Daffodil Bead Pattern By Rowena Henderson Design



This sweet daffodil was designed for International Beading Week 2022 with the theme of 'Flowers of the world'. International Beading Week is run by The Beadworkers Guild, a charity dedicated to supporting and promoting the art of beadweaving. For more information, and to see other free patterns, please visit www.beadworkersguild.com



Materials needed: For one Daffodil:

1g x Twin Beads (A) - Orange 1g x size 10 seed beads (B) - Orange 1g x Twin Beads (C) - Bright Yellow 1g x size 10 seed beads (D) - Bright Yellow 1.5g x twin beads (E) - Pale Yellow 1g x size 10 seed beads (F) - Pale Yellow Size 13 beading needle Beading thread of choice (I used Nymo B) The daffodil is constructed in three sections: The centre using A and B beads, the first layer of petals using C and D beads and the second layer of petals using E and F beads. You can of course switch these up and do the petals all in the same colour, or even the whole flower in one colour - make sure you check your quantities though if you are making colour changes.

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Before you start:

- Avoid reinforcing the first three steps as you'll go through all those beads again, so don't worry if it seems a bit gappy, it'll tighten up when you add the first two layers!

- Check both layers on your twin beads before using them as you will use both holes in every bead.

The Centre:

Step 1. Pick up 2xB, 1xA, 2xB, 1xA, 2xB and 1xA.
Thread through the first 2xB and 1xA again to bring round into a circle. Thread through the second hole of the A bead just exited to step up.
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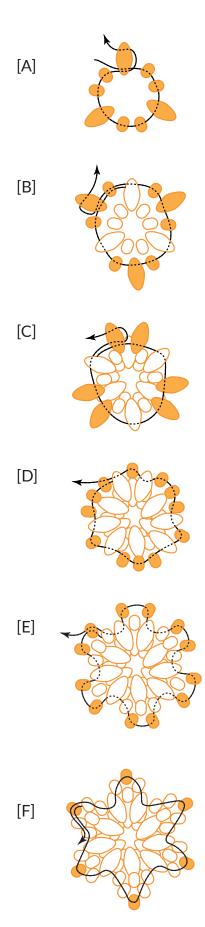
Step 2. *Pick up 1xB, 1xA, 1xB and thread through the second hole of the next A bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first B and A beads added in this step. Thread through the second hole of the A bead just exited to step up. **[B]**

Step 3. *Pick up 2xA and thread through the second hole of the next A bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first A bead added in this step and thread through the second hole of the same A bead to step up. **[C]**

Step 4. *Pick up 3xB, and thread through the second hole of the first A bead in the next pair. Pick up 1xB and thread through the second hole of the next A bead along (the second A bead in that pair). Repeat from* twice more and continue through the first B bead added in at the start of the step. **[D]**

Step 5. *Pick up 2xB and, skipping a B bead, thread through the last B bead before the A bead. Pick up 2xB and thread through the next B bead along. Pick up 2xB and thread through the next B bead along. Repeat from* twice more and continue through the first B bead added in this step (the first of a pair). **[E]**

Step 6. *Pick up 1xB and thread through the second B bead in that pair, the next B bead along and the first B bead of the next pair (above the A bead). Repeat from* eight times (nine in total). Secure and trim the working thread end. Return to the tail end and weave through to exit a bead added in steps 4 or 5 and secure and trim thread end (this ensures it won't block a hole in the first few steps, which will be used later on).



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The First Layer:

Step 7. Add in a new thread, and weave through to exit the second hole of an A bead in the original circle (added in Step 1) and the B bead next to it (added in Step 2). *Pick up 2xC and, skipping the A bead, thread through the next B, A (second hole) and B beads. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xC added, and thread through the second hole in the C bead last exited to step up.

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Step 8. *Pick up 2xC, and thread through the second hole of the next C bead along. Pick up 2xD and thread through the second hole of the next A bead along (added in Step 1). Pick up 2xD and thread through the second hole of the next C bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xC added, and thread through the second hole in the C bead last exited to step up.

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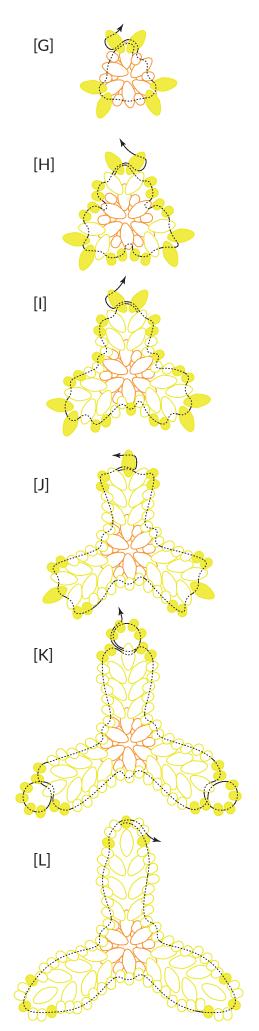
Step 9. *Pick up 2xC and thread through the second hole of the next C bead along. Pick up 2xD and thread through the next 2xD along. Pick up 1xD and thread through the next 2xD along. Pick up 2xD and thread through the second hole of the next C bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xC added, and thread through the second hole in the C bead last exited to step up.

Step 10. *Pick up 1xC and thread through the second hole of the next C bead along. Pick up 2xD and thread through the next nine D beads. Pick up 2xD and thread through the second hole of the next C bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first C bead added, and thread through the second hole of that C bead to step up.

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Step 11. *Pick up 4xD and thread through the second hole of the C bead just exited once more, to bring these D beads to sit on top of the C bead. Pick up 2xD and thread through the next thirteen D beads. Pick up 2xB and thread through the second hole of the next C bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xD beads first added in this step. [K]

Step 12. *Pick up 1xD and thread through the next 2xD along (on top of the C bead). Pick up 1xD and thread through the next seventeen D beads. Pick up 1xD and thread through the next 2xD along (on top of the C bead). Repeat from* twice more. Secure and trim thread ends, making sure to secure the tail thread into this layer of the flower, so as not to block any holes in the flower centre.



The Second Layer:

Step 13. Add in a new thread, and weave through to exit an A bead in the original circle (added in Step 1). *Pick up 1xE, 2xF and 1xE. Thread through the next A bead along. Repeat from* twice more and step up through the second hole of the first E bead added.

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Step 14. *Pick up 2xE and thread through the second hole in the next E bead along. Pick up 1xF and thread through the next 2xF beads (added in Step 13). Pick up 1x and thread through the second hole of the next E bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xE added in this step, and thread through the second hole in the E bead last exited to step up.

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Step 15. *Pick up 2xE and thread through the second hole in the next E bead along. Pick up 2xF and thread through the next F bead (added in Step 14). Pick up 1xF and, skipping two F beads, thread through the next F bead (again added in Step 14). Pick up 2xF and thread through the second hole of the next E bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xE added in this step, and thread through the second hole in the E bead last exited to step up.

Step 16. *Pick up 2xE and thread through the second hole in the next E bead along. Pick up 2xF and thread through the next seven F beads. Pick up 2xF and thread through the second hole of the next E bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xE added in this step, and thread through the second hole in the E bead last exited to step up.

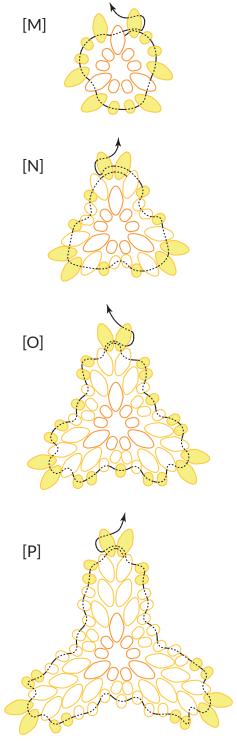
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Note: The next three steps follow the same thread path as Steps 10, 11 and 12 and as such there are no new diagrams for these – simply refer to diagrams [J], [K] and [L] for guidance.

Step 17. *Pick up 1xE and thread through the second hole of the next E bead along. Pick up 2xF and thread through the next eleven F beads. Pick up 2xF and thread through the second hole of the next E bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first E bead added, and thread through the second hole of that E bead to step up.

Step 18. *Pick up 4xF and thread through the second hole of the E bead just exited once more, to bring these F beads to sit on top of the E bead. Pick up 2xF and thread through the next fifteen F beads. Pick up 2xF and thread through the second hole of the next E bead along. Repeat from* twice more. Continue through the first 2xF beads first added in this step.

Step 19. *Pick up 1xF and thread through the next 2xF along (on top of the E bead). Pick up 1xF and thread through the next nineteen F beads. Pick up 1xF and thread through the next 2xF along (on top of the E bead). Repeat from* twice more. Secure and trim thread ends, and attach findings of your choice.



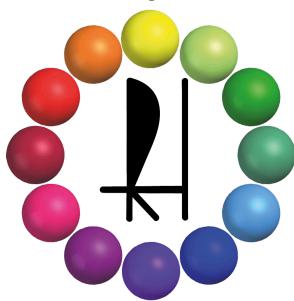
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