



IBW Key Fob



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Techniques: 3D
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Level: Advanced
Beginners /
Intermediate



IBW Key Fob – Info & materials

This 4.5x2.6cm key fob is nice to hold in the hand without taking too much space in a pocket. Just the right size.

It is a triangular bipyramid also called Johnson solid, no. 12. It is made with 6 triangles. You can learn to make triangles from many sources on the internet (free patterns on websites, pinterest and videos on YouTube).

I first connected them two by two - to write the IBW initials on it, and then joined the 3 resulting diamonds to form the final shape. You can also make a blank one, or write your own initials on it.

The beads used are Miyuki Delica from their “sparkling lined” series. You can find many variations of these. White thread is the best thread for this project. Dark thread will affect the colors too much.

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The black beads are #0010.

The mustard yellow, apricot, copper (peach) and hot pink come from #982, the lavender and olive green from #986, turquoise and grass green from #984.

I added 4 references which were not present in the mixes: #906 (purple), #1762 (sky blue), #924 (cherry red) and #903 (peridot) to complete the rainbow.



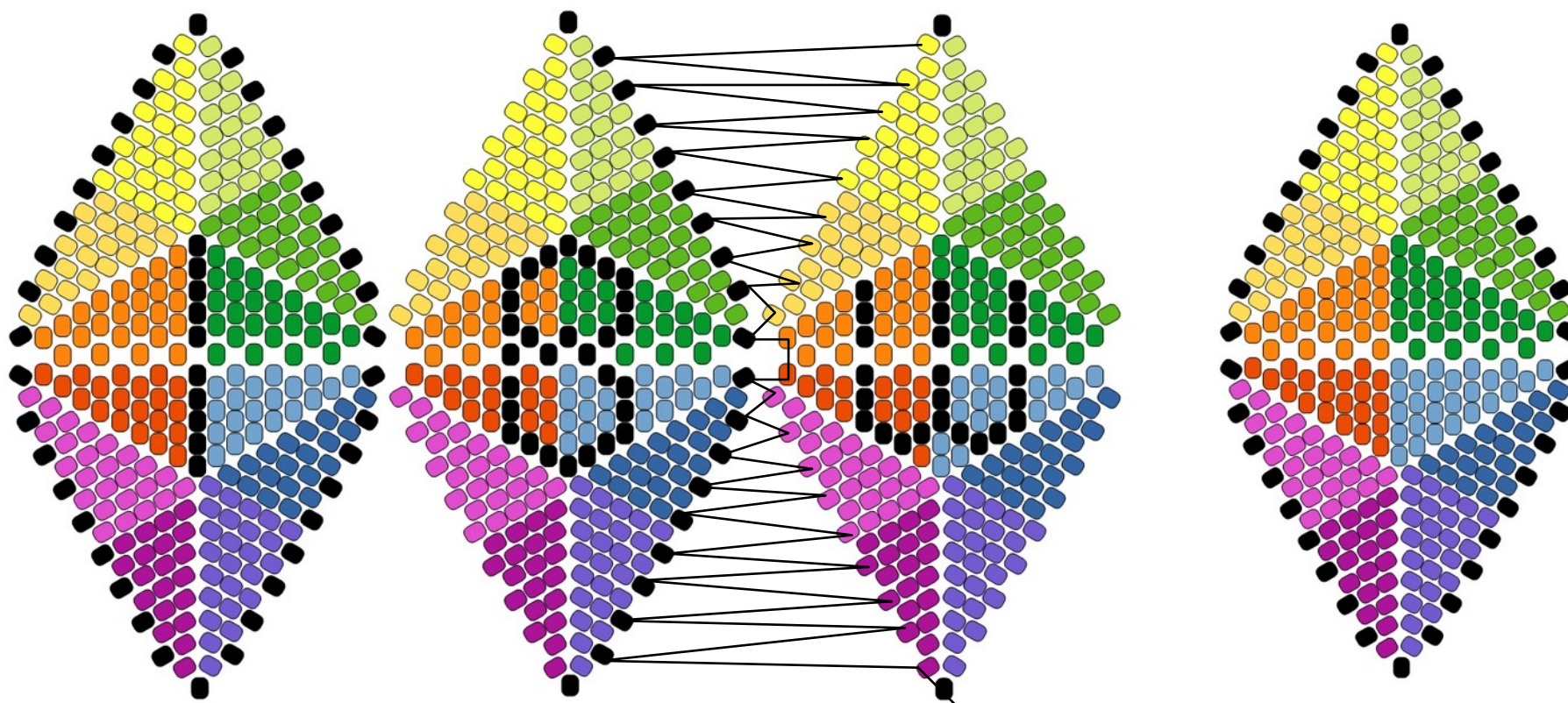
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A silver plated lobster claw clasp is added to the top of the shape to easily add it to the key ring. A 16mm chime bead (Mexican bola) was added on the inside to help the fob keep its shape – it makes a lovely sound. Any bead, acrylic or wood, from 16mm to 18mm can be a practical filler. Kling film can also be put in the shape.

IBW Key Fob – make 3 diamonds

Make 6 triangles according to the diagrams below, join top to bottom using copper and grass green beads, and black beads if applicable. To mark your progression, print this page and use a marker for each row added (or prick the paper with a pin). Be careful to not reverse your B shape.

Add black join beads to all the edges of the 1st diamond, a point bead to the top and the bottom. Add black join beads to the right edge of the 2nd diamond, plus a point bead to the top and the bottom. Add only a point bead to the top and the bottom of the 3rd diamond. See the next pages for the join. The 4th diagram is to show the color distribution in case you wish to add other letters.



IBW Key Fob – Assembling

For the join of an edge, see the thread path on page 3.

Photo 1. Place your 3 diamond in the right order of assembly. In the photos, W was added to I first, because I had a nice long thread that was still good to continue after joining the two triangles. Then B was joined to the W and the edge between I and B was closed last. This to say that it doesn't matter much where you start or end, but there are a few critical points you need to not miss, and these are explained hereafter.

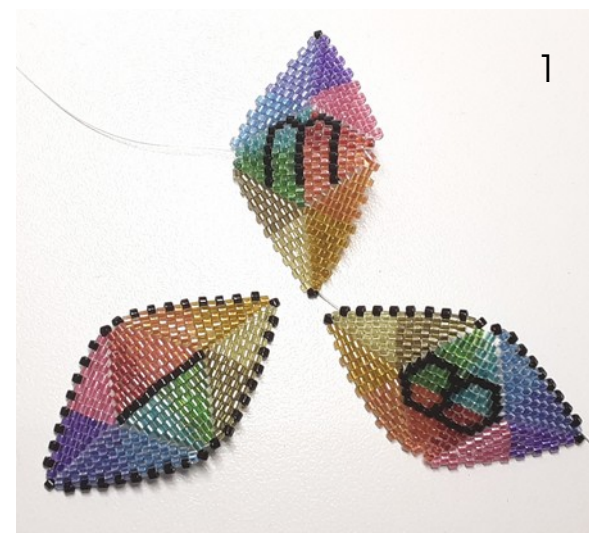
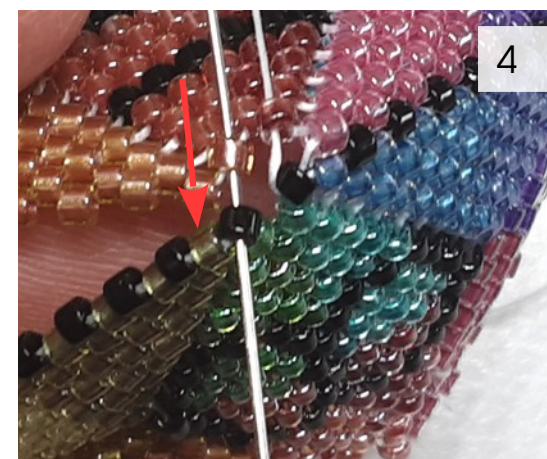
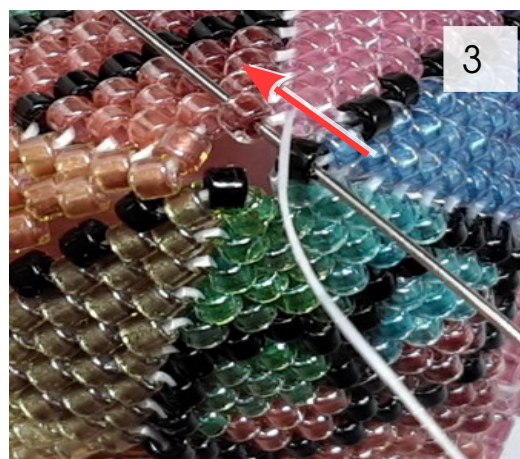
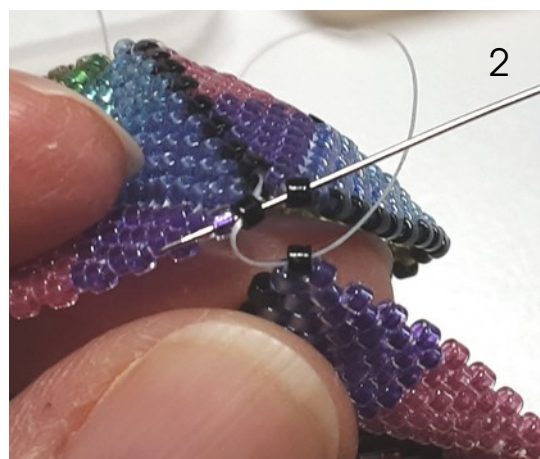


Photo 2. Circle through the point beads of the triangles – here the bottom points.

Photos 3 & 4: on the side the triangles must share the black point beads of their neighbours. When you reach this point between B and W, your thread coming out of the last pink bead, stitch through the black point bead in B and the red colour bead next to the pink. Make a u-turn through the copper colored bead beside the red one and stitch through the next black point bead in B. Stitch back through the first apricot bead in W and finish zipping this edge.

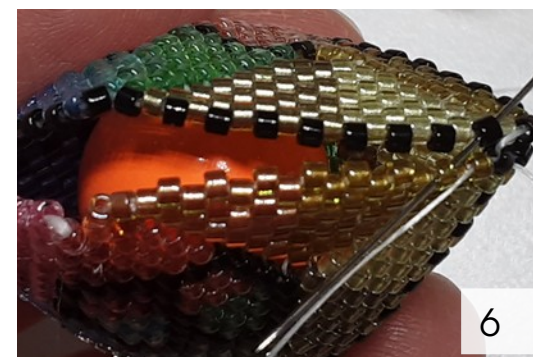
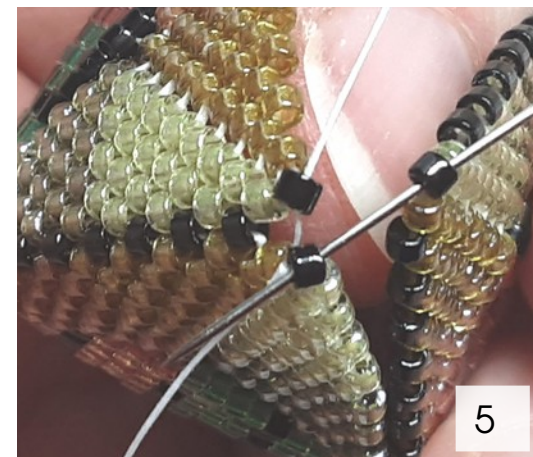


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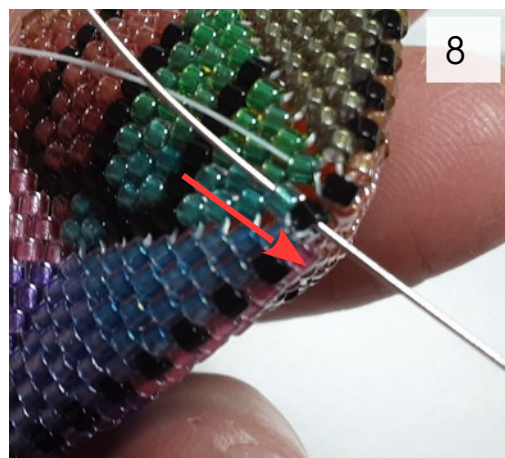
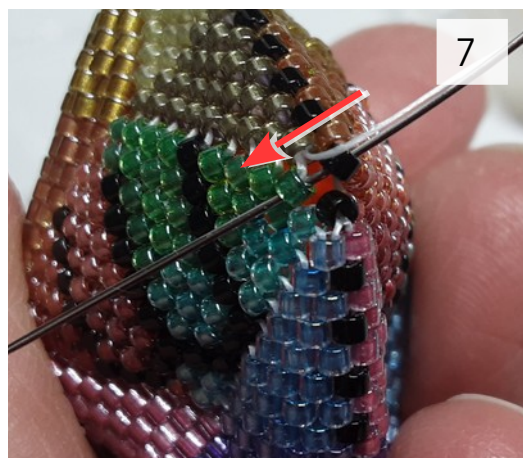
Photo 5. Circle through the point beads of the triangles – here the top points.

Photo 6: place the filler bead in the shape before completely closing the edge.

Photos 7 & 8: same as in photos 3 & 4, on the side the triangles must share the black point beads of their neighbours. When you reach this point between I and W, your thread coming out of the last olive bead, stitch through the black point bead in I and the grass green bead next to the olive. Make a u-turn through the turquoise bead beside the green one and stitch through the next black point bead in I. Stitch back through the first lavender bead in W and finish zipping this edge.



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Securely weave your threads in the beadwork – make a couple of half-hitch knots if you wish. Trim off excess.

Fasten the lobster claw clasp to the 3 point beads at the top with a different thread.

Add the fob to the key ring.

IBW Key Fob – design your own

Voilà! That's it.

I hope that you will enjoy making this cute key fob. For those of you who like to make their own designs, here are a few templates to play with.

Show me what you make in [the IBW Facebook group](#) or the [IBW Facebook page](#) or send me or the Guild a picture!

Happy beading!

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