

SILKY SILVER PENDANT

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The smooth shapes of the Cymbal™ Kardiani beads along the outside edge gives this pendant a satisfying finish.

Skill Level: Beginner and up

Techniques Used: Circular Netting, working with two-hole beads

Finished Size: Pendant only 2 1/8 inches (5.5cm)

Materials – Pendant

3g (14 beads) 9x5mm Kite beads

4g (14 beads) 5x10mm Arcos beads

2.5g (7 beads) 6x6mm Silky beads

14 Cymbal Kardiani Silky side beads, silver plate

1g True2 Czech fire-polished beads

2g size 11/0 Japanese seed beads

0.5g size 15/0 Japanese seed beads

1g 2.2x1mm Miyuki spacers

1 size 5mm jump ring, 18ga

1 size 12-15mm metal bail

Tools

D weight beading thread -- Fireline, Wildfire or other

Size 10 or 12 beading needles

Scissors or thread cutter

Two pairs of pliers

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Designer Tips

- This is a great pendant for using up a few of your left-over two-hole beads.
- Make sure that all of the holes in the beads are clear and free of coating or extra bits of glass.
- In this tutorial, the long pointy end of the Kite bead will be called the **bottom** and the shorter end will be called the **top**. The concave side of the Arcos will be called the **inside** and the convex edge will be the **outside** (Figure 1).
- Each round of this pendant is stitched in the opposite direction to the round before it.

Method

1. Cut 120 cm (48 inches) of beading thread and attach a needle to one end. Pick up one Kite bead through the bottom hole (refer to Figure 1) and one Miyuki spacer, seven times. Sew through all of the beads again, forming a ring. Slide the ring of beads to the end of the thread, leaving a tail of about 5 cm (2 inches). Pull the ring snug and tied the two ends into a secure square knot. Sew through the first Kite bead again, then sew through the top hole of the same bead, changing direction (Figure 2). Remove the needle from the thread (or use a second needle) and attach it to the tail thread. Sew through all of the beads of the ring, for as far as the thread will allow, and trim the thread. Attach the needle to the working thread again.

2. Pick up an Arcos bead through an edge hole from the outside (refer to Figure 1) and a second Arcos bead through an edge hole from the inside. Together the two Arcos should form an "O" shape. Sew through the top hole of the next Kite bead (Figure 3, a-b, green).

Repeat **a-b** six more times, coming back to where this round began. Sew through the first two Arcos again, and then sew through the middle hole of the second Arcos, from the outside to the inside (Figure 3, b-c, purple).

3. Pick up two size 11/0 seed beads and sew through the middle hole of the next Arcos, from the inside to the outside. Pick up one True2 fire-polished bead and sew through the middle hole of the next Arcos, from the outside to the inside (Figure 4, a-b, blue).

Repeat **a-b** six more times, coming back to where this round began. Sew through the first two 11/0s and Arcos again, then sew through the remaining empty edge hole of the Arcos, from the outside to the inside (Figure 4, b-c, blue).

4. Pick up a spacer and sew through the empty edge hole of the next Arcos. Pick up an 11/0, a True2, a Kite through the top hole, a True2 and an 11/0. Sew through the two Arcos and the spacer just added between them. Pull the thread so that the Kite and beads beside it sit snugly against the two Arcos. Pick up a spacer, a Silky bead through the lower hole from the right and a spacer. Sew through the empty edge hole of the next Arcos (Figure 5, a-b, orange).

Note: Make sure the Silky bead is facing the right way. Repeat **a-b** six more times, coming back to where this round began. Sew through the first spacer added, the next Arcos, and the 11/0, True2 and Kite above the Arcos (Figure 5, b-c, purple).

5. Pick up an 11/0, a spacer and a Kardiani Silky side bead from the left when the bead is facing up. Sew through the Silky in the row below using the empty hole. Pick up a Kardiani from the left when the bead is facing up, a spacer and an 11/0. Sew through the top hole of the Kite (i.e., the same hole that was sewn through in the last round) (Figure 6, a-b, green). Repeat **a-b** six more times around the pendant, coming back to where this round began. Follow the thread path taken at the start of this round and sew through an 11/0, spacer, Kardiani, Silky and Kardiani (Figure 6, b-c, purple).

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6. Pick up two size 15/0 seed beads and sew through the bottom hole of the Kite (i.e., the hole that is unused). Pick up nine 15/0s and sew through the same hole in the Kite, in the same direction. This loop of beads will form part of the bail for your pendant. Pick up two 15/0s and sew through the next Kardiani, Silky and Kardiani (Figure 7, a-b, orange).

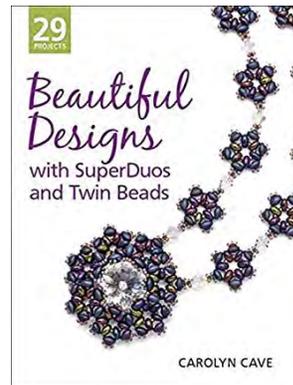
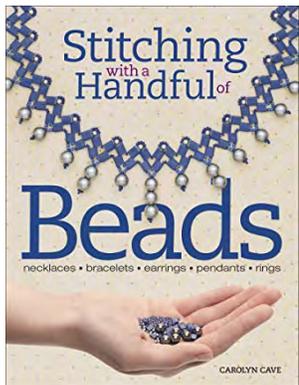
Pick up two 15/0s and sew through the bottom hole of the next Kite. Pick up two 15/0s and sew through the next Kardiani, Silky and Kardiani (Figure 7, b-c, blue).

Repeat **b-c** five more times, coming back to where this round began (Figure 7, c-d, purple). Without adding any new beads, sew through the beads that form the bail loop, for added strength. Continue sewing through the beads of this last round, following the existing thread paths only. Tie a few overhand knots along the way, in front of a large bead so that when the thread is tensioned, the knot slides forwards into the hole of the next bead. Trim the thread.

7. Open the jump ring with two pairs of pliers. Slip the open jump ring into the loop of size 15/0 beads. Add the bail to the jump ring. Close the jump ring with two pairs of pliers. Slide a purchased chain through the bail.

Enjoy your new pendant!

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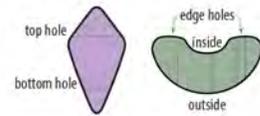
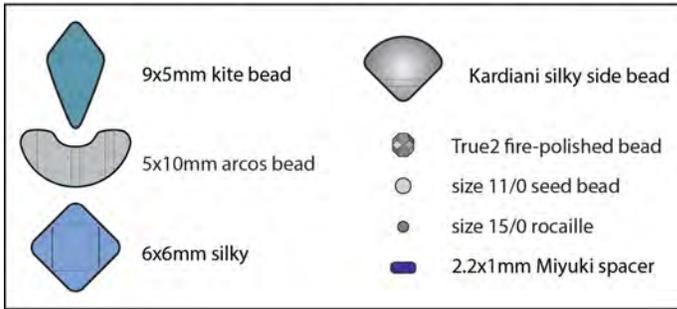


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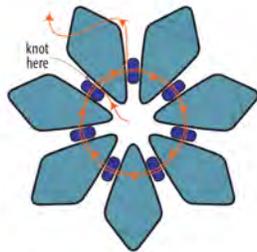


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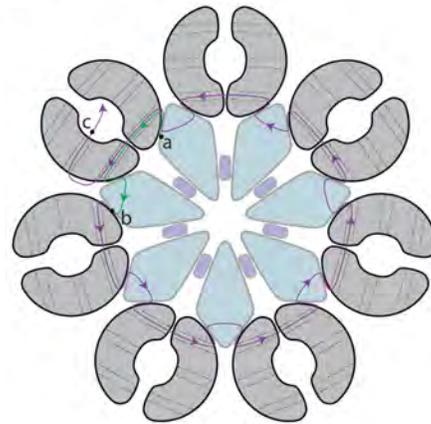


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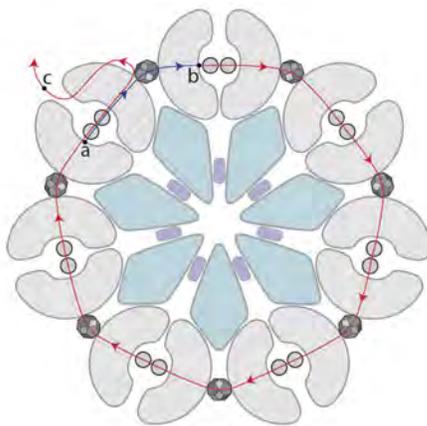


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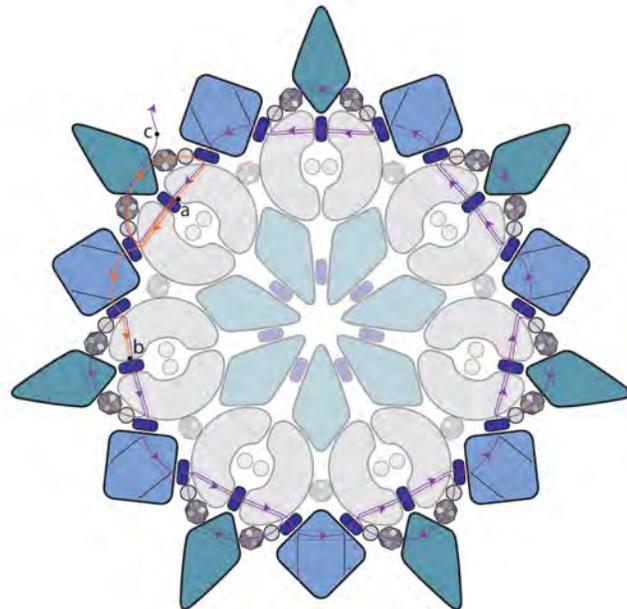


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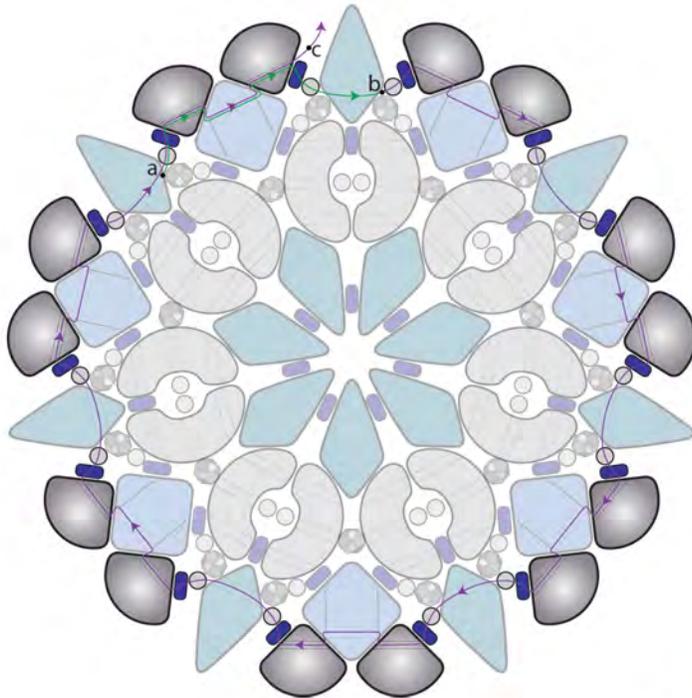


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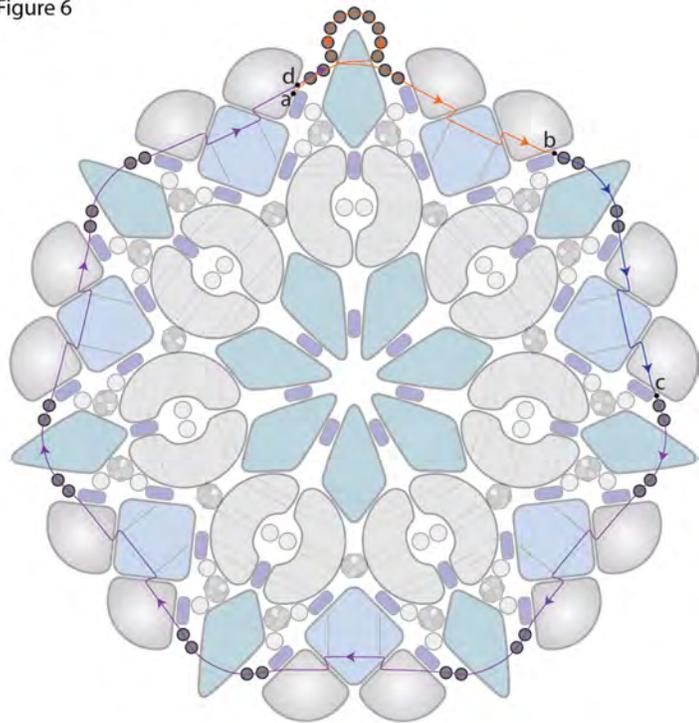


Figure 7

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