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Knitting with Waxed Thread



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What You'll Need

Gudebrod 0.015" Black Waxed Polyester Thread, Black, SKU 10720810

Preciosa Czech Crystal Rounds, 6mm, Jet, SKU 10719520

Blue & Green Czech Glass Bead Mix, SKU 10719280

TIP: One strand of each of the above yields a beaded length of 20-inches;
you'll need extra strands for longer necklace.

Knotting Tweezers, SKU 10443470

Tapestry Needles, SKU 10354167

Precision Scissors, SKU 10591717

Beading Mat, SKU 10348546

Beginner Stringing and Knotting

1 Hour Class

In today's class we are exploring a versatile and simple knotting technique that combines two strands of waxed cord to create beautifully spaced knots. Showcasing beautiful beads is so easy and fun to do in this style. You don't have to worry if the knot size is larger than a bead's hole diameter when using this technique, and it is fast to create!

This design combines a strand of Czech glass and crystal rounds in grey, moody color palette with a Halloween vibe!

Abbreviations

R6 - 6mm Round Czech Glass Crystal in Jet

GB - Czech glass beads from a designer strand ranging in size from 6mm to 11mm

Step 1

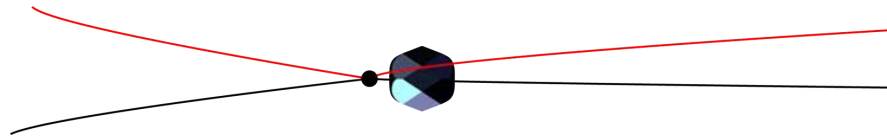
To begin, cut two strands that are 1.5 times your desired, finished length. The knots we will be creating will consume some of the length of your cord. You may also wish to have extra inches at the ends for tying or adjusting, or to make a sliding knot. As a general guide, 1.5x desired length usually works. Cut both strands the same length.

Leaving at least 9 inches as a tail, overhand knot the two strands together.



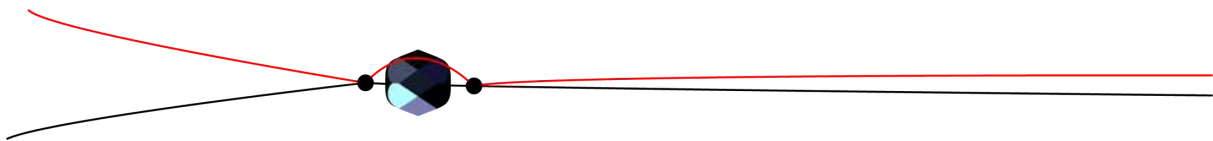
Step 2

String (1)R6 onto one of the strands and slide it to meet the knot.



Using your fingers, form an overhand knot, keeping the loop open with your fingers. Place the knotting tweezers through that loop, then pinch the strands just above the bead. Pull to tighten the knot while keeping the tweezers depressed. Once the knot is tight against the tweezers, remove them. Pull the strands away from the bead, while pulling the tail strands in the opposite direction.

The knot will settle just above the bead, leaving a little air around it. One strand will be running over the bead. Repeat Step 2 to desired length.



Step 3

To finish your design, you can leave the tails long and form a sliding square or barrel knot, or you can use various findings to attach a clasp. In class we will finish with a sliding barrel knot, and decorate the ends of the cord with some 8/0 seed beads. This is easiest to do with the help of a tapestry needle. Lay the cords over each other and pinch them together with a tapestry needle inside your fingers. Wrap one end of the cords in a coil over all the cords and the needle, wrapping back towards the eye side. Run the ends you've been coiling through the eye of the tapestry needle. Pull the ends through the coiled wrap of cord. Hold the other side of the coiled strands as you tighten. The barrel knot will tighten around the cords, and the cords running through it will be free to slide. Add seed beads to the ends and knot.



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