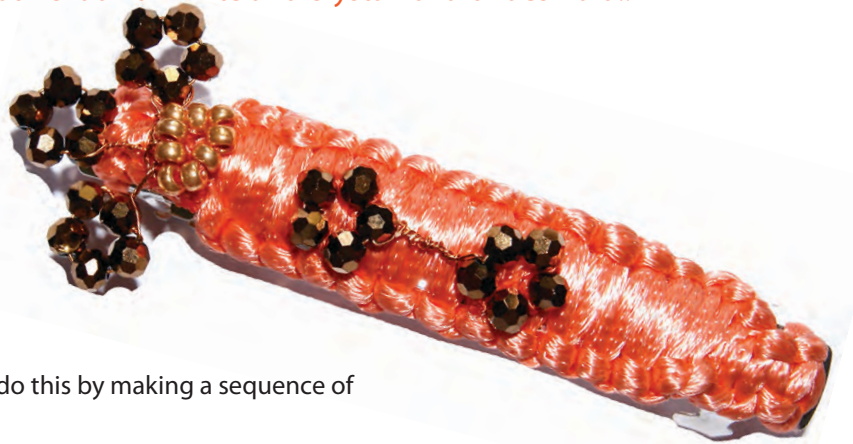


Nina's Peach and Copper Hair Slide

This hairslide has been simply wrapped with rattail cord and then embellished with a soft bronze crystal decoration and would really bring out the warmth in chestnut hair - try it in pinks and blues for a blonde, dramatic black and red for a gothic look or white and crystal for a bridesmaid..

Ingredients

FN070 8cm hair slide
3m TG060 Peach Rattail
String of CCR419 bronze crystal rounds
9 x RC260 size 8 seed beads
2m 0.315mm warm gold soft wire



To Make

First decorate the slide with the rattail. You do this by making a sequence of square knots along the length as follows:-

Cut 2 pieces of rattail cord - each piece needs to be four times the length of the slide. Cut one more length 1.5m long.

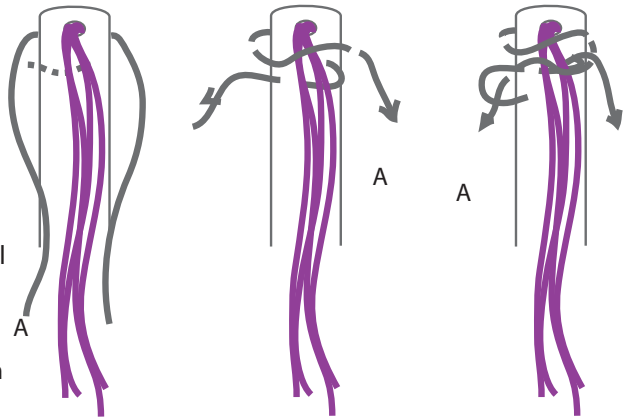
Hold the two short lengths parallel to one another and tie together with a single knot at the centre. Thread the four cut ends up through the hole in the end of the slide and down through the hole at the far end. These four threads are referred to as the 'core'.

Hook the centre of the long thread behind the knot and bring the ends to the front of the slide (fig 1). Nominate the left hand end of this thread as A. The other end will be B.

Pass A over the core leaving a loop of thread to the left of the slide. Cross B over the top of A to the right of the slide; underneath the core and up through the loop formed by A on the left (fig 2). Pull A and B to tighten the knot.

Pass A (now on the right) over the top of the core to leave a loop to the right of the slide. Cross B over A on the left of the slide; underneath the core and up through the loop formed by A on the right of the slide. Pull the ends to secure the knot (fig 3).

Make three more knots with A passing over the top of the core and B underneath the core. You will now have cleared the clip mechanism on the slide. The B thread now needs to pass under the top plate of the slide rather than just the core threads - make 18 or 20 knots like this to cover the middle portion of the slide plate. You will now need to revert to knotting under the core threads only.



Make five knots over the core. Pull the core threads tight and make an overhandknot to secure the threads up tightly to the underside of the hole. Bring the A and B ends to the back of the slide plate and tie an overhand knot to secure these thread ends just behind the core end knot. Stitch the two knots together to secure and trim off the ends.

To make the crystal decoration

First make the double crystal circle that sits along the length of the slide.

Cut 1m wire. Thread 5 crystals into the centre and cross the ends of the wire over through one of the end beads to bring the crystals round into a circle. Bring both ends of the wire together around this end bead and twist them together as if you were forming a stamen for about 6mm. Now thread 5 crystals onto one end of the wire and cross the wire over in the first bead added so that again the crystals are brought together into a circle. Use both ends of the wire to secure the decoration onto the comb making sure that you do not snag the rattail as you do this.

To make the decoration on the end of the comb take the remaining 1m of wire and slip it through the rattail stitching about 1cm from the end of the slide at the hinge end. Bring the two sides of the wire together in the centre of the width of the comb and secure with a little twist. Onto one side thread 5 seed beads and onto the other side thread 4. Cross the wires over through a couple of the beads so that one wire emerges to each side of the slide.

Leaving about 6mm exposed wire to act as a stem, thread 5 crystals onto one of the wire ends. Cross the wire over through the first bead threaded and bring it to meet the stem around this bead. Twist the wire together with the stem until you are back at the seed bead circle and run the wire through one of the seed beads to help anchor it. Repeat with the other wire end at the other side.

Finally use one of the wire ends to make the third crystal flower in between the first two and secure off the wire ends neatly to finish.