

UNITED HEART NECKLACE

A sweet rainbow heart necklace, designed to express the 'share the love' theme for International Beading Week 2023



MATERIALS NEEDED

11/0 Seed Beads -rainbow colours
8/0 seed beads - rainbow colours
Nymo Beading Thread
5mm jump rings
Assembled Chain- with the links big enough to fit your jump rings through

TOOLS REQUIRED

Size 13 Beading Needle
Sharp Pair of Scissors
two pairs of chain nosed pliers
one pair of side cutters

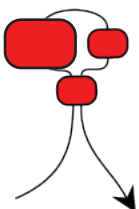
INSTRUCTIONS

Legend - A- Size 8/0 seed bead, B - Size 11/0 seed bead

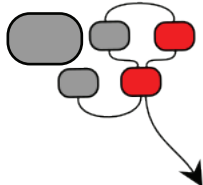
How to make a beaded heart

- 1 Thread your needle with 1m of stretched beading thread. Pick up 1B, 1A, 1B, and move them along so you have a 20cm tail. Pass back through the first bead so the other 2 beads sit on top. (Picture 1)
- 2 Pick up 1B and pass up through the outside sticking out bead. Pick up 1B and pass down through the bead just added. (Picture 2) Repeat this three more times, on the third time - last bead you pick - pick up an A not a B. You will now have a row of 6 beads on top and a row of 5 beads on the bottom. (Picture 3)
- 3 Hold your beadwork so the row of 6 is at the bottom. Pick up 2B and pass the needle under the 2nd bridging thread in the row below. (Picture 4)

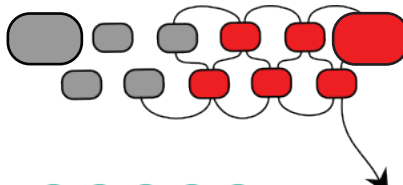
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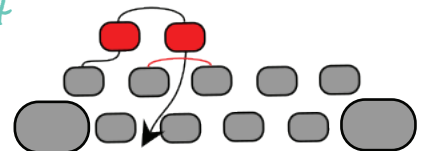
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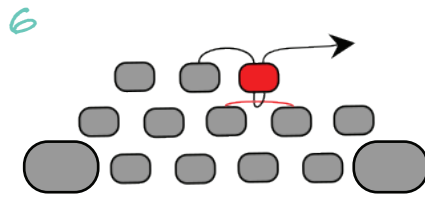
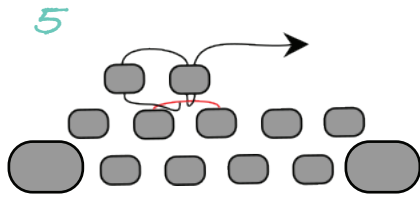
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4 Pass up through the 1st bead added in the previous step, down the 2nd bead, under the bridging thread again and up through the 2nd bead. (Picture 5)

5 Pick up 1B and pass the needle under the next bridging thread in the row below and up through the new bead. (Picture 6)



6 Repeat step 5.

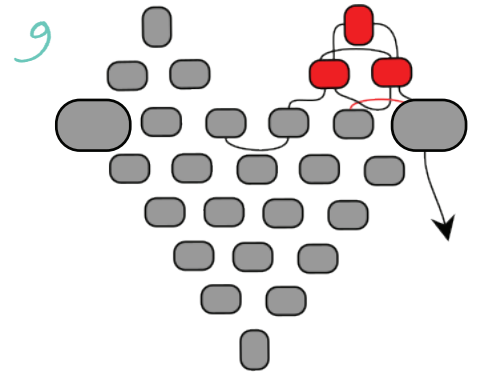
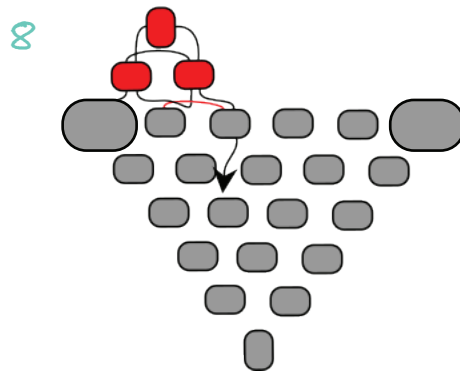
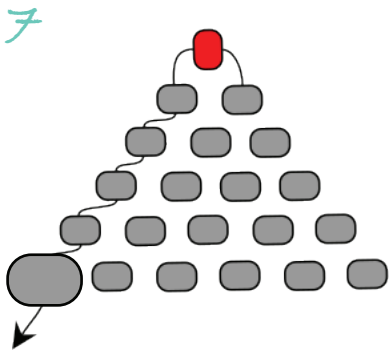
7 Repeat steps 3 to 5.

8 Repeat steps 3 and 4.

9 Pick up 1B and pass down the opposite bead your thread is exiting. Pass through all the outside beads. (Picture 7) Turn your beadwork so the row of 6 is at the top.

10 Repeat step 3. Pass up through the 1st bead added in the previous step, pick up 1B and pass down through the 2nd bead and bead 3 in the row below. (Picture 8)

11 Pass up through bead 4. Repeat step 3. Pass up through the 1st bead added in this step, pick up 1B and pass down through the 2nd bead and the edge bead below. Weave in and secure the thread. (Picture 9) Your heart is finished!



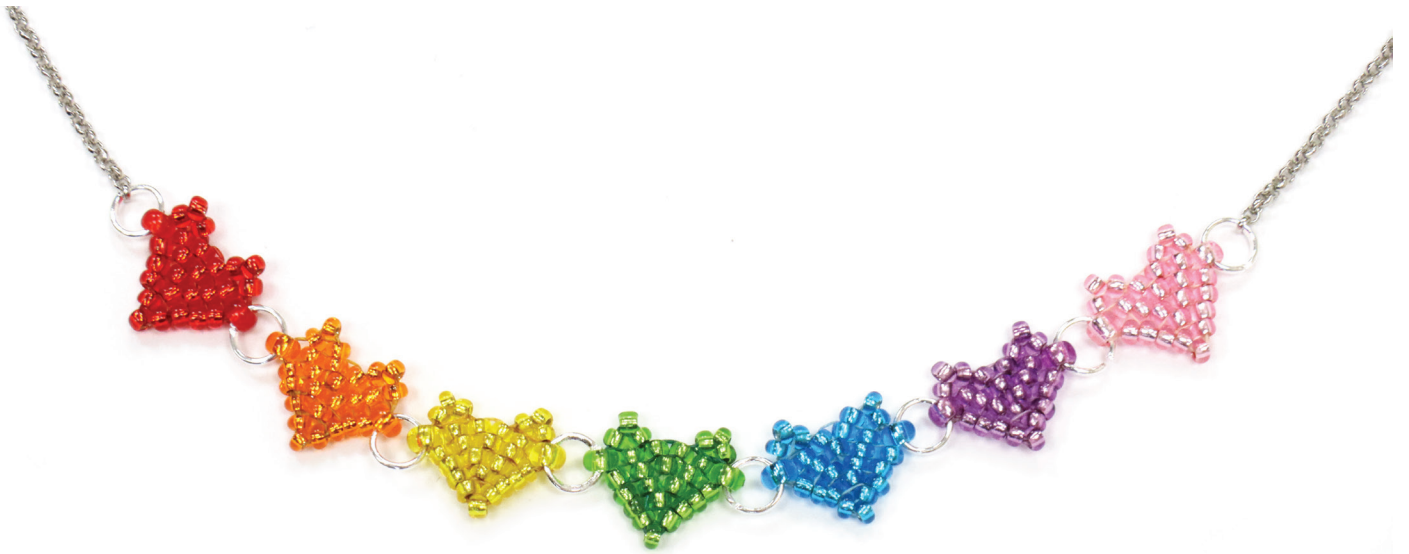
12 Repeat steps 1-11 to make the rest of your rainbow hearts



- 12 using chain nosed pliers, open a jump ring, loop two hearts into it, through their size 8/0 seed bead. Continue to connect all your hearts in this way, until you have a beautiful row of rainbow hearts



- 13 using side cutters, cut your assembled chain into two, you may wish to make each length shorter, to accommodate your length of hearts. Using a jump ring, attach your end hearts on to the end links of your chain to create your finished necklace.



You're finished!

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