaded Bead



Material (for one beaded bead)

Matubo Minigemduo (40 pcs)

Matubo Gemduo (10 pcs)

Matubo 8/0 (20 pcs)

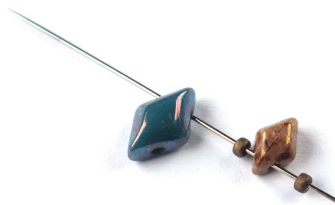
Miyuki Round 11/0 (approx. 0.3 gram)

Miyuki Round 15/0 (approx. 1.4 gram)

18mm round wooden or acrylic core bead (1 pc)

Beading needle and thread (Nymo, Fireline..)

Difficulty: For beginners/Intermediate



1) String one 15/0, one Minigemduo, one 15/0, one Gemduo. Make sure the Minigemduo and the Gemduo are positioned just as in the photo (both are front side up but are pointing in a different direction).



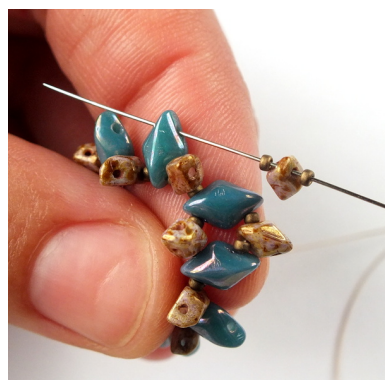
2) Repeat step 1 nine more times (10 times total).



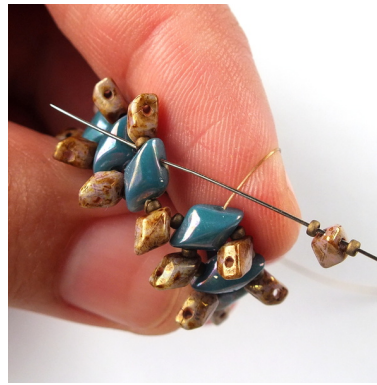
3) Slide all the beads to the end of the thread and tie a square knot to form a circle. Then pass through the free hole of the nearest Gemduo.



4) Add one 15/0, one Minigemduo and one 15/0 and then pass through the upper hole of the next Gemduo. Make sure the new Minigemduo is facing the same direction as all the other Mini/Gemduos in your work.



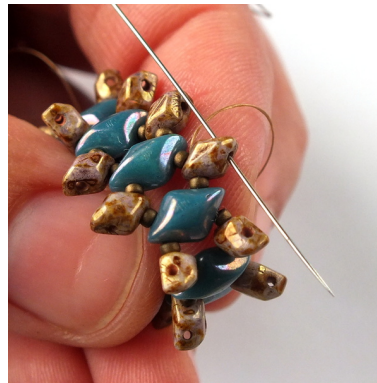
5) Repeat step 4 ...



6) ... until you reach the end of the row.



7) At the end of the row pass through the first 15/0 and the lower hole of the first Minigemduo you added in this row ...



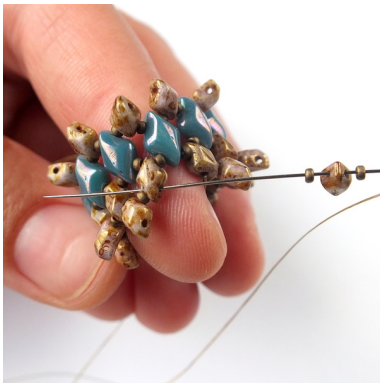
8) ... and then pass back through the upper hole of the same Minigemduo.



9) Add one 15/0, one Minigemduo and one 15/0 and then pass through the upper hole of the next Minigemduo. Make sure the new Minigemduo is facing the same direction as all the other Mini/Gemduos in your work.



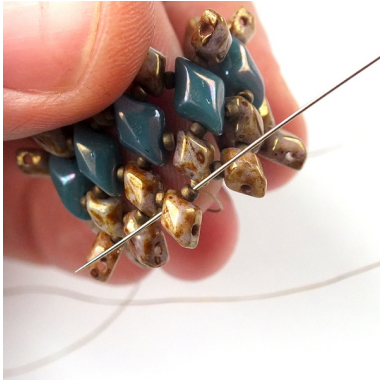
10) Repeat step 9 ...



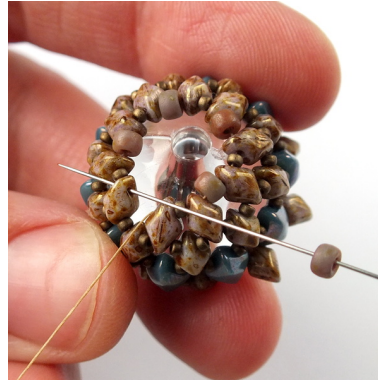
11) ... until you reach the end of the row.



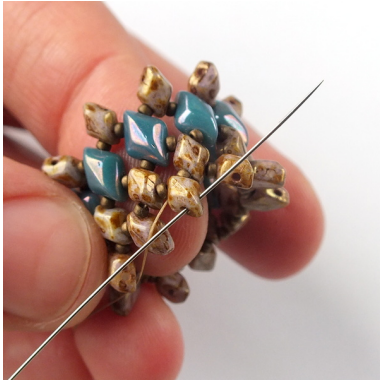
16) Repeat steps 14 and 15 ...



12) At the end of the row pass through the first 15/0 and the lower hole of the first Minigemduo you added in this row ...



17) ... until you reach the end of the row.



13) ... and then pass back through the upper hole of the same Minigemduo.



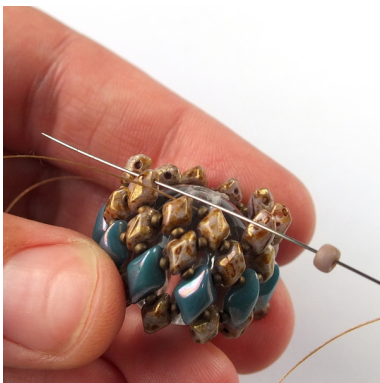
18) Pass through the first 15/0 you added in this row, then through the upper hole of the next Minigemduo and through the next 8/0.



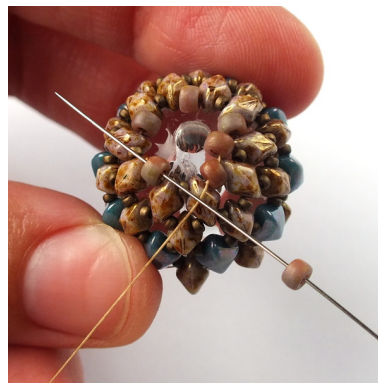
14) Add one 15/0 and pass through the upper hole of the next Minigemduo.



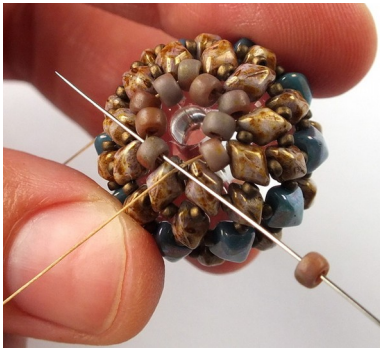
19) Add one 8/0 and then pass through the next 8/0 in the row.



15) Add one 8/0 and pass through the upper hole of the next Minigemduo.



20) Repeat step 19 ...



21) ... until you reach the end of the row.

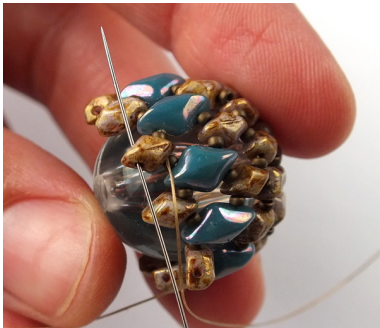


26) The base of the bead is finished. Weave through beads to get to the nearest hole of the nearest Gemduo.

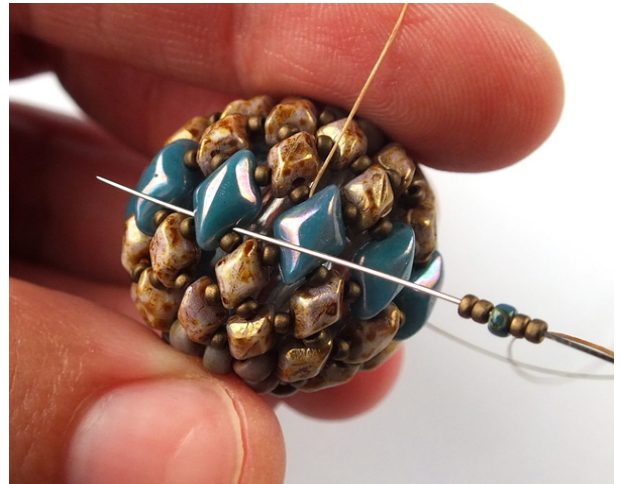


22) Weave through the entire row one or two more times.

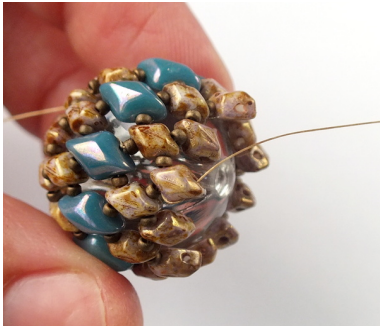
27) Add (2x15/0, 11/0, 2x15/0) and pass through the opposite hole of the next Gemduo (as shown in the photo).



23) Then weave through beads to get to the free hole of one of the Minigemduos on the other side of the bead. Put the core bead inside ...



28) Repeat step 27 ...



24) ... and close the other side of the bead by repeating steps 9 - 22.



25) In the row where you're adding 8/0s and 15/0s (steps 14-17) make sure the new 15/0s are sitting above the 15/0s from the first side (and the 8/0s are sitting above the 8/0s). If they don't, it's not a big problem, you'll still be able to finish the bead and it will look fine, but it won't be symmetrical.

29) ... until you reach ...





30) ... the end of the row.



34) Repeat steps 32 and 33 ...



31) Weave through beads to get to the "free" hole of the next Gemduo.



35) ... until you reach ...

32) Add one 15/0. Pass through the middle (15/0, 11/0, 15/0) from the next group of five beads.



36) ... the end ...

37) ... of the row. This is what you should get.

33) Add one 15/0. Then pass through the "free" hole of the next Gemduo.



38) Pass through the nearest (2x15/0, 11/0, 2x15/0) – diagonally (as shown in the photo).



41) Add three 15/0s and then pass through the nearest (2x15/0, 11/0, 2x15/0) – diagonally (as shown in the photo).



39) Add three 15/0s and one 11/0 and pass through the nearest hole of the nearest Minigemduo above the next Gemduo (as shown in the photo).



42) This is what you should get.



40) Pull snug and then pass back through the new 11/0.



43) Repeat steps 39 – 42 ...



44) ... until you reach ...





45) ... the end of the row.

49) Repeat steps 39 - 47 to complete decorating the bead.



46) Here you can see the pattern developing in a zigzag manner - one "peak" is above the first Gemduo, the second "peak" is below the second one.



47) When you finish the row, you should end up in the same group of five beads you started from in step 38. But this time only pass through the first four beads (2x15/0, 11/0, 15/0) from that group ...



48) ... and then pass through the next "single" 15/0 - the needle should be pointing above the Gemduo where there is no "peak" yet.



50) You should, yet again, end up in the same group of five beads you started from in step 38.



51) Tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off all the remaining thread. The bead is finished.

Colorways:



Matubo Minigemduo 03000/14413

Matubo Gemduo 63130

Matubo 8/0 00030/85106

Miyuki Round 11/0 4514 Opaque Turquoise Picasso

Miyuki Round 15/0 4204 Duracoat Galvanized Champagne



Matubo Minigemduo 03000/15695, 03000/86805, 00030/26440

Matubo Gemduo 63130/15001, 63130/15495, 63030/15695

Matubo 8/0 23020/86875, 43020/86875

Miyuki Round 11/0 4516

Opaque Dark Teal Picasso

Miyuki Round 15/0 2006 Matte Met. Dk. Bronze, 1882 Gold Lustered Dk.

Topaz, 2035 Matte Met. Khaki Iris, 2013 Matte Met. Dk. Olive Iris