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PRECIOSA Rocailles
33119 001; 10/o; 11/o
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Preciosa Ornela introduces seed beads from the PRECIOSA Traditional Czech Beads ${ }^{T M}$ brand.


## Season's Greetings

Pick your favourite PRECIOSA Permalux colors and delight your family and friends this holiday season by making them a special greetings card they will want to keep forever.

## Materials and tools:

PRECIOSA Rocailles (R10A)
33119 001; 10/o;
22017 emerald green; 3 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R10B) 33119 001; 10/o;
22007 brown; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R10C)
33119 001; 10/o;
22008 wildberry red; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R11A)
33119 001; 11/o;
22003 mocca beige; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R11B)
33119 001; 11/o;
22002 sunflower yellow; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R11C)
33119 001; 11/o;
22014 violet; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R11D)
33119 001; 11/o;
22005 light salmon; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R11E)
33119 oo1; 11/o;
22008 wildberry red; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R11F)
33119 001; 11/o;
22013 lilac; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles (R11G)
33119 001; 11/o;
22015 dark violet; 1 g
PRECIOSA Rocailles ( $\mathbf{R 1 1 H}$ )
33119 001; 11/o;
22021 blue; 1 g

- beading thread to match your chosen beads (Fireline 4lb crystal/smoke); size 10 to 12 beading needles;
scissors;
card blank, approximately $15 \mathrm{~cm} \times 11 \mathrm{~cm}$, 1x glue, glue dots or double-sided sticky tape; peel off greetings stickers or metallic pen



## Difficulty:

Technique: 2 and 3-drop brick stitch, square stitch and surface embellishment

## Procedure:

Note: In the diagrams, beads with a black outline are the new beads being added, beads with no outline were added in previous steps.

## To make your tree

## Step 1

Thread your needle with 2 m of thread and pick up 4x R1oA. Leaving a 15 cm tail, pass your needle through the first 2x R10A again and encourage the 2 stacks of rocailles to sit side by side. Figure 1.

TIP: If you prefer working with shorter lengths of thread, begin with a comfortable length and tie in additional thread as required.

Step 2
Pass through the second $2 x$ R10A added in the previous step, pick up 1x R10A and then pass through the first 2x R10A added in step 1. Figure 2.

## 2.



Step 3
Working in 2-drop brick stitch, pick up $4 \times$ R10A and pass your needle under the thread bridge on top of the stacks of R10A added in step 1 and back through the second $2 \times$ R10A just added. Figure 3 a Complete the row by picking up 2x R10A, passing your needle under the same thread bridge and back through the new R10A.

## Figure 3b

## 3 а.



3b.


Step 4
Using the same method, follow the diagrams in Figures $4 \mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ to work the next 2 rows. Note that the first $4 \times$ R10A at the beginning of each row are picked up at the same time and the remaining R1oA are added 2 at a time. Add $4 \times$ R10A to the first and last thread bridges in each row and $2 x$ R10A to the other thread bridges. Pull your thread firmly as you work to avoid any gaps and to encourage the stacks to sit in neat lines.


4b.


Step 5
Continuing in the same way, follow the pattern in Figure 5 to work the next 2 rows. Remember that the $4 \times$ R10A at the beginning of each row are picked up at the same time and the remaining rocailles are added 2 at a time.

Add $4 \times$ R10A to the first and last thread bridges in each row and $2 x$ R10A to the other thread bridges.


Step 6
Begin working in 3 -drop brick stitch by picking up 6x R10A, passing your needle under the thread bridge created at the end of the previous row and back through the last $3 \times$ R10A just added. Complete the row by adding $3 \times$ R10A to each remaining thread bridge created in the previous row with 2 sets of $3 \times$ R10A added to the final thread bridge. Figure 6 .


Step 7
Using the same method, follow the pattern in Figure 7 to work the next 6 rows. Remember that the 6x R10A at the beginning of each row are picked up at the same time and the remaining rocailles are added 3 at a time.

Add $6 x$ R10A to the first and last thread bridges in each row and $3 \times$ R10A to the other thread bridges.

## 7.



## Step 8

To create the trunk of the tree,
follow the thread path in Figure 8a to get into the correct starting position, then pick up 6x R10B and pass down
and up the stacks shown. Encourage the 2 stacks to sit side by side. Pick up 6x R1OB and follow the thread path shown in Figure 8b. Follow Figures 8c -8 e to connect the trunk stacks.

Note: for clarity, the diagrams show the final 3 rows of the tree only.


Step 9
To decorate your tree, turn your work around so that the trunk is at the bottom Travel to exit the R10A shown in Figure 9a, pick up 1x R10C and pass through the next 5 x R10A as shown.
Pick up 1x R10C and pass through
the 6x R10A shown in Figure 9b and then follow the thread path shown in Figure 9c to add the next 1x R10C


9b.

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of the finished piece as a guide, travel around your tree adding R10C in a pleasing formation. Tie off and trim both threads.


## To make the gift

## To make the striped gift

Step 10
Thread your needle with 65 cm of thread and pick up 8 x R11A. Working in square stitch and leaving a 20 cm tail, pick up 2x R11B and pass through the last 2x R11A just added and through both R11B again. Figure 10a. Pick up 1x R11B, pass through the 6th and 7th R11A and through the 2nd and 3 rd R11B. Figure 10b. Pick up 1x R11B and pass through the 5th and 6th R11A and through the 3rd and 4th R11B.
Figure 10c. Using the same method, add another 4x R11B to complete the row. Figure 10d.

11 b .


## H1c



11 d.


Step 12
Using the method above, create 2 more rows, the first using R11B and the second using R11A.

Step 13
To add the decoration, use the tail thread and follow the thread path shown in Figure 13, pick up 3x R11C and pass your needle through the $3 \times$ R11A at the end of the row. Tie off and trim both threads.

## 13.



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Step 14
Thread your needle with 55 cm of thread and pick up 5 x R11 in the following order: ADADA. This will form the first row.
Leaving a 15 cm tail, pick up $1 \times$ R11D and 1x R11A and pass through the last $2 \times$ R11 in the first row and through the 2 new R11 again. Figure 14a. Pick up 1x R11D, pass through the 3rd and 4th R11 in the first row and the 2nd and 3 rd R11 in this row. Figure 14b. Using the same method, add another 1x R11A and 1x R11D to complete the row. Figure 14c.

14a.


14b.


14 c.


Step 15
Using the method above, create 2 more rows using alternate R11A and R11D.
Figure 15 .

Step 16
To add the decoration, travel to exit the R11A shown in Figure 16a.
Pick up 1x R11E, pass through the R11D shown, pick up 1x R11E and pass through the first R11A and R11E again.
Pick up 1x R11E and pass through the second R11E added in the previous step, then pick up 1x R11E and pass through the first R11E added in the previous step. Figure 16b. Pass through all R11E again and then tie off and trim the threads.

## To make the remaining gifts

Step 17
Using the same method, make another 3 gifts using the remaining colours.
Vary the number of R11s in the original rows and the number of rows to create different shapes and sizes.
Add a decoration as detailed in step 13 or 16 to each gift.

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