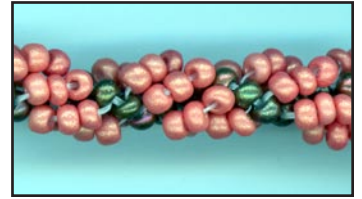


# Bead Pattern Central Beading Tutorial

## Spiral Weave flexible beaded rope

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

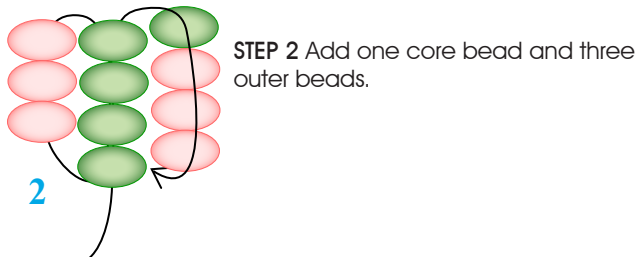
Seed beads in size 11° or 8°; #10 or 12 beading needle, lightweight beading nylon such as Nymo B; scissors



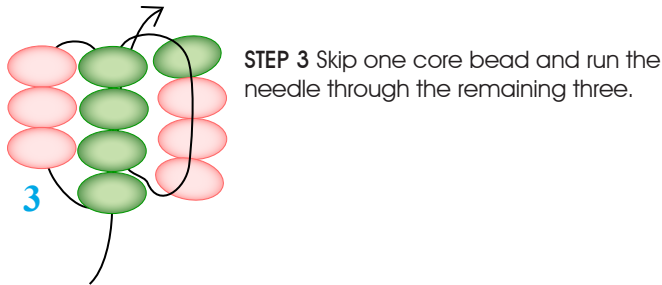
The spiral weave creates a flexible chain that has tremendous versatility. Use lightweight thread because there is a buildup of thread within the central core. Beads may be different sizes for textured effects, and the number of outer beads (shown in light pink) may be increased to create more "puff" in the resulting weave. This is a technique that's ripe for experimentation! Once you have the basic idea, you can easily build on it to create your own patterns. Try embellishing the outer bead sections with larger beads such as crystals and pearls.



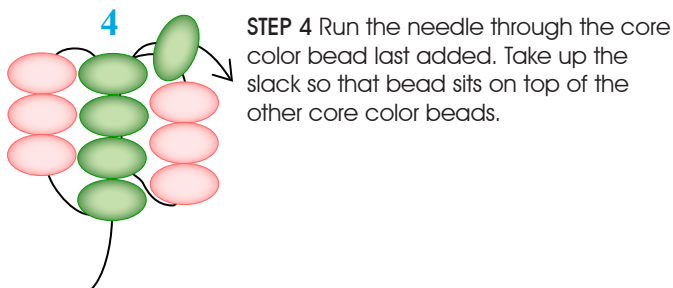
**STEP 1** Thread on four beads of the core color and three beads of the outer color. Form a loose loop as shown.



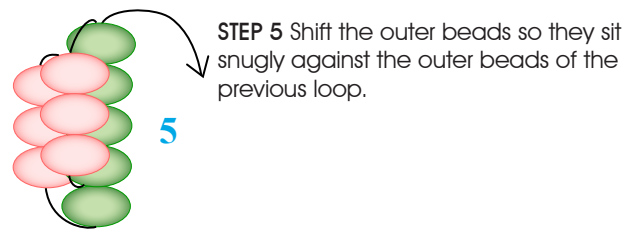
**STEP 2** Add one core bead and three outer beads.



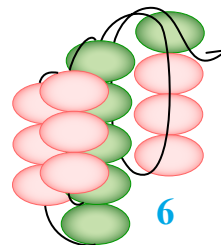
**STEP 3** Skip one core bead and run the needle through the remaining three.



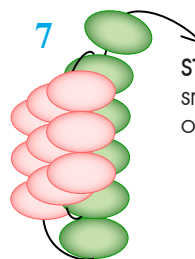
**STEP 4** Run the needle through the core color bead last added. Take up the slack so that bead sits on top of the other core color beads.



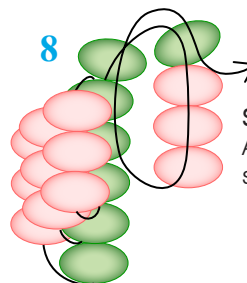
**STEP 5** Shift the outer beads so they sit snugly against the outer beads of the previous loop.



**STEP 6** Add one core color bead and three outer color beads; run the needle through the last three core beads as shown. Run the needle through the last core color bead added and take up the slack.



**STEP 7** Shift the outer beads so they sit snugly against the previous loops of outer beads.



**STEP 8** Repeat the looping process. After seven or eight repetitions, the spiral pattern will begin to emerge.