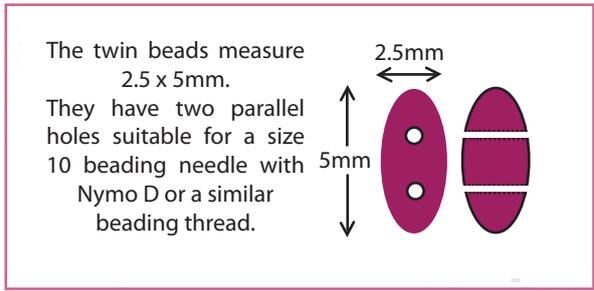


Twin Beads

Twin Beads are a new innovation from Preciosa. They open up new design possibilities for beginners as well as those beaders who have more experience with beadweaving.

They can be used on their own or teamed with seed beads and Delicas to expand the weaving possibilities. We have found that size 10/0 Czech seed beads work extremely well.



Twin Beads are ideal for Peyote style beading where you set up a row of keyholes for the next row of beads to slot into. The elegant *Gate Bracelet Kit* above is made with this technique - it's quick and easy to do but feels wonderfully smooth and flexible. Try it out and you will be totally converted to this new bead shape.

Peyote Style Beading

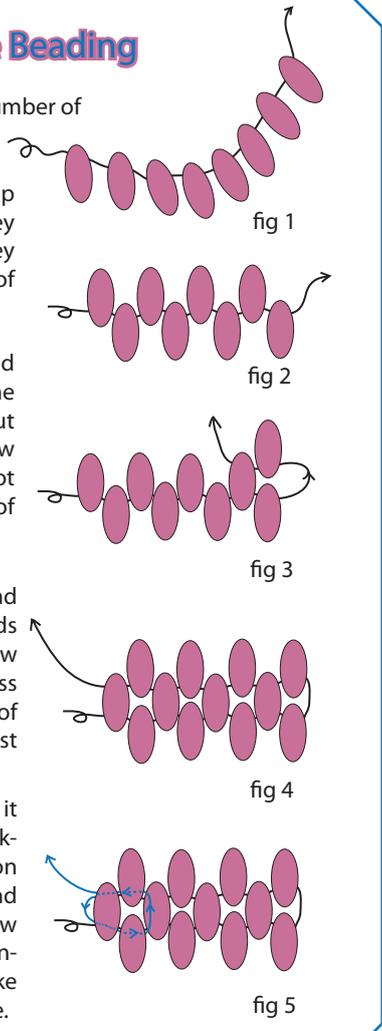
1 Thread on an even number of Twin beads (fig 1).

2 Pull the beads up tightly together - they will form the classic key and keyhole shape of Peyote stitch (fig 2).

3 Thread on 1 bead and pass through the top hole on the last but one bead of the first row (fig 3) - the bead will slot into place on the end of the new row.

4 One at a time, thread on and slot in the beads for the rest of the row finishing with a pass through the top hole of the first bead of the first row (fig 4).

5 We have found that it is useful to make a locking stitch (fig 5) just on the end of this second row to keep the first row under the correct tension. You can then make the next row as before.



Making A Simple Circle Motif

1 Thread on 10 Twin beads. Pass the needle through the first bead again to make a ring (fig 1).

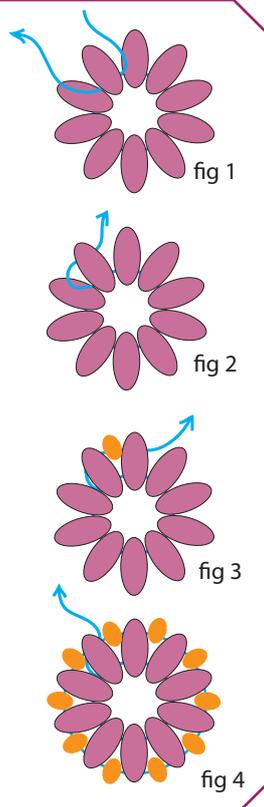
2 Pass the needle through the other hole on the SAME Twin bead (don't cross over to the next bead or the shape will distort)(fig 2).

3 Thread on one size 10/0 seed beads and through the top hole on the next Twin (fig 3).

4 Repeat around the ring (fig 4).

The design top left links one of these rings to the next with a simple square stitch - see the *Ringo Bracelet Kit* for full instructions.

Try out with different numbers of Twin Beads - use less Twin beads and a larger seed bead (eg 8 x Twin and size 8/0 seeds) or try slotting in more twin beads on the outer row (see black and crystal motif top left)



Left - String a row of Twin beads through one hole only - then come back along the row to add a size 10/0 seed beads between the other holes and make a spiral - this would make a fabulous tassel strand or stunning necklace.

