

Big Superduo Mandala



Material:

- Superduo Beads (28 pcs for one mandala)
- 11/0 Japanese seed beads
- 8/0 Seed Beads
- Jump rings
- Earwires
- Beading needle
- Thread (Nymo, Fireline)

Optional: Small pendants or drop-shaped glass beads, headpins

Difficulty: intermediate

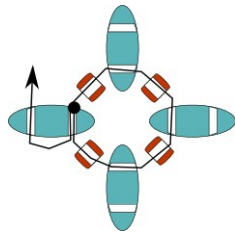
Technique: peyote stitch



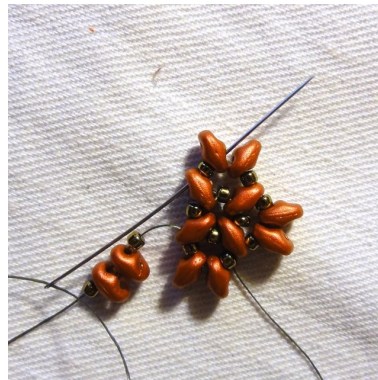
1) String one 11/0 seed bead and one Superduo - total four of each



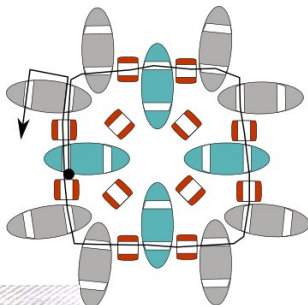
4) Repeat the previous step three more times.



2) Move all the beads to the end of the thread. Tie a square knot to form a square. Then pass the needle through the upper hole of the nearest Superduo.



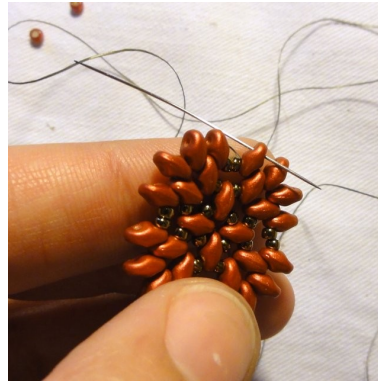
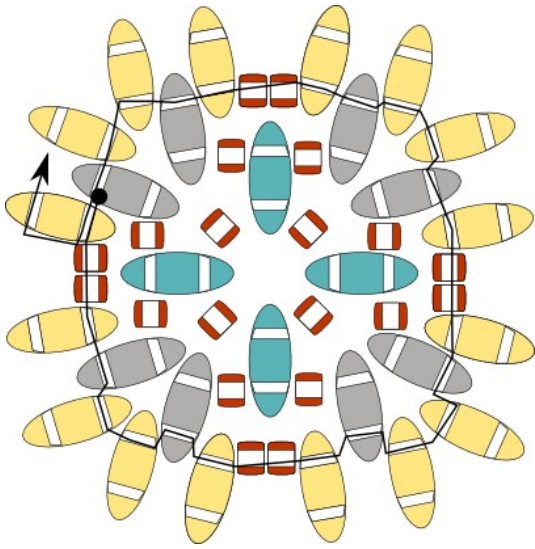
5) Now make the step-up. At the end of the row, pass the needle through upper hole of the last Superduo, then through one 11/0 bead and then through the lower hole of the first Superduo of this row.



3) Add one 11/0 bead, two Superduos and one 11/0 bead and then go through the upper hole of the next Superduo.



6) Finish the step-up by passing the needle through the upper hole of the same Superduo. (Warning - you will now work in the opposite direction.)



11) Then pass the needle through the upper hole of the same Superduo.



7) Add one Superduo, two 11/0s and one Superduo. Go through the upper hole of the next Superduo.



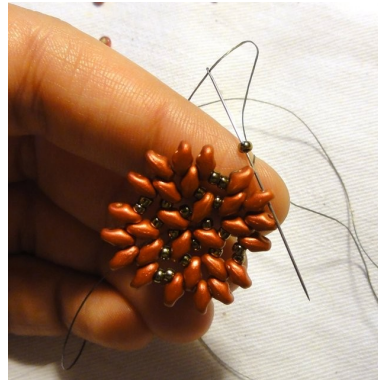
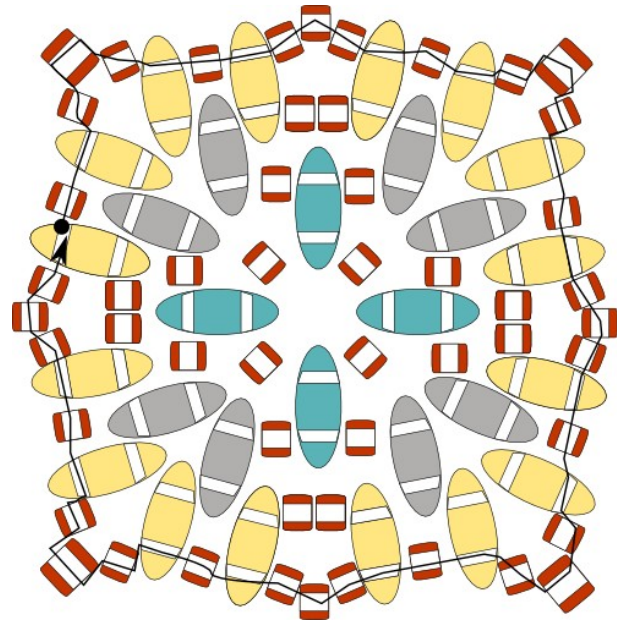
8) Add two Superduos and go through the upper hole of the next Superduo



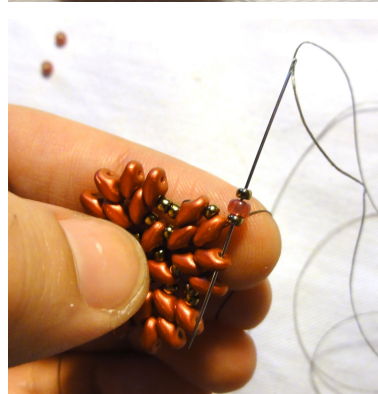
9) Repeat steps 7 and 8 until you reach the end of the row.



10) Then do the step-up. When adding the last pair of Superduos, go through the upper hole of the last Superduo and then through the lower hole of the first Superduo of this row.



2) Add one 11/0 and go through the upper hole of the next Superduo.



13) Then add one 11/0, one 8/0 and one more 11/0 and go through the upper hole of the next Superduo.



14) Add one 11/0 and go through the upper hole of the next Superduo.



15) Add three 11/0s and go through the upper hole of the next Superduo.



16) Repeat steps 12, 13, 14 and 15 until you reach the end of the row.

17) To stabilize and flatten the shape, repeat the previous row (steps 12 - 16) one more time



18) Tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off the thread.

19) Open a jump ring and pass it through one of the 8/0s in the corner of the mandala. Then add an earwire. Optionally, you can pass another jump ring through the 8/0 in the opposite corner and add a bead on a headpin or a small pendant.



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