

SuperDuos BEADED BEAD

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SUPPLY LIST:

10 Color A SuperDuos (edge color)
20 Color B SuperDuos (main color)
10 2-hole Lentils or 2-hole Triangles or 2-hole Crescent
10 2.5 mm crystals or 3x4mm rondells or 8° seed beads
11° seed beads
6lb Fireline or your favorite beading thread used double and waxed
Usual supplies: needles, scissors, mat, glasses, etc.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut approximately 1.75 yards of thread. Thread needle, use double and waxed. Pick up the following beads: 1 color A SuperDuo, and a crystal. Repeat 4 more times. There should be a total of 5 SuperDuos and 5 crystals alternating. Tie into a circle leaving about a 6-inch tail. **Round 1:** Pass thru the next few beads after the knot and exit past a SuperDuo (not a crystal).
2. **Round 2:** Step up to the second hole of the SuperDuo. Add a main color (B) SuperDuo between each color A SuperDuo. There should be a total of 5 color B's. Make sure you go thru the bottom hole of the first bead added, even thru the next bead. Then step up to the top hole. Do this with each round.
NOTE: Due to the nature of the 2-holed beads, every round is somewhat loose.
3. **Round 3:** You will now be going in the opposite direction from round 2. Pick up an 11° seed bead, main color SuperDuo, 11° seed bead and pass thru the top hole of the SuperDuo added in the previous round. Repeat 4 more times. Make sure you join to the first group added by passing thru those beads. Step up to the top hole of a SuperDuo. Remember with each step up, your thread path will be going in the opposite direction.
4. **Round 4:** This is the increase round. Needle on a lentil (triangle or crescent), an 11° seed bead, a lentil. Pass thru the top hole of the next SuperDuo. Repeat 4 more times. You will have added 10 lentils. Remember to join before stepping over to the second hole.
5. **Round 5:** Step up to the second hole of the lentil. Look at the bead that is sitting opposite in the space between the lentil. If it is an 11° seed bead, add that bead, if it is the end of a SuperDuo, add that bead. Repeat around, alternating between seed beads and SuperDuos (main color). Join before stepping up to the second hole of the SuperDuo.
6. **Round 6:** This round begins the decrease. Needle on an 11° seed bead, a main color SuperDuo, a seed bead and pass thru the next top hole of the SuperDuo added in the previous round. Repeat 4 times. Join and step up to the second hole of the SuperDuo.
7. **Round 7:** Needle on edge color SuperDuo (A), pass thru the next SuperDuo. Repeat 4 times. Join and step up to the second hole of the SuperDuo.
8. **Round 8:** Needle on a crystal and pass thru the next SuperDuo. Repeat 4 times. Go thru all the beads again.
9. Reinforce your bead by going back thru each bead round back to the beginning knot. This will stabilize and firm up your bead. Join the working thread with the trail thread and knot. Pass thru a few beads on the base round, knotting as you go.

String your bead on your favorite ribbon or leather and enjoy. Or, use as a beaded bead in your next project. This is a great way to use up a few "remains" from previous projects.

Variations: Use the new MiniDuos for a smaller bead. Change the 11°'s to delicas or 15°'s.

For a larger bead, use 7 super duos and crystals at the base. In round 2 and 7, add a 15° on each side of the SuperDuo (as in Round 3).