



“Sky Lantern” Beaded Bead



Material (for one beaded bead)

Matubo Gemduo (16 pcs)

Matubo Miniduo (8 pcs)

Matubo 8/0 (8 pcs)

Matubo 11/0 R or 11/0 Japanese seed beads
(4 pcs)

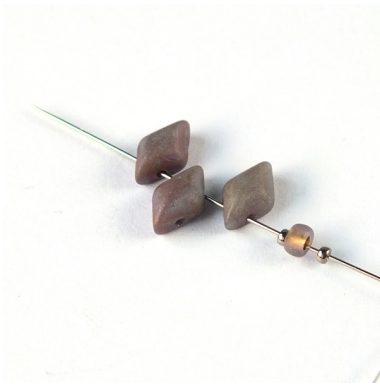
15/0 Japanese seed beads (approx. 0.5 gram)

3mm firepolished beads (8 pcs)

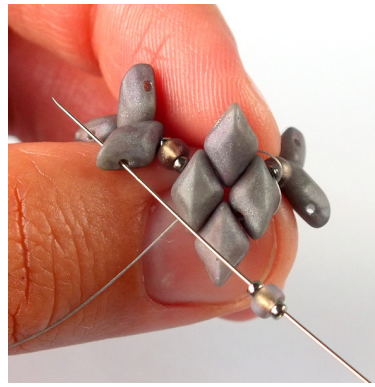
12mm wooden or acrylic round bead (1 pc)

Beading needle and thread (Nymo, Fireline...)

Difficulty: For beginners/intermediate



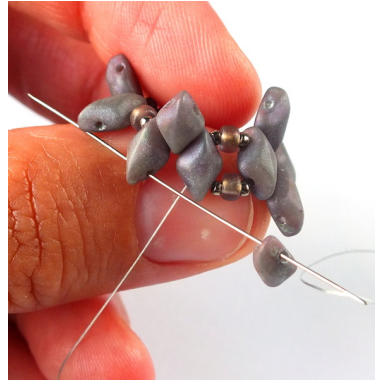
1) String one 15/0, one 8/0, one 15/0 and three Gemduos (alternating, as shown in the photo).



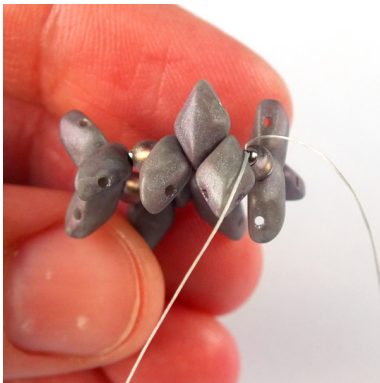
6) In the gap above the (15/0, 8/0, 15/0) add another (15/0, 8/0, 15/0) group and pass through the free hole of the next Gemduo.



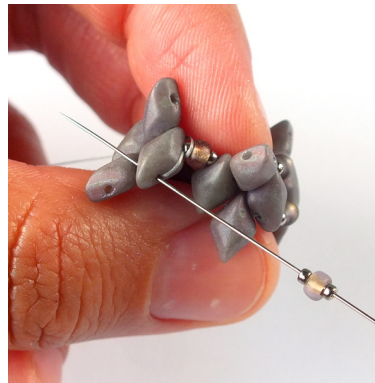
2) Repeat four times total.



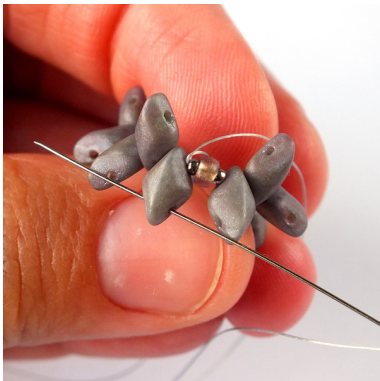
7) Repeat steps 5 and 6 ...



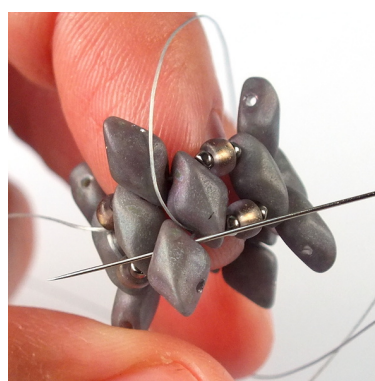
3) Slide all the beads about 30cm/1ft from the end of the thread and tie a square knot to form a circle.



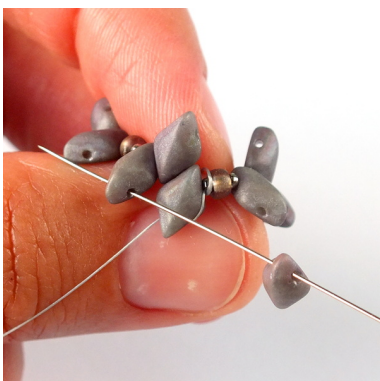
8) ... until you reach the end of the row.



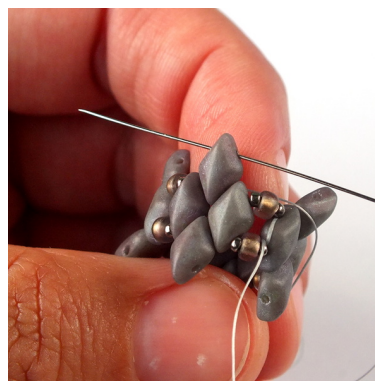
4) Pass through the nearest free hole of the nearest Gemduo.



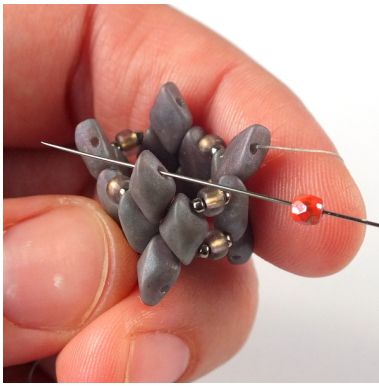
9) Pass through the nearest hole of the nearest new Gemduo.



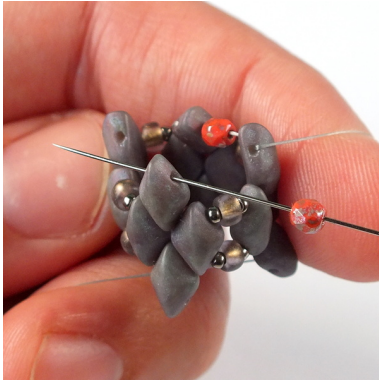
5) Add one new Gemduo (the new Gemduo should face the same direction as all the others) and then pass through the free hole of the next Gemduo in the row.



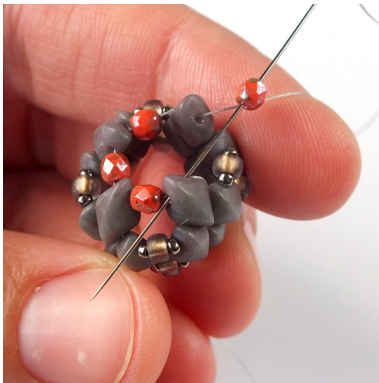
10) Then pass back through the upper hole of the same Gemduo.



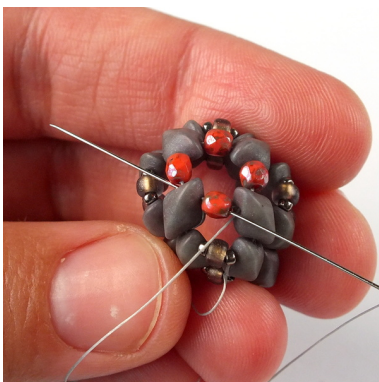
11) Add one 3mm FP and pass through the free hole of the next Gemduo in the row.



12) Repeat step 11 ...

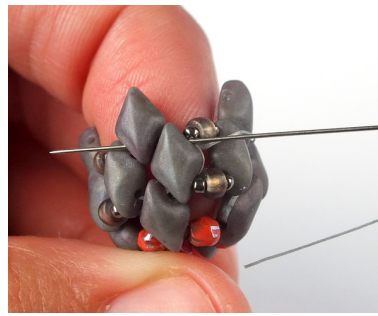


13) ... until you reach the end of the row.

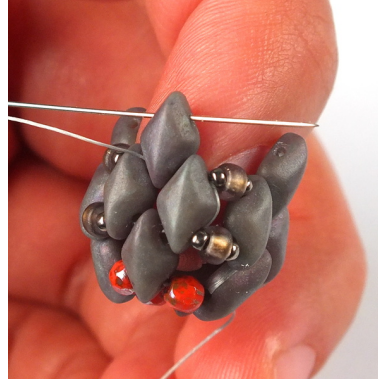


14) Then weave through the last row several more times. The thread should exit from one of the Gemduos.

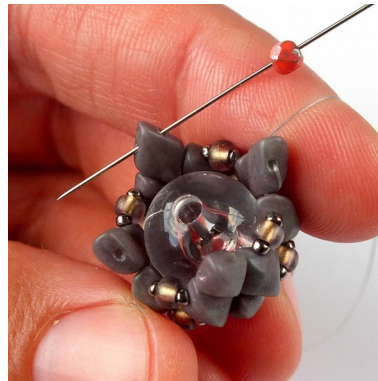
Now we need to get to the other side of the bead and close it too. We have several options there – the “simplest” one would be to just weave through beads to get to the other side, but as the Gemduos are sitting really neatly next to each other, it might be hard to pass through them again. I prefer using the other end of the thread – I simply put a new needle to the 30cm end of the thread I left in the beginning, use this thread to close the other side of the bead, tie it off and then get back to the main thread to finish the bead.



15) Take a new needle and put it on the other end of the thread. Weave through beads to get to the lower hole of the nearest “top” Gemduo on the other side of the bead ...

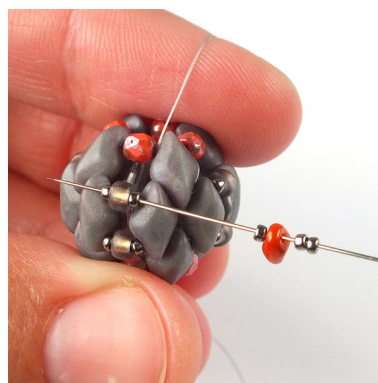
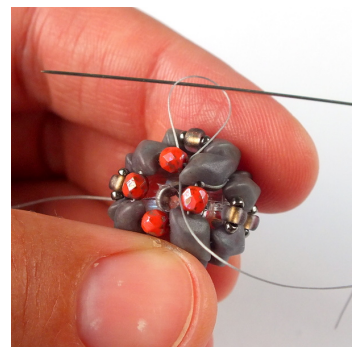
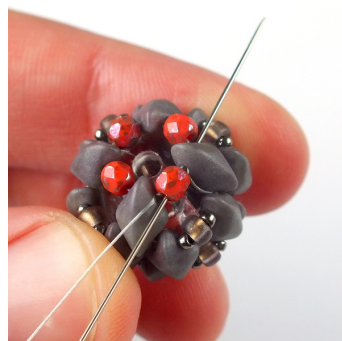


16) ... and then pass back through the upper hole of the same Gemduo.

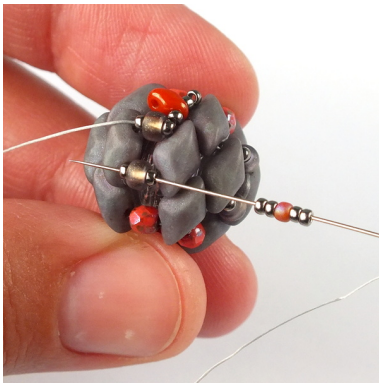


17) Then put the core bead inside and close the other side of the bead, like in steps 11 – 14.

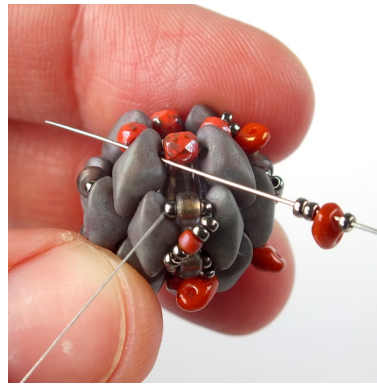
18) Then tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off this end of the thread.



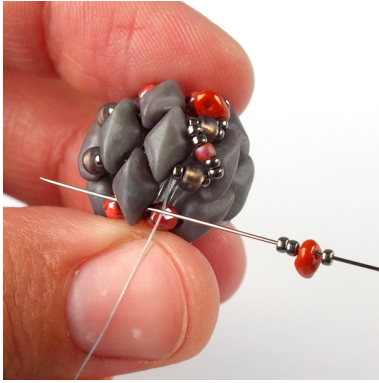
19) Now get back to the main thread – the thread should be exiting from the upper hole of the “top” Gemduo. Add two 15/0s, one Miniduo and one 15/0 and then pass through the nearest (15/0, 8/0, 15/0).



20) Add two 15/0s, one 11/0 and two 15/0s and pass through the (15/0, 8/0, 15/0) below (as shown in the photo).



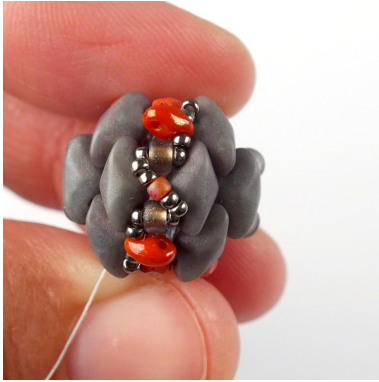
25) Add one 15/0, one Miniduo and two 15/0s and pass through the "end" hole of the next Gemduo (as shown in the photo).



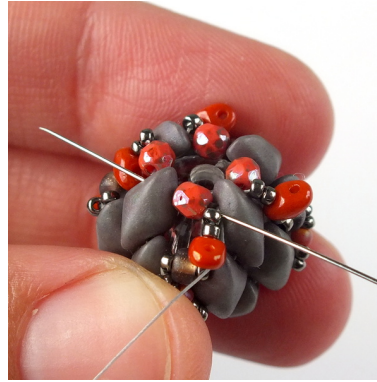
21) Add one 15/0, one Miniduo and two 15/0s and pass through the "end" hole of the next Gemduo (as shown in the photo).



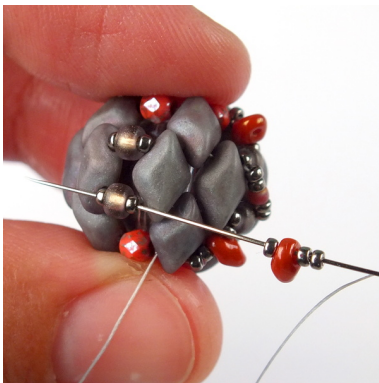
26) Repeat steps 19 - 25, until you reach the end of the row. You should end up in the same hole of the same Gemduo from where you started.



22) Fold the Miniduos inwards, as shown in the photo. This is what you should get.



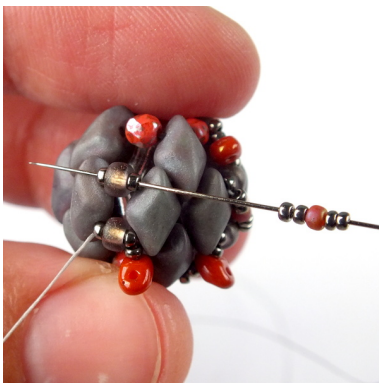
27) Pass through the next 3mm FP and through the upper hole of the next Gemduo.



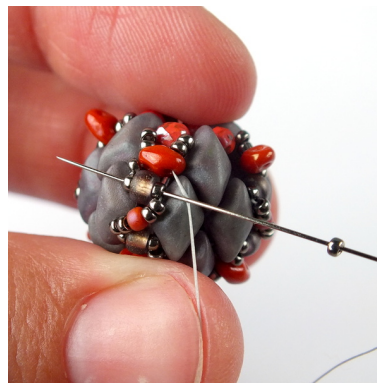
23) Continue in a similar way as in steps 19 - 21.
Add two 15/0s, one Miniduo and one 15/0 and then pass through the nearest (15/0, 8/0, 15/0).



28) Add two 15/0s and go down through the free hole of the nearest Miniduo.



24) Add two 15/0s, one 11/0 and two 15/0s and pass through the (15/0, 8/0, 15/0) above (as shown in the photo).



29) Add one 15/0 and pass through the nearest (15/0, 8/0, 15/0).

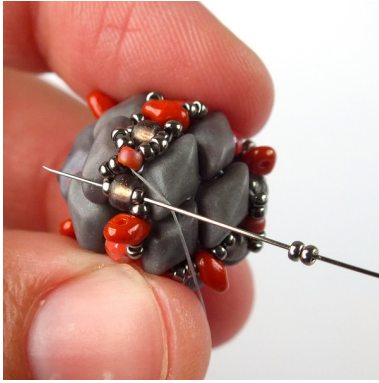


30) Add two 15/0s and pass through the nearest 11/0.

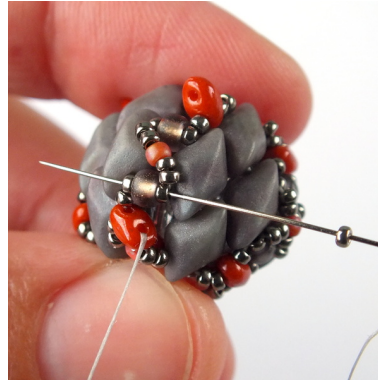


35) Continue in a similar way as in steps 28 - 34.

Add two 15/0s and go up through the free hole of the nearest Miniduo.



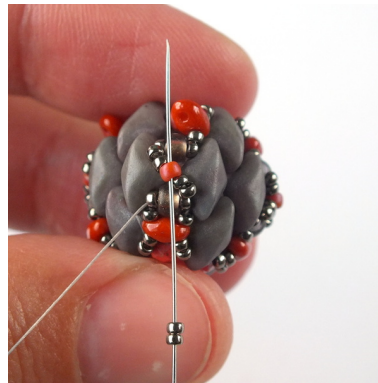
31) Add two 15/0s and pass through the nearest (15/0, 8/0, 15/0).



36) Add one 15/0 and pass through the nearest (15/0, 8/0, 15/0).



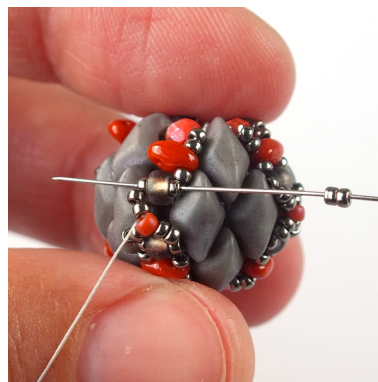
32) Add one 15/0 and pass through the free hole of the next Miniduo.



37) Add two 15/0s and pass through the nearest 11/0.



33) Add two 15/0s and pass through the end hole of the nearest Gemduo.



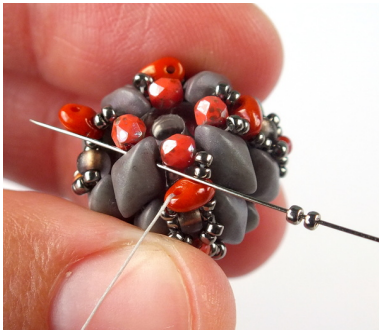
38) Add two 15/0s and pass through the nearest (15/0, 8/0, 15/0).



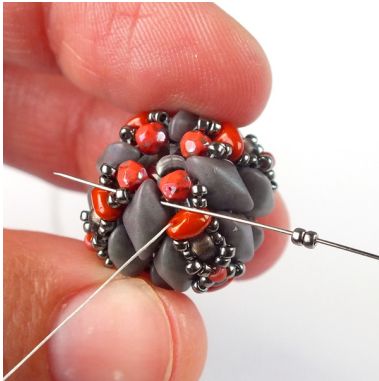
34) This is what you should get.



39) Add one 15/0 and pass through the free hole of the next Miniduo.



40) Add two 15/0s and pass through the end hole of the nearest Gemduo.



41) Repeat steps 28 - 40, until you reach the end of the row. You should end up in the same hole of the same Gemduo from where you started in step 27/28.



42) Tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off all the remaining thread. The bead is finished.



Matubo Gemduo 02010/24602
 Matubo Miniduo 93200/43400
 Matubo 8/0 93200/84110
 TOHO Round 11/0 4221
 Duracoat Galv. Lt. Pewter
 Miyuki Round 15/0 4221
 Duracoat Galv. Lt. Pewter
 3mm FP 93200



Matubo Gemduo 02010/24608
 Matubo Miniduo 63130/15695
 Matubo 8/0 N/A
 Miyuki Round 11/0 2008
 Matte Met. Patina Iris
 Miyuki Round 15/0 2008
 Matte Met. Patina Iris
 3mm FP 93120/43400

Tip: This design works best with Matubo 8/0s, but if you don't have any on hand, you can use 3mm FPs instead (as in the orange bead above). There is no difference in the pattern, but you'll have to keep your tension extremely tight for the bead to hold its shape properly.

Colorways:



Matubo Gemduo 23020/85001
 Matubo Miniduo 93140/14495
 Matubo 8/0 20060/85106
 TOHO Round 11/0 2641F Semi
 Glazed Rainbow Orange
 Miyuki Round 15/0 190 Steel
 3mm FP 93400/43400



Matubo Gemduo 00030/28002, 00030/28172
 Matubo Miniduo 83120/43400
 Matubo 8/0 80020/85106
 Miyuki Round 11/0 1233 Matted Opaque Mustard
 Miyuki Round 15/0 4222 Duracoat Galv. Pewter
 3mm FP 83120/15496



Matubo Gemduo 23980/21135
 Matubo Miniduo 33050/15001
 Matubo 8/0 33050/85001
 TOHO Round 11/0 82F
 Frosted Metallic Nebula
 Miyuki Round 15/0 2005
 Matte Met. Copper Iris
 3mm FP 33050/15001