Woven flower

MATERIALS :

± 1 m	Stringing thread
5 to 8	Petal beads
10 to 20	Various beads (small)
2	Round beads (medium)
1	Scissors
1	Big eye needle (optional)
1	Flat or round head pin
1	« Loop » Beading techniques

Preparation :

1- Choose the shape and color of the beads you want to create your woven flower.

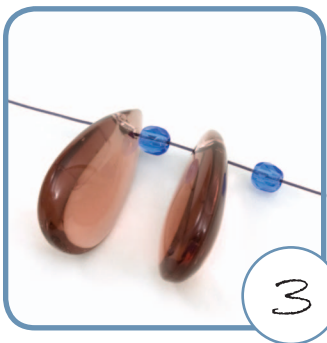2- Choose the type of thread* based on the result you want for your project. Cut a length of approximately 1 m.

You can use a flexible stringing needle. With this type of tool, no need to knot the thread : simply block the thread in the needle hole.
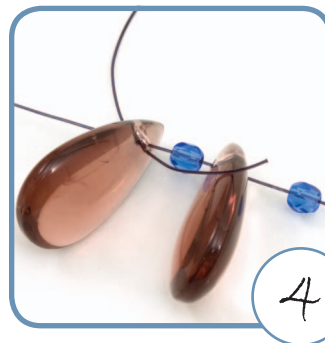
*You can also string your flower on Wild Fire thread, but we recommend using 6 lbs fishing thread (nylon). Its flexibility allows your stitching to be tight and even.
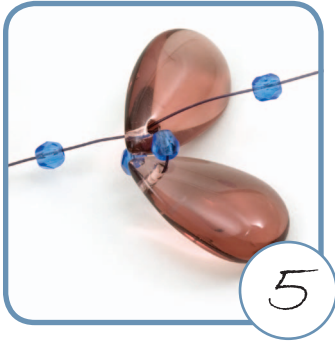
Fabrication :

3- Insert 1 petal bead, 1 round bead, 1 petal bead and another round bead. Place them in the center of the thread.

4- Form a loop with your thread by inserting it back in the first petal bead you just strung.

5- Gently tighten the threads and add 1 round bead on each one of the threads.

6- Insert both ends of the thread counter-clockwise in a new petal bead.

Tighten your work.

7- Repeat steps 5 and 6 for two new petal beads in order to have 5 of them.

8- To create the flower and close up the stitching, insert the threads counter-clockwise in the first petal bead you strung.

9- For more fantasy, you can add small beads between those already strung by inserting the thread back in the round beads, one side at a time. Do this for both sides.

Complete the stitching by making a double flat knot and cut off the excess thread.

Using the tip of a needle or a toothpick, add a drop of glue to strengthen your knot.

Finishing :

To integrate your flower to one of your jewelry, you need to string a medium size round bead on a flat or round head pin and insert it in the middle of the flower.

Insert a second bead of the same size in the pin.

Tighten your work and form a double loop. If needed, you can refer to the « Loop » Beading techniques

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