



TURBAN BEADED BEADS By Leslie Rogalski, Creative Director for the Beadsmith



Eight sides. Three holes. The OCTO beads combine with GemDuos and seed beads into beaded beads with an exotic presence!

WHAT YOU NEED per beaded bead:

4 Octo[™] beads 8 GemDuos[™] 4 size 3mm fire polish or other rounds .5g 11/0 seed beads Size 10 beading needle Fireline 6lb Thread snip or Thread Zap

For necklace or bracelet: beads to string between beaded beads and create chosen strand length, .018 beading wire, 2 wire guards, crimps, jump rings, clasp of choice; wire snips, pliers for jump rings.

TIPS:

Make sure all holes are open and clear in any multi-holed beads before use. Make sure GemDuos are added with the faceted side (not the flat side) facing out. Pull stitches snug to ensure a firm beaded bead.

Notes:

Octo beads have two side holes and a center hole. Refer to the illustrations to string through the correct hole in each step.

FIG 1. On a 30-inch length of thread string an 11 and a GemDuo four times. Sew through the ring again. Pull snug in a circle. Knot tail to working thread. Sew through a GemDuo. Sew in reverse direction through that GemDuo's open hole. Weave in tail and trim.

FIG 2. String an 11, an Octo through a side hole, and an 11. Sew through the next GemDuo. Repeat around the ring, exiting the first Octo strung.

FIG 3 (a and b). String six 11s and sew in the reverse direction through the other side hole of the Octo just exited. String six 11s and sew through the 11, the Octo side hole, and the next 11. Sew through the next GemDuo, 11 and Octo (FIG 3a). Repeat to "bracket" each Octo with six new 11s on each side. After adding brackets all around, exit through the second strand of 11s added in this step. Sew through the Octo and the outer 11 in the first strand of 11s added (FIG 3b).

FIG 4. String a GemDuo and sew through the next end 11, Octo and end 11. Pull snug so the beaded bead starts to cup into its shape. Make sure it is cupping with the faceted sides of the GemDuos facing out. Repeat to add four GemDuos around the beaded bead. Exit through the first GemDuo, reverse direction, sew through the open GemDuo hole.

FIG 5. String an 11, sew through the next GemDuo. Repeat to add 11s between each GemDuo, pulling them snug. Sew again through this thread path to secure. Exit a GemDuo. Reverse direction and sew through three of the bracket beads.

FIG 6. Sew through the middle hole of the Octo related to that bracket, exiting between the two brackets of 11s. Keep your needle and thread UNDER the bracket of seed beads. String one 3mm and sew through the next Octo middle hole, again keeping your thread under the seed bead bracket. Do not sew through any bracket 11s. Repeat around the beaded bead adding four 3mm beads. These 3mm beads should pop down between the Octos, snugging up the bead into a firmer shape. Sew through all the Octos and 3mm again around the beaded bead. Make a half hitch around an existing thread, weave in the end to secure, and trim.

FOR STRINGING: String through the opening at the GemDuo sides to create your necklace or bracelet. Make sure to use large enough beads at the openings so they do not slip inside your Turban beaded beads — minimum 3mm are suggested.















