

Spinning Wheels by *Ann Page* for

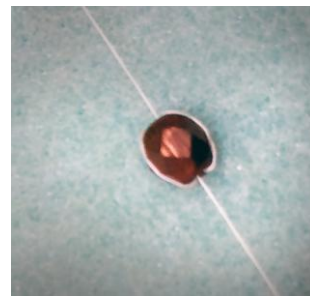


SUPPLIES:

- THREAD
- NEEDLES
- SCISSORS
- BEAD MAT
- 6MM CENTER BEADS
- 11/0 SEED BEADS
- 15/0 SEED BEADS
- 8/0 SEED BEADS & ANY OTHERS YOU LIKE
- GOOD LIGHTING AND MAGNIFICATION ALWAYS HELP



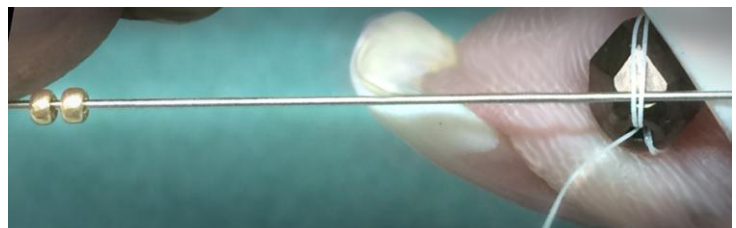
1. After threading your needle, pick up one 6mm bead, pull thread through until you have about 6" hanging out of the bottom. Leave this bit of thread loose as a handle or a "tail".
2. Wrap the thread up the side of the bead and run your needle back down through the hole again in the same direction you went the first time.
3. Repeat until you have 2 wraps on each of the opposite sides (hemispheres) of the bead. These threads will anchor the other seed beads you are going to add.



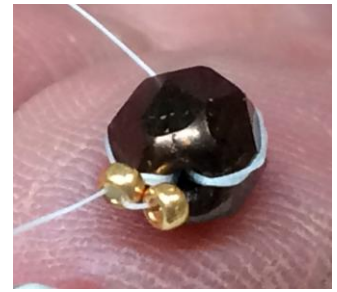
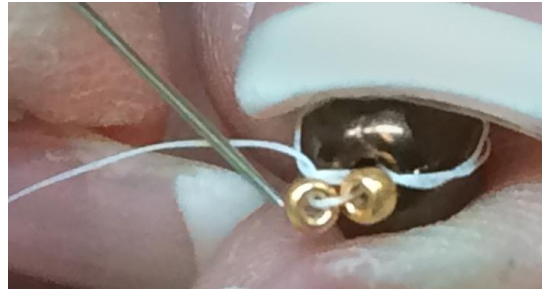
4. Pick up 2 size 11/0 seed beads onto your needle.



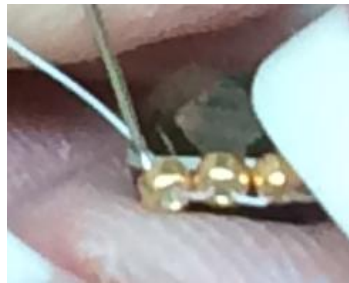
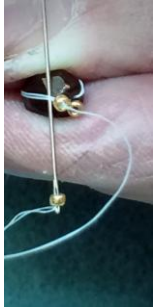
5. Run your needle UNDERNEATH the two anchoring threads on one side & pull to snug the seed beads up to the large bead.



6. Split the 2 beads so they butterfly open. Next, sew UP from the bottom of the SECOND bead you added.



7. Pick up another 11/0 bead & run your needle underneath the anchoring thread (step 5).



8. Sew up from the bottom of the last bead you added (step 6).

9. Repeat until you make a complete circle around the larger bead.

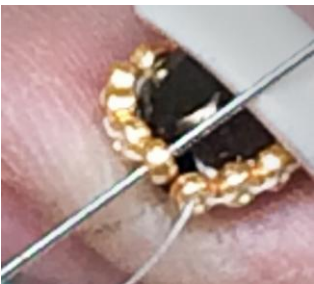


**** Tip:** Hold onto your thread as you pull it through your beads. If you pull it using the

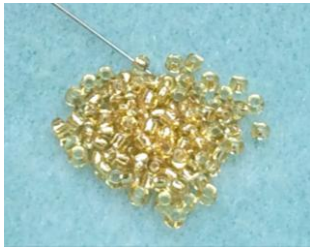


needle only, it may cut into the thread causing it to fray.

10. To join the end of the bead circle to the beginning, sew down into the first bead you added, then back up through the last ones you added.



11. To start the second row, pick up 2 size 8 seed beads. To anchor them to the previous row, sew from the back side of your piece toward the front UNDERNEATH the bridge of thread between 2 of the beads in the row below. Next sew back UP through the second bead you added.



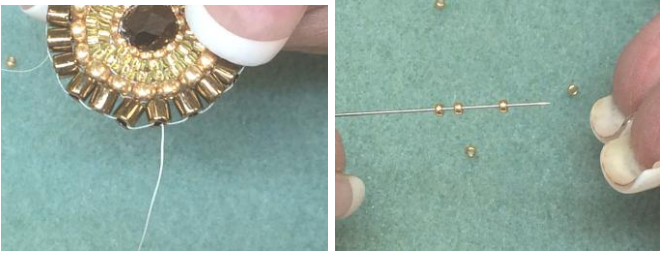
****Tip:** When adding rows, skip the first bridge as it is not generally anchored tight.

12. Repeat Steps 7 & 8 to create the second row. You will be sewing under the bridge threads each time.
13. Anchor the last bead in the circle the same way you did in the first row.
****When you go up in bead sizes, you won't have to add extra beads in the row to cover the row before. If you repeat a bead size in the next row, you may have to add an extra bead after every 3 or 4 you add in. It's better to have a tiny space in your row than to have too many beads. If you crowd in too many beads, the line will buckle.**
14. Repeat to add as many rows as you like. Make each circle the same or each can be different, it's up to you!



I like to finish all of the edges the same way, with a picot brick stitch.

15. Pick up 3 size 15/0 seed beads.



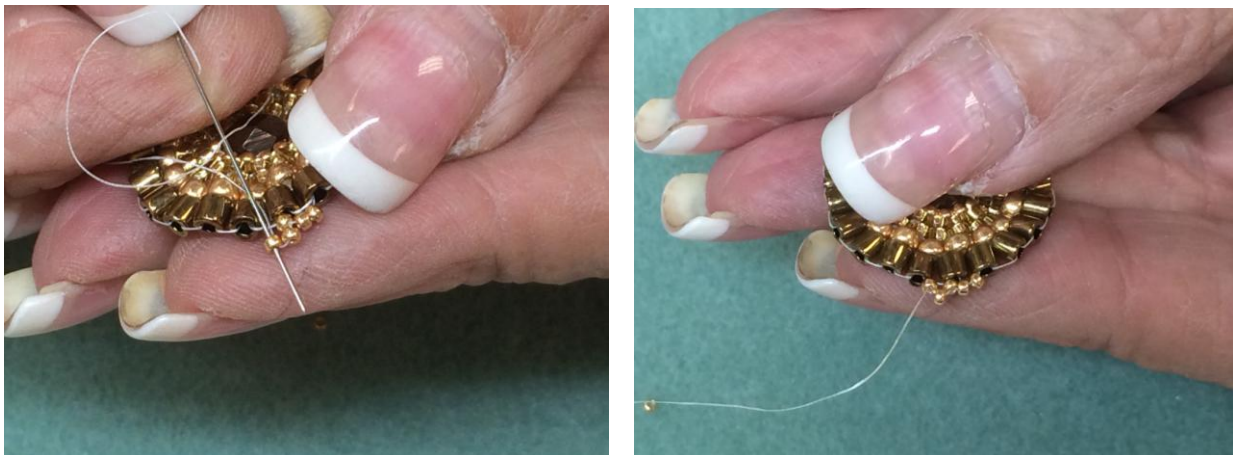
16. Sew through the next bridge between 2 beads in the previous row.

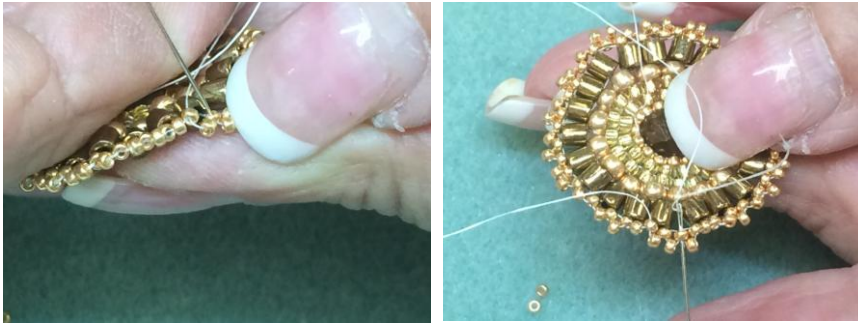


17. Then sew back UP through the last bead you added. String 2 more Size 15/0s and sew back to front under the bridge below.



18. Repeat until you go around your circle again.





19. To join the circles together, sew out of the top of a picot point, through a larger 6mm bead, then into the top of the picot point in another circle. Repeat the same thread path for more strength.



Continue making circles to complete a bracelet, pendant, earrings or a beautiful & unique necklace!