

BREA BEAD WORKS

FLOATING HEART



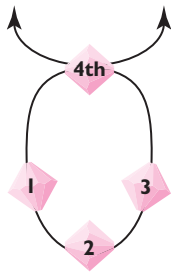
MATERIALS

- ▷ Bicone crystals; 4mm [28 qty]
- ▷ Chain with clasp [1 qty]
- ▷ Illusion cord [18 inches]

TOOLS

- ▷ Scissors

ladder stitch



1. Using 18-inches of illusion cord, pick up 3 bicones and position at center of cord. Using the ladder stitch, pick up a fourth bicone and pass each cord through from opposite ends. Pull cords snug.

Note: Future rows will use only 3 bicones.

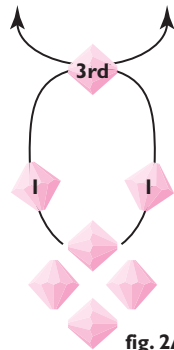


fig. 2A

2. Ladder stitch next segment by picking up 1 bicone on each cord and passing each cord through a third bicone. Remember to pass cords from opposite ends of bicone (fig. 2A). Pull cords snug.

Repeat one more time (fig. 2B).

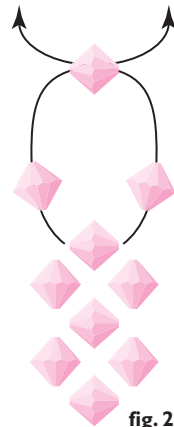


fig. 2B

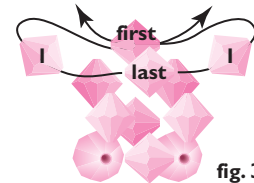


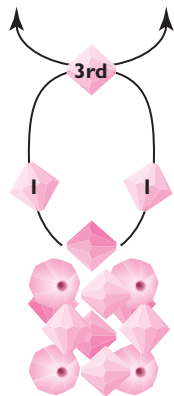
fig. 3A



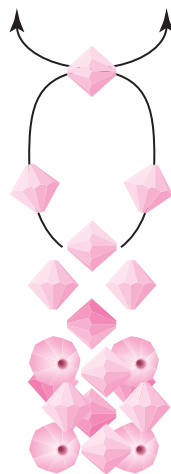
fig. 3B

3. Join ends together to form a crystal ball by picking up 1 bicone on each cord. Ladder stitch through first center bicone from starting end (fig. 3A). Pull cords snug.

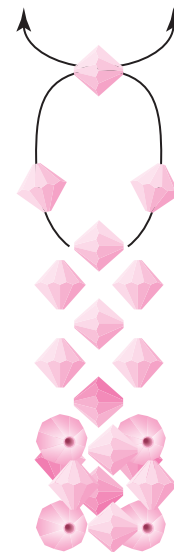
Your piece will have six sides that look like fig. 3B.



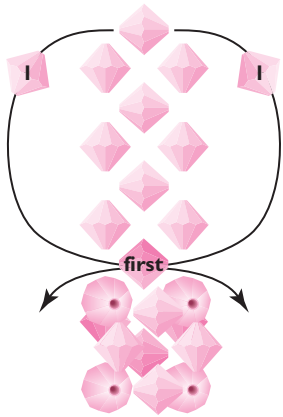
4. Create another crystal ball segment exactly like the first by picking up 1 bicone on each cord and passing each cord through a third bicone. Pull cords snug.



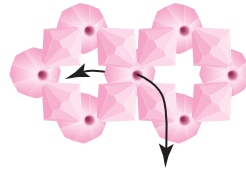
5. Ladder stitch a second segment. Pull cords snug.



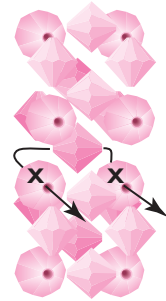
6. Ladder stitch a third segment. Pull cords snug.



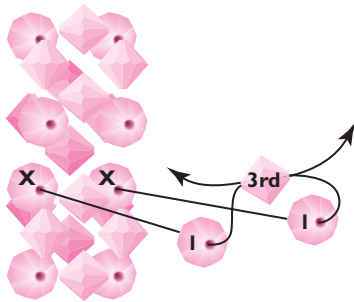
7. Pick up 1 bicone on each cord. Ladder stitch through first center bicone from starting end. Pull cords snug.



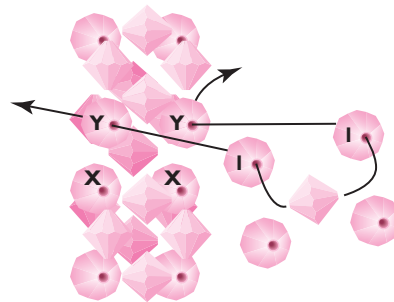
8. When two crystal balls are joined, they will look like this from front.



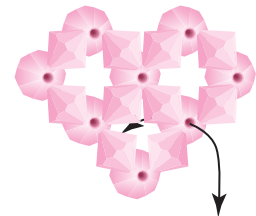
9. Move cords through neighboring bicones ("X" beads) to prepare for the point of the heart.



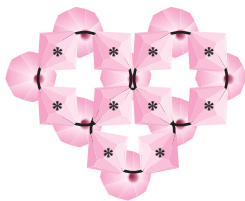
10. Pick up 1 bicone on each cord and ladder stitch through third bicone. Pull cords snug.



11. Pick up 1 bicone on each cord and ladder stitch through opposite set of bicones from step 9 ("Y" beads). Pull cords snug.



12. The heart will look like this from front.



13. Reinforce the sets of crystals on the front and back face, marked with *. Be sure to travel cord in a path that does not expose the cord.

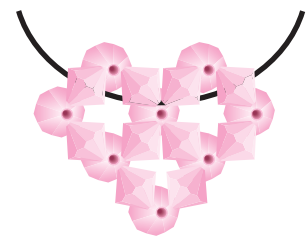
When heart is sturdy and well reinforced, tie half hitched knots in at least three locations and trim cord ends. See step 14.



14. HALF-HITCHED KNOT

Insert under cord and pull cord to form a small loop. Pass cord end through loop and pull knot over cord in weave, making sure you secure your beads so that the pulling of the knot doesn't distort your stitches.

Pass cord through several beads and repeat at least two more times. Hide about an inch of cord and trim cord end.



15. Insert chain through holes at top and it's ready to wear. Enjoy!

Makes adorable earrings as well.