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BEADED DROPS, LARGE RED VELVET FLOWER

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 4mm & 6mm plain metal round gold beads
- Red velvet flocked round beads
- Red velvet flocked heart beads
- Red crystal bicones
- Gold foil-lined seed beads
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- Gold headpins
- Gold jump rings
- Gold bead cone
- Fishing line
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by creating a large beaded flower for your beaded drop. Cut a length of fishing line about 50" long. String one crystal bicone bead and velvet heart and a plain gold 6mm round bead so that the heart's larger end is facing the gold round bead. Continue to string three 4mm gold rounds, a 6mm gold round, three more 4mm rounds, and a 6mm round. Next, string another velvet heart. Take the end of the string that has the bicone you started with a string that back through the last velvet heart going in the other direction. After coming through the heart, slide on three 4mm gold rounds, a 6mm gold round, three more 4mm rounds, and a 6mm round, then another velvet heart. Continue in this pattern until you've used 8 velvet hearts.
2. String on the first velvet heart you started with and tighten to create a flower shape. Tie off the end strings together and trim.
3. To create the center of the flower, cut a new piece of fishing line (24") and tie it on to the piece holding the red velvet hearts together. String on red round velvet bead, a 4mm gold plain round bead, and go back through the red velvet round bead and through one of the bicones in the center of the flower shape you created in step 1. Continue adding round beads and going through bicones until there are at least 5 centers. Tie off the fishing line somewhere in the center where the handiwork will be hidden.
4. Next, cut a 30" length of fishing line. To create a loop at one end, fold the last 5 inches of fishing line onto itself, grasp the loop you just created and tie a knot, careful to keep the loop at the end about 1" long.
5. Now, you are ready to start stringing your beads. String beads and seed bead in a pleasing pattern along the top 1" of the piece, then string a 4mm plain gold round and a red velvet round bead and string on your beaded flower. Next, string a red velvet heart bead and a red bicone and continue stringing along the next 8-10" in a pleasing pattern.
6. To finish, slide one gold crimp bead, one red bicone faceted bead, then a gold jump ring. Go back through the oval bead and crimp bead but not back through the jump ring, "trapping" it there. Crimp and trim the loose ends.
7. Create a dangle by sliding one 4mm plain gold round, one red velvet round bead, a gold bead cone, and one 4mm plain gold round onto a headpin and forming a simple loop. Attach this dangle to the single gold jump ring you "trapped" in step 6.

BEADED DROPS, SMALL BLUE AND GOLD

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 6mm blue glass round beads
- Gold tiny teardrop beads
- Blue 6/0 glass seed beads
- Large gold metal bicone beads
- Acrylic purple faceted round beads
- Large oval faceted blue beads
- 6mm plain metal round gold beads
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- 24-gauge gold wire
- Transite or fishing line
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by cutting five 6" lengths of gold wire. To each, string five Gold tiny teardrop beads and five blue 6mm glass beads, in an alternating pattern. Next, string the end of the wire back through the first bead you strung, and pull to create a ring. Secure the ring by winding the gold wire around in between beads. Trim wire to finish. Repeat 4 more times to create 5 beaded rings.
2. Next, cut a 30" length of fishing line or transite. To create a loop at one end, fold the last 5 inches of transite onto itself, grasp the loop you just created and tie a knot, careful to keep the loop at the end about 1" long.
3. Onto the free end of the transite you can begin to string your beads in a pleasing pattern. We strung 1" of blue 6/0 seed beads, then a large gold metal bicone, then an acrylic faceted 6mm bead, then our beaded ring from step 1, then a large oval faceted blue glass bead, then a 6mm plain gold metal bead, then 1" of blue seed beads and a diamond-shaped gold metal bead. We repeated this pattern almost 5 times, ending with a crimp bead, and then a 6mm plain round bead. Go back through the crimp bead but not through the round bead. Crimp, and trim ends.

BEADED DROPS, LARGE PURPLE AND BLUE FLOWER

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Blue large faceted oval beads
- Purple large lentil beads
- Gold faceted rondelle
- Blue faceted rondelle
- 6mm purple round glass bead
- 6mm blue round glass bead
- 4mm & 6mm plain metal round gold beads
- Gold foil-lined seed beads
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- Large blue flower
- Fishing line
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Create a large beaded flower for the beaded drop. Cut a length of fishing line about 60" long. String one blue 6mm round glass bead, then a blue oval faceted bead, a 6mm purple bead, a blue oval faceted bead, a 6mm purple bead, and a blue faceted oval.
2. Take the end of the string where the first bead you strung is and string that going in the opposite direction down thru the last blue oval bead you strung and the purple 6mm bead before it. String one blue 6mm round glass bead and repeat this pattern, criss-crossing through the two beads each time. A ladder shape will emerge.
3. Once you have strung 18 oval beads in this manner, come back around to the beginning and string through the first oval faceted bead you strung. Pull tightly and tills will create a dome shape. Tie off the fishing line to itself but do not trim the ends. Use this same fishing line to add more beads in the next step.
4. To create the bottom center of the flower, string on a purple lentil bead and a gold faceted bead. Go back through the large purple lentil to the center. Keep stringing these beads in the same manner until you have 5 bottom center petals. Bring tie off the string once again but do not cut it. Bring it up through the center of the flower and use it to create the petals at the top.
5. In the same manner in which you created the bottom center petals, you will create the top center petals. String beads and trap one bead by going back through only one. Once finished, tie off the string inside the flower to hide your handiwork. Trim the ends.
6. Next, cut a 30" length of fishing line. To create a loop at one end, fold the last 5 inches of fishing line onto itself-grasp the loop you just created and tie a knot, careful to keep the loop at the end about 1" long.
7. Now, you are ready to start stringing your beads. String beads and seed bead in a pleasing pattern along the top 1" of the piece, then string a 4mm plain gold round and a large blue flower bead and string on your beaded flower. Next, string a purple matte lentil bead and a gold faceted rondelle and continue stringing along the next 8-10" in a pleasing pattern.
8. To finish, slide on one gold crimp bead, one purple 6mm glass bead, one oval faceted bead, and one blue facette9: rondelle and one 6mm gold bead. Go back through all of these beads except the last 6mm gold bead that you strung, trapping it in place. Crimp the crimp bead and hide the ends inside one of the beads to finish.

BEADED DROPS, MEDIUM PURPLE AND RED

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Acrylic purple faceted round beads
- 4mm & 6mm plain metal round gold beads
- Faceted gold rondelles
- Red velvet flocked round beads
- Small red AB glass oval tube beads
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- Gold headpins
- Gold small link chain
- Gold eyepins
- Gold jump ring
- Transite or fishing line
- Bead glue
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by cutting three lengths of transite , each about 12" long. To each, string a purple faceted acrylic bead, then a 4mm plain gold round metal bead. Go back through the purple bead only and NOT the metal bead, thereby "trapping" the metal bead in place. String another purple bead, then a metal bead in the same way, going back through the purple bead to the middle of what will be a 3-pc cluster. Do this one more time until you have a tight triangle of purple beads and you've brought the fishing line back through the final purple bead to the center. Tighten it up and tie a surgeon's knot in the center of the cluster. Add a drop of bead glue and trim the ends close to the knot. Repeat this step two more times to create three triangle clusters.
2. Next, cut a 30" length of fishing line or transite. To create a loop at one end, fold the last 5 inches of transite onto itself, grasp the loop you just created and tie a knot, careful to keep the loop at the end about 1" long.
3. Now you are ready to start stringing your beads. String on beads in a plaseing pattern. We did: one 4mm plain gold round, two oval tube red AB beads, a gold faceted rondelle, a red velvet flocked round bead, a gold faceted rondelle, two oval tube red AB beads, one 4mm plain gold round, a purple faceted acrylic bead, then your triangle cluster from step 1, another purple faceted acrylic bead. We repeated this pattern three times, ending with a gold faceted rondelle. To finish, slide on one gold crimp bead, one red flocked velvet bead, then a gold jump ring. Go back through the velvet bead and crimp bead but not back through the jump ring, "trapping" it there. Crimp and trim the loose ends.
4. Create dangles by sliding one 6mm plain round metal bead onto a headpin and forming a simple loop. Repeat twice to create three dangles.
5. Cut three small length of chain. Each about 1/2" to 3/4" long. Link these to the dangles you created in the previous step. Attach all to the single gold jump ring you "trapped" in step #3.

BEADED DROPS, MEDIUM MULTI FLOWERS

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Acrylic purple faceted round beads
- 6mm purple round glass beads
- Large oval faceted blue beads
- 6mm blue glass round beads
- Red faceted oval beads
- 6mm red faux coral beads
- Gold faceted rondelle
- 4mm & 6mm plain metal round gold beads
- Gold seed beads, size 10/0
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- Gold headpins
- Fishing line
- Bead glue
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-Nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Create one petal of the flower by cutting a length of fishing line that is about 36" long. String one gold faceted rondelle, then nine 6mm purple glass round beads, then back through the opposite side of the gold rondelle. Repeat 4 more times to create 5 petals.
2. Pull tightly, and then tie off the fishing line near the first petal. Do not cut the ends; just tie it in a surgeon's knot to secure this row of petals.
3. Stringing on that same line, go back through the nearest gold faceted rondelle bead. String on a purple faceted acrylic bead, then loop the fishing line around the petal row you created in the last step. Go back through the purple faceted bead and back through the gold rondelle in the opposite direction from which you started. This will hold the purple faceted bead in place, giving a center for the beaded petal. Continue adding the petal "centers" by weaving into the gold rondelle as described.
4. Once the last "center" is added, pull tightly and tie off the fishing line near the middle of the flower.
5. Create two other flowers, one in blue and one in red, in the same manner as described above.
6. Next, cut a 30" length of fishing line. To create a loop at one end, fold the last 5 inches of fishing line onto itself, grasp the loop you just created and tie a knot, careful to keep the loop at the end about 1" long.
7. Now, you are ready to start stringing your beads. Strut with one gold faceted rondelle followed by about 1" of gold seed beads. Repeat. Then add one 4mm plain gold round bead, followed by a blue oval faceted bead and the blue beaded flower you created. Then string another blue faceted oval and another 4mm plain gold round bead. Follow this with another 1" of seed beads punctuated by a single gold rondelle bead. Add the rest of the colors in the same way.
8. To finish, slide on one gold crimp bead, one red oval faceted bead, then a gold jump ring. Go back through the oval and crimp beads, but not back through the jump ring, "trapping" it there. Crimp and trim the loose ends.
9. Create dangles by sliding one 6mm plain round metal bead onto a headpin and fanning a simple loop. Repeat twice to create three dangles.
10. Attach all to the single gold jump ring that was "trapped" in step 8.

BEADED DROPS, SMALL PURPLE AND GREEN

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 4mm & 6mm plain metal round gold beads
- Matte purple lentil bead
- Green 6/0 Seed Beads
- Green faceted teardrop beads
- Gold filigree bead caps
- 6mm purple round glass beads
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- Gold headpins
- Transite or fishing line
- Bead glue
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by cutting a 30" length of fishing line or transite. To create a loop at one end, fold the last 5 inches of transite onto itself, grasp the loop you just created and tie a knot, careful to keep the loop at the end about 1" long.
2. Next, create dangles by sliding one 6mm purple glass round bead onto a headpin and forming a simple loop. Repeat to create 24 dangles.
3. Now you are ready to start stringing your beads. Start with one 6mm glass purple round bead. Then string on beads in a pleasing pattern. We choose: one, about 3/4" worth of green seed beads, a green faceted teardrop bead, six purple glass dangles that you created in the previous step, and another green faceted teardrop bead, 3/4" worth of green seed beads, a gold filigree bead cap, a matte purple lentil bead, and another gold filigree bead cap. Repeat this 3 times, ending with the green seed beads. Set this aside for now.
4. Create a dangle by sliding one green teardrop bead onto a headpin, along with one 4mm gold plain round bead. Form a simple loop.
5. Finish the piece by sliding a gold crimp bead onto the transite, then the dangle created in the previous step. Go back thru the crimp bead and a few of the bead above it. Crimp and trim the end.

BEADED DROPS, MEDIUM RED HEARTS

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 4mm & 6mm plain metal round gold bead
- Red velvet flocked heart beads
- 6mm faux coral red round beads
- Red crystal bicones
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- Gold small link chain
- Gold eyepins
- Gold bead cone
- Transite or fishing line
- Bead glue
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by cutting a 30" length of fishing line or transite. To create a loop at one end, fold the last 5" of transite onto itself, grasp the loop you just created and tie a knot, careful to keep the loop at the end about 1" long.
2. String on beads in a pleasing pattern. We chose one 4mm plain gold round bead, one 6mm faux coral bead, one red crystal bicone, one 6mm faux coral bead, one 4mm plain gold round bead, and a large velvet flocked heart. We repeated this pattern 5 times. Set aside for now.
3. Create a tassel by cutting 6-8 small gold link chain lengths, each about 2" - 2-1/2" long. String these all onto the loop of an eyepin. Onto the eyepin, string a gold bead cone, then a 6mm faux coral bead. Finish the top of the tassel with a wrapped loop.
4. Now, to finish the piece, string onto your transite one 4mm plain gold round bead and one gold crimp bead, then string the wrapped loop at the top of the tassel you created in the previous step. Go back through the crimp bead and the 4mm gold round bead. Crimp and trim the excess end.

BEADED DROPS, LARGE GREEN FLOWER

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Gold faceted rondelle
- 4mm & 6mm plain metal round gold beads
- Green fiber optic twist beads
- Green faceted round reads
- Green seed beads, size 10/0
- 2mm gold crimp beads
- Gold headpins
- 24-gauge gold wire
- Fishing line
- Bead glue
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-Nose pliers
- Wire cutters

DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by creating a large beaded flower for your beaded drop. Cut a length of 24 gauge gold wire that is about 45" in length. Slide the following beads onto the middle of the wire: one 6mm green glass round bead from the fiber optic strand, one green fiber optic twist bead, one 6mm plain gold round, one green faceted bead, plain round, faceted, plain round, faceted, plain round, and another fiber optic green twist bead. Take the wire and go back through the original 6mm green glass bead and pull to create one petal of the flower. Continue adding petals in this manner until you have 5 petals.
2. Next, create the center of the flower. On the same wire, string a plain 6mm metal round bead, a green fiber optic twist bead, another plain 6mm metal round, and another green fiber optic twist bead. This time, instead of going back through the first plain round bead, simply wrap the wire around that side of the bead twice to secure it, and then start your next petal. Continue to string center petals in this way until you have 5 petals.
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Skill Level 3: experience necessary

Approx. Crafting Time: varies

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