

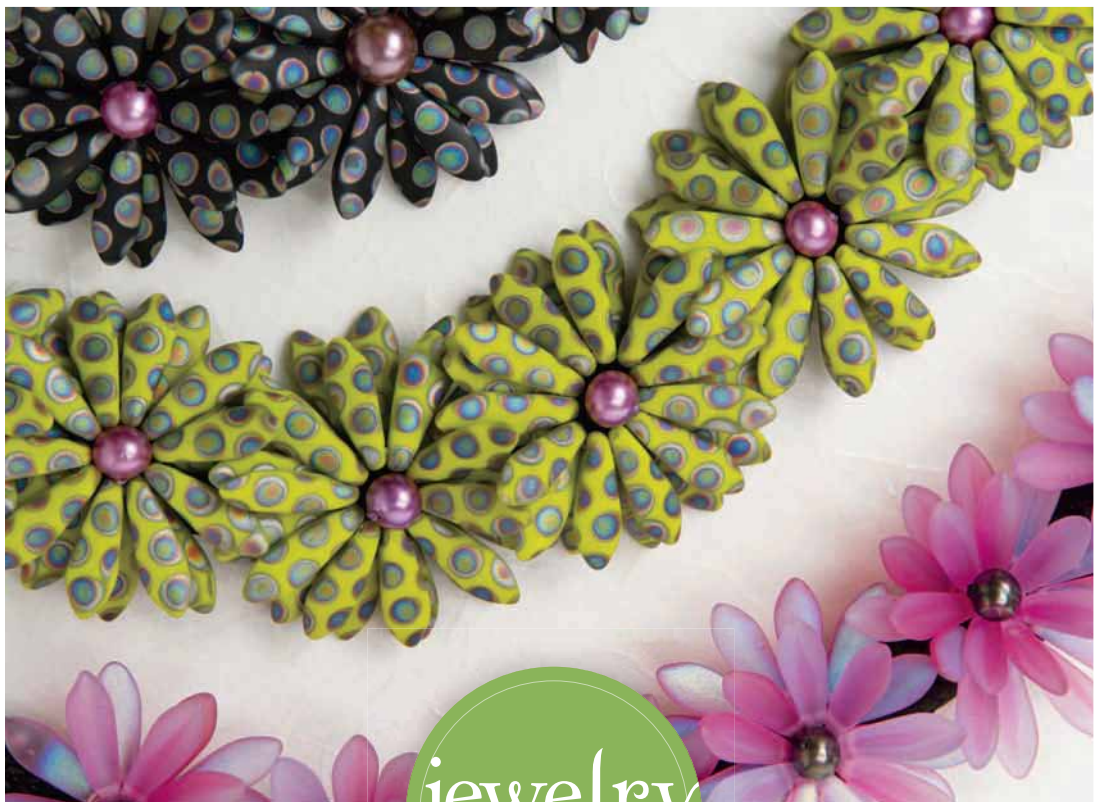


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Midnight Snowflakes



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Midnight Snowflakes is a shimmering necklace of crystal snowflakes hanging from a strand of cool bicones.

Make a pair of snowflakes for earrings, or link a number of them for a bracelet or necklace.



SUPPLIES

A, 290 fuchsia AB crystal bicones, 3 mm

B, 90 fuchsia 2XAB crystal bicones, 4 mm

C, 10 fuchsia AB size 11^o seed beads

Crystal Fireline braided beading thread, 6 lb.

24 inches (61 cm) of beading wire

Microcrystalline wax

2 gold crimp tubes

1 small gold filigree clasp

Size 12 beading needles

Scissors

Disposable lighter

Crimping pliers

Dimensions: 1 ¼ x 1 5/8 inches (3 x 40 cm)

Note: Each snowflake requires 48 bicone crystals. Snowflakes may be made with 3, 4, or 5 mm bicone crystals or a combination of sizes.

Snowflakes

Beads are added around the beginning ring in a counterclockwise fashion. “Pass forward” means to continue in the same direction. Each snowflake is made separately, then strung.

1 With 1 yard (91.5 cm) of thread in your needle, bring the ends together, wax well so that the strands adhere to each other like a single strand, and knot the ends together with an overhand knot. Clip the tails 1 mm from the knot and melt the ends with a lighter. (Don’t put the tails in the flame, just near it.) Test the knot by pulling on the strands to make sure it’s secure.

String 6 A and push them to within 1 inch (2.5 cm) of the knot. Separate the strands between the beads and the knot and pass the needle between the strands. Pull tight and pass back through the last bead strung, which is bead #6 (FIGURE 1).

2 Add 5 A and pass forward through the bead exited in the first hexagon, bead #6, and then through bead #5 (FIGURE 2).

3 Add 4 A (#12 to #15). Continue through bead #7, #5, and #4 (FIGURE 3).

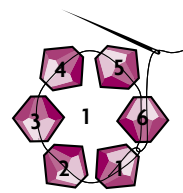


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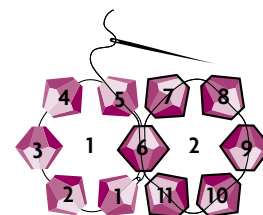


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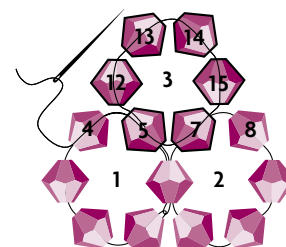


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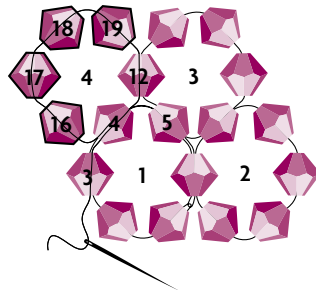


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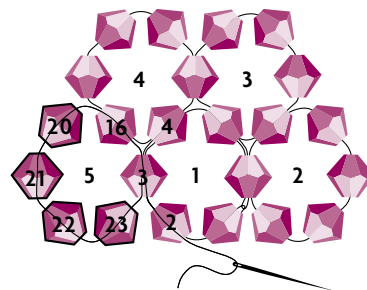


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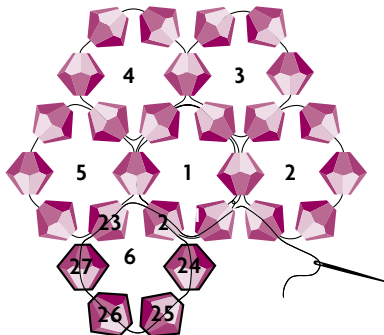


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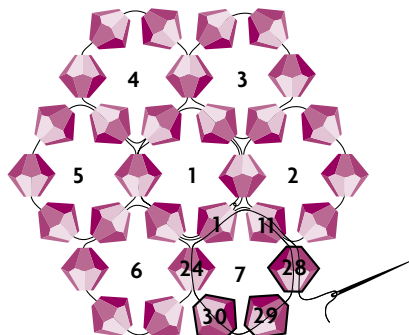


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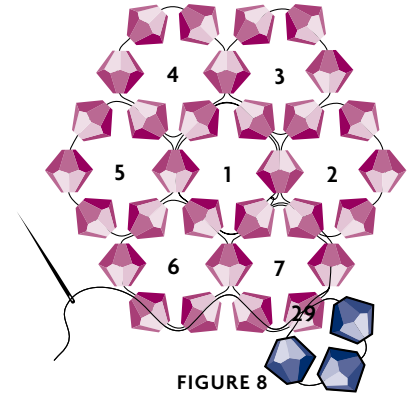


FIGURE 8

4 Add 4 A (#16 to #19). Pass forward through bead #12, #4, and #3 (FIGURE 4).

5 Add 4 A (#20 to #23) and pass through #16 and #3 (FIGURE 5). Continue through bead #2.

6 Add 4 A (#24 to #27) and pass through #23, #2, #5, #1, and #11 (FIGURE 6).

7 Add 3 A (#28 to #30). Pass through #24, #1, #11, and #28 (FIGURE 7).

8 Add the snowflake tips: Continue forward through #29. Add 3 B. Pass forward through the edge bicone just exited again. Continue to the center bead of the next set of 3 bicones along the edge (the next corner point of the hexagon), and add a tip of 3 B. Pass through the edge beads and add sets of 3 B to each of the next 4 corners (FIGURE 8).

9 Follow all steps to make a total of 5 snowflakes.

String the Necklace

Beginning at one half of the clasp with 24 inches (61 cm) of beading wire and a crimp bead and a crimp bead, pass back through the crimp bead and flatten it with the crimping tool or needle-nose pliers. Add 50 A, 1 C, 1

snowflake, and 1 C. Add 10 A, 1 C, 1 snowflake, and 1 C, 4 times, then 50 A, a crimp, and the other half of the clasp. Pass back through the crimp, squeeze the crimp flat, and trim the beading wire.

earrings and pendants

For earrings or a pendant, add an optional ring on the sixth corner, as follows: Add 2 bicones and the ring. Pass back through the last bicone. Add 1 bicone. Pass through the corner bicone again. Knot the thread and weave in the tail (FIGURE 9).

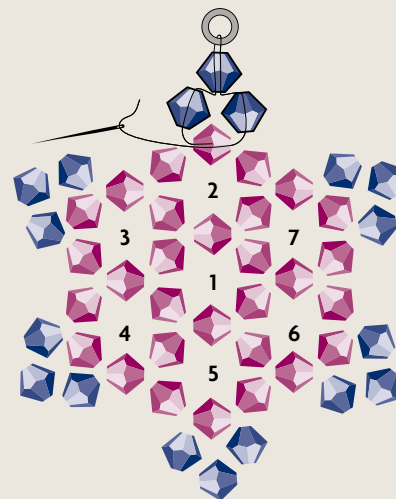


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- Apple Blossom Necklace
- Zipper Bracelet
- Lacy Bracelet
- Midnight Snowflakes
- Art Deco Necklace
- Knotty Necklace
- Button Doll Ornament
- Canterbury Necklace



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