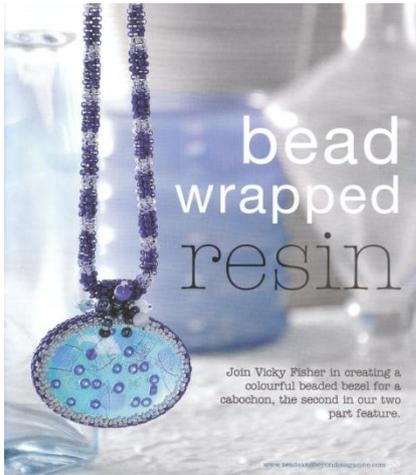


Bead Wrapped Resin Pendant



If you've had a go at creating resin cabochons follow Vicky Fisher's instructions for wrapping them in tiny seed beads to create an attractive bezel, turning the colourful resin shapes into a unique finished necklace.

Vicky says: 'Making a bezel for a cabochon can be fiddly and sometimes this puts people off having a go. I use a strip of peyote-stitched beads to wrap around the cabochon first, which looks neat and is easy to do. Smaller beads are then used to pull in the edges and encapsulate the cabochon fully. Have a go; it's easier than it looks!'

GATHER THESE SUPPLIES

- Resin cabochon
- 5g Delica seed beads in Opaque dark blue (DB726)
- 5g Delicia seed beads in Ceylon colour lined blue (DB243)
- Size 15 seed beads in Opal with powder blue coloured lining with lustre (colour SB524)
- Random selection of red beads for embellishment
- Beading thread and needle

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STEP 1



Take a length of beading thread and add enough beads to go around the cabochon. For my cabochon, I used 84 delica beads. Check by laying the strung beads around the edge. Complete four rows of peyote stitch in dark blue (DB726) at this length and one row in Ceylon.

STEP 2



Now you need to join the two ends of your peyote strip to make it into a ring. Do this by weaving back and forward a couple of times and exit on the edge ready to continue in peyote stitch.

STEP 3



Add two further rows of peyote stitch using the smaller size 15 beads (Opal) next to the Ceylon row. This will begin to pull the beading around the curved cabochon front. Now add a third row (Opal) but this time miss each alternate 'gap', weaving your needle through the beads to ensure no thread is showing.

STEP 4



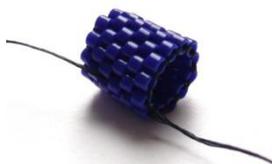
Put the cabochon into the bezel, making sure it is the correct way around. The bezel won't fit snugly until the stitching has been completed on the back too. Weave your needle so that it exits on the other side of your strip and turn the whole piece over.

STEP 5



Complete three rows of peyote stitch on the back using the size 15 (Opal) to create a wider strip and pull in the other side. If you've removed the cabochon for ease of stitching, replace it now before pulling the beads around the edge tightly.

STEP 6



To make a bail for the pendant, cut a new length of thread and add six dark blue beads. Continue in peyote stitch for 22 rows and zip it together to make a tube. This tube needs to be wide enough for your necklace rope to go through later.

STEP 7



Attach the bail to the pendant by taking one end of the thread left on the bail and weaving it back and forward through the beads on the side of the pendant. This will mean that the pendant hangs horizontally.

STEP 8



To embellish the pendant, take your needle and thread through one of the beads at the bottom of the bail. Make some fringes by adding a couple of beads and going back down through all except the last one. Pull it tight so the fringe lies neatly at the bottom of the bail. I did eight fringes, ranging in lengths and combinations of beads. This is an excellent opportunity to use up odd bits and leftover beads.

STEP 9



The beaded necklace chain is made using tubular peyote stitch. Add six size 15 (Opal) beads to a new length of thread. Tie them into a circle and take your needle through to the next bead. Go through each alternate bead adding in a Ceylon bead. After you have added the third Ceylon bead, not only do you go through the size 15 bead, but also the first Ceylon on this row. This ensures that you are in the right place to continue. Add one more row of Ceylon and then add seven rows of dark blue.

STEP 10



Continue adding beads following this pattern (two rows of size 15 (Opal), two rows Ceylon, seven rows dark blue) until the necklace is the length you need. Make sure you finish by missing off the seven rows of dark blue.

STEP 11



To add the clasp take your needle and thread through the last row of the peyote tube (only three beads) a couple of times, through the clasp and back to the final row, repeat several times to reinforce before securing it further down the tube.

STEP 12



Before attaching the other end to the clasp you need to thread on the cabochon pendant. Now, add the other half of the clasp in the same way as you did the first half to finish!