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Introduction

You can make a Russian spiral with just seed beads, or you can try this variation that uses bugle beads.

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Material list - 28" long necklace

- 45 grams #3 bugle beads
- 14 grams 11/0 Czech seed beads
- Fireline, Nymo size D, or other suitable beading thread
- #11 or #12 needle
- beeswax or thread conditioner
- scissors
- needle threader
- file (to smooth rough edges of bugles)

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Use 9 beads, three of them bugles and six of them seed beads to make a circle of beads. String a stop bead (green bead in the diagram below), then 2 seed beads (illustrated as the red beads), one bugle (yellow bead in the diagram), 2 seed beads, one bugle, 2 seed beads, one bugle. Go through all the beads again skipping the stop bead and exiting the first seed bead (Figure 1).

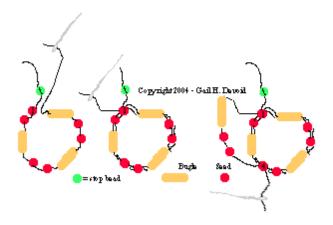


Figure 1

The second illustration in the graphic shows the double thread between the beads (Figure 1).

* Pick up a bugle and two seed beads and go through the first seed bead (marked with a 4 in the figure 1) after the next bugle in the round. You are putting the bugle you are stringing over a seed bead, the next seed bead over a bugle, and the last seed bead strung over the first seed bead after the bugle.

Repeat from * until you have the length you want.

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Example:

The necklace below used crystal bugle beads and hematite glass seed beads (Figure 2).

