

International Beading Week Beaded Box

I designed this little box to celebrate IBW 2019 and also introduce you to making beaded boxes. So, this is a simple shape, with a pattern, and a hinged lid. I have supplemented this written pattern with some video demonstrations, so you can see exactly how the techniques work in reality.

Although I have given my own bead colouring, you can alter your colours to suit. I used the rainbow colouring (also based on the colour wheel) that symbolises IBW ...bringing beaders from all over the world, together, to celebrate beadwork.

Materials

In the following table, I have given you the bead quantities and the actual colours that I used, plus the bead letter codes that I will be using throughout the pattern.

So, you need to decide which size bead you are going to use and then follow the colour guide for that size (or choose your own colours).

For all the different colours, it is easier to give you the number of beads. This will help if you are using up beads from your stash – you can see whether you have enough beads in any given colour.

If you want to translate this into grams, then 1g of size 11 is about 200 beads. So, if you are using this size, 1g of each colour should be sufficient for the project. If you are using size 10, then 1g is about 111 beads. So, again, 1g should be sufficient for most colours, but the purple, blue and both greens will need 2g.

Bead Colour	Quantity	Size 11 Delica Colour	Size 10 Delica Colour	Letter code
Yellow	48 beads	DB751	DBM160	(A)
Orange	69 beads	DB1563	DBM043	(B)
Red	87 beads	DB295	DBM172	(C)
Pink	105 beads	DB1371	DBM914	(D)
Purple	123 beads	DB56	DBM056	(E)
Blue	141 beads	DB760	DBM165	(F)
Turquoise	105 beads	DB177	DBM166	(G)
Dark Green	141 beads	DB605	DBM152	(H)
Light Green	123 beads	DB2290	DBM712	(I)
White	5g of size 11 10g of size 10	DB200	DBM201	(J)

Fireline beading thread – I used 4lb in crystal

You can also choose your own beading thread – just make sure you use something that will give you good, tight, tension as you work.

Tools

Beading needle and scissors