

Beginner's Beaded Blossom Brooch

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Basic Wheel



Blossom Center 1 beaded center



Blossom Center 2

R or r = ring

Ch or ch = chain

B or b = bead

+ = join

Clr or clr = close ring

Size 20 thread in colors of choice, size 11/0 beads

Small shank button to match or complement thread color

Blossom Center 2



Size 20 thread

24 seed beads (11/0) strung on thread

Attach and wind thread on shuttle 50-75 turns, distributing beads along the way. Leave attached to ball thread even though we are only making rings. You need tails of about 10 inches which you can cut at the end.

R (with 5 beads on thread around hand) 6, b, 6, 3b, 6, b, 6, clr

[Start next ring right next to ring just completed

R (with 4 beads on thread around hand) 6, + to last beaded picot of previous r, 6, 3b, 6, b, 6, clr] 4 times

Last ring (#6) with only 3 beads on thread around hand, 6, + to last beaded p of previous r, 6, 3b, 6, + first beaded p of first ring, 6, clr

Tie or make a lock stitch with shuttle thread and ball thread, cut 10 inches away from blossom. You will use these ends to sew the brooch together.

Blossom Center 1 with beaded center (alternative option to center – make only 1 blossom center)



Size 20 thread

42 seed beads (11/0) strung thread

Attach and wind thread on shuttle 50-75 turns, distributing beads along the way. Leave attached to ball thread even though we are only making rings. You need tails of about 10 inches which you can cut at the end.

R (with 5 beads on thread around hand) 6, b, 6, 3b, 6, b, 6, clr
Slide 3 b from shuttle right up next to base of completed r

[Start next ring right next to ring just completed

R (with 4 beads on thread around hand) 6, + to last beaded picot of previous r, 6, 3b, 6, b, 6, clr, slide 3b from shuttle right up next to base of completed r] 4 times

Last ring (#6) with only 3 beads on thread around hand, 6, + to last beaded p of previous r, 6, 3b, 6, + first beaded p of first ring, 6, clr

Slide 3b right up to base of just completed thread.

Tie or make a lock stitch with shuttle thread and ball thread, cut 10 inches away from blossom. You will use these ends to sew the brooch together.

Basic Wheel



Size 20 thread

168 seed beads (11/0) strung on thread.

Wind approximately 2 yards on shuttle, distributing beads evenly. Leave attached to ball.

R or r = ring

Ch or ch = chain

+ = join

tp = tiny joining picot

b = bead

mp = mock picot

- = picot

Rnd = round

SB – slide bead from shuttle

lj = lock join (pull up thread from shuttle, not ball, and put shuttle through loop)

This segment is mostly chain work but the beads come from the shuttle and you will be winding and unwinding frequently to slide a bead onto the chain. There are 6 rounds with an increasing number of beads in each segment.

R 2 (-2) 7 times, clr. There will be 7 picots Make mp by tating a lockstitch (a ds that you don't flip) the approximate distance from the ring as the other picots. Your ring is now divided in 8 segments.

Rnd 1: *tp, ch 2, slide bead from shuttle (SB), 2, lj in next p of r, repeat from* around, lj in first tp
(1 bead in each segment)

Rnd 2: *tp, ch 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, lj in next p of r, repeat from* around, lj in first tp
(2 b in each segment)

Rnd 3: *tp, ch 2,SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, lj in next tp, repeat from* around, lj in first tp
(3 b in each segment)

Rnd 4: *tp, ch 2,SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, lj in next tp, repeat from* around, lj in first tp
(4 b in each segment)

Rnd 5: *tp, ch 2,SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, sb, 2, lj in next tp, repeat from* around, lj in first tp
(5 b in each segment)

Rnd 6: *tp, ch 2,SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, SB, 2, lj in next tp, repeat from* around, lj in first tp
(6 b in each segment)

Cut & tie & hide ends.

Thread tails of blossom center in a tapestry needle. Put needle through shank of button and then through center of blossom and then through basic wheel. Run needle back and forth to secure button firmly, then stitch brooch finding to back of basic wheel. Make sure all is centered and secured before fastening off thread. Glue can secure the ends also.

