

## Faenza beaded bead

No core beads needed - this bead made of Miniduos and Superduos holds its shape on its own.


Material (for one bead):

Matubo Miniduo (approx. 2 grams)
Matubo Superduo (approx. 2 grams)
Matubo 8/0 (approx. 1 grams)
15/0 Japanese seed beads (approx. 1 gram)
11/0 Japanese seed beads (approx. 2 grams)

Beading needle and thread (Nymo, Fireline)

Difficulty: Beginner/Intermediate

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1) String one Miniduo, one Superduo, one
 Miniduo, one
Superduo ... total five of each. Slide all the beads to the end of the thread and tie a square knot to form a circle.

2) Pass through the upper hole of the nearest Superduo.

3) Add one Miniduo and pass through the upper hole of the next Superduo. Pull snug.
4) Repeat step 3 ...

5) ... until you reach the end of the row. At the end of the row pass through the lower hole of the next Miniduo ...

6) This is what you should get.

7) Add one Superduo, one 11/0 and one Superduo and pass through the upper hole of the next Miniduo.
8) Repeat step 8 ...


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11) Pass through the first group of beads (Superduo, 11/0, Superduol you added in this row.

12) Then pass back through the upper hole of the same Superduo the thread is exiting from.

13) Add one 11/0 and pass through the upper hole of the next Superduo.

17) ... until you reach the end of the row.

Keep your tension very tight and at the end of the row make sure all the Superduos and Miniduos are connected.

18) Weave through beads to get to the upper hole of the nearest Miniduo.

14) Then pass through the upper hole of the nearest Miniduo ...

15) ... and through the upper hole of the next Superduo.


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21) ... until you reach the end of the row.

22) Weave through beads to get to the upper hole of one of the Miniduos on the other side of the bead.

27) ... until you reach the end of the row.
23) Repeat steps 19 - 21 on the other side of the bead.

24) Pass through the first group of beads (11/0, 8/0, 11/0) you added in this row.

28) Add two $15 / 0$ s and pass through the nearest pair of $11 / 0 \mathrm{~s}$ you added in the previous row.

29) Add two 15/0s and pass through the next group of $(11 / 0,8 / 0$, 11/0) on the other side of the bead.

25) Add two $15 / 0 \mathrm{~s}$, two $11 / 0 \mathrm{~s}$ and two 15/0s and pass through the next group of (11/0, $8 / 0,11 / 0)$ on the other side of the bead).

30) Repeat steps 28 29 ...

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31) ... until you reach the end of the row.

Tip: If you just want to make a small beaded rondelle, you can tie off the ends of the thread and use the bead as it is.
32) Weave through beads to get to one of the (11/0, 8/0, 11/0) groups - the thread should exit from one of these groups

37) Add one 8/0 and pass through the upper hole of the next Miniduo.

33) Add one Miniduo and pass through the next (11/0, 8/0, 11/0) group.

38) Repeat step 37 , until you reach the end of the row.

You can weave through this row few more times (for better tension).

34) Repeat step 33, until you reach the end of the row.

35) At the end of the row make the step-up by passing through the lower hole of the first Miniduo ...

40) Add one 15/0, one $110 /$ and one 15/0 and pass through the "outer" hole of the next Miniduo.

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43) One half of the bead is finished.

44) Weave through beads to get to the other side of the bead. The thread should exit from one of the (11/0, 8/0, 11/0) group.
45) Repeat steps 33 - 42 on the other side of the bead.


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