

Lady Victoria Pendant by Paula Caddick

This pendant uses just a small amount of beads and is ideal for showing off an interestingly shaped large bead where you may only have one left.

This is an extract from the pattern Lady Victoria Jewellery Set (pattern 6) which is for sale from the website below.



Beads



6mm round bead
4mm bicone
size 8 seed (3mm)
size 11 seed (2mm)
crystal teardrop

You will need:

Four 6mm round beads.
Seven 4mm bicones.
Four size 8 seed beads.
Less than 5 grammes of size 11 seed beads.
Crystal teardrop or other large bead.

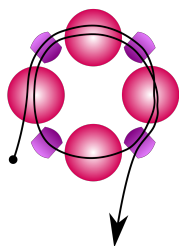
You will also need an 18" (or any length) necklace chain with clasp, a jump ring large enough to fit over both the chain and the seed bead loop at once, and two pairs of pliers.

The different colours of seed beads in the diagrams are just for clarity and you will only need one colour.

Instructions

Begin by threading your needle with a metre of thread. Work with single thread, not doubled. It's much easier to get the tension right and you get a lot fewer tangles.

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(1) Pick up four 6mm beads and four size 8 seeds alternately, beginning with a 6mm bead, and push them down to the far end of your working thread.

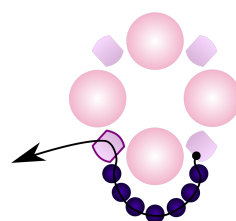
(2) Go through all eight beads again so that the beads snug up together to make a circle.

(3) Work your way round through the beads until your thread is exiting from the 6mm bead opposite the one that the tail thread is exiting.

(4) Now pass through all eight beads yet again, one or two at a time, so that your thread ends up exiting from this same place again. This is to keep the tension firm so they stay in position.

(5) Pass down through the next size 8 seed bead.

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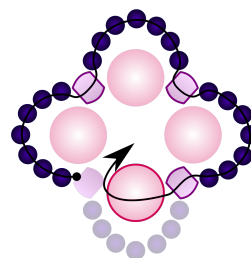


(6) Pick up seven size 11 seed beads.

(7) Miss the 6mm bead and pass the needle up through the next size 8 seed bead in the circle.

(8) Pull the thread through so that the beads snug up together to form a loop around the edge.

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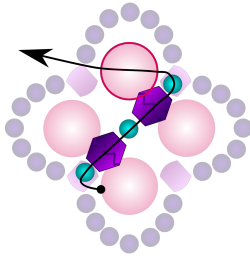


(9) Repeat steps 6 to 8 three more times to form a seed bead loop around each 6mm bead.

(10) Follow the thread path again through all four loops to reinforce them until you are exiting from the same size 8 seed bead again. For clarity this is not shown in the diagram.

(11) Pass left through the next 6mm bead.

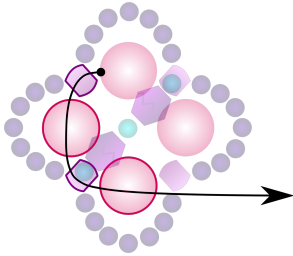
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(12) Using size 11 seed beads, pick up a seed, a bicone, a seed, a bicone, and a seed.

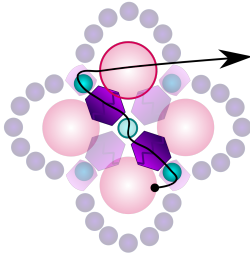
(13) Go left through the top 6mm bead in the circle. Pull the thread through so that these new beads lie diagonally across the circle.

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(14) Work your way back round the base of the circle, going through two size 8 seeds and two 6mm beads alternately until you are exiting from the right hand side of the bottom 6mm bead.

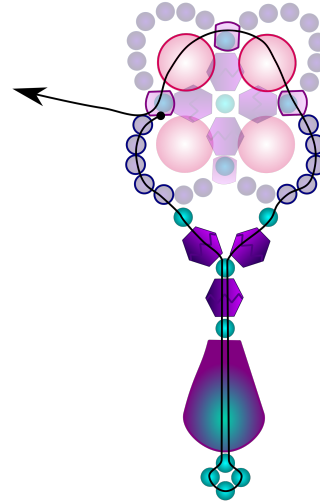
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(15) Pick up a seed and a bicone and go up through the centre seed that you have already added.

(16) Pick up a bicone and a seed and go right through the top 6mm bead.

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(17) Hold your work so that the seed bead loops are at the corners of the motif rather than the sides.

(18) Weave through your work until you are exiting from the bottom of the size 8 seed bead on the left.

(19) Work through the first five seed beads of the bottom left loop.

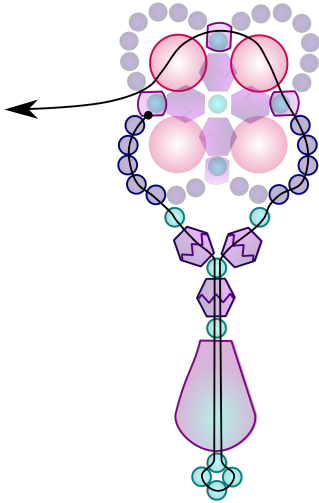
(20) Pick up a seed, a bicone, a seed, a bicone, a teardrop and four seeds.

(21) Miss the last three seeds and pass back up in the opposite direction through the first seed you picked up, then back up through the rest of the beads, stopping before the first bicone you picked up.

(22) Pick up a bicone and a seed and pass through the third seed of the next seed bead loop, and continue to the end of the loop.

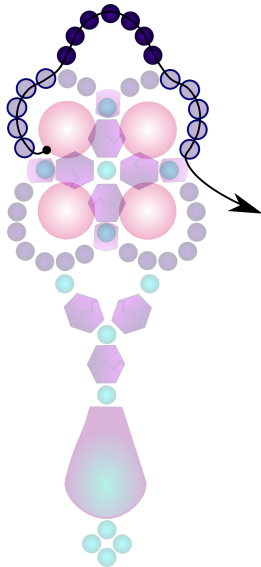
(23) Work through the size 8 seed, the 6mm bead, size 8 seed, 6mm bead and size 8 seed, bringing you back to where you started.

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(24) Go round this entire thread path again to reinforce it, but omitting the final size 8 seed bead so that your thread is now exiting from the second 6mm bead (top left). Keep the tension loose for the drop section so it will drape nicely and not be too stiff

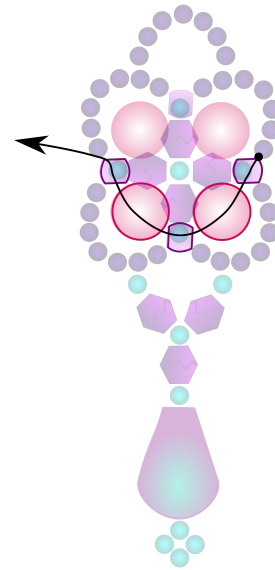
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(25) Go up through the first five seed beads of the top left loop.

(26) Pick up seven seed beads and pass through the third seed of the next seed bead loop, and continue to the end of the loop.

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(27) Work your way down through the size 8 seed, the 6mm bead, the size 8 seed, the 6mm bead and the size 8 seed, ending up back where you started at the end of step 24.

(28) Repeat the thread path for the top loop (steps 25 to 27) twice more to reinforce it, then repeat the thread path for the bicone section.

(29) Weave the thread securely into your work and fasten off.

(30) Weave the tail thread securely into your work and fasten off.

(31) Use a large jump ring to attach the top loop to a necklace chain.



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