

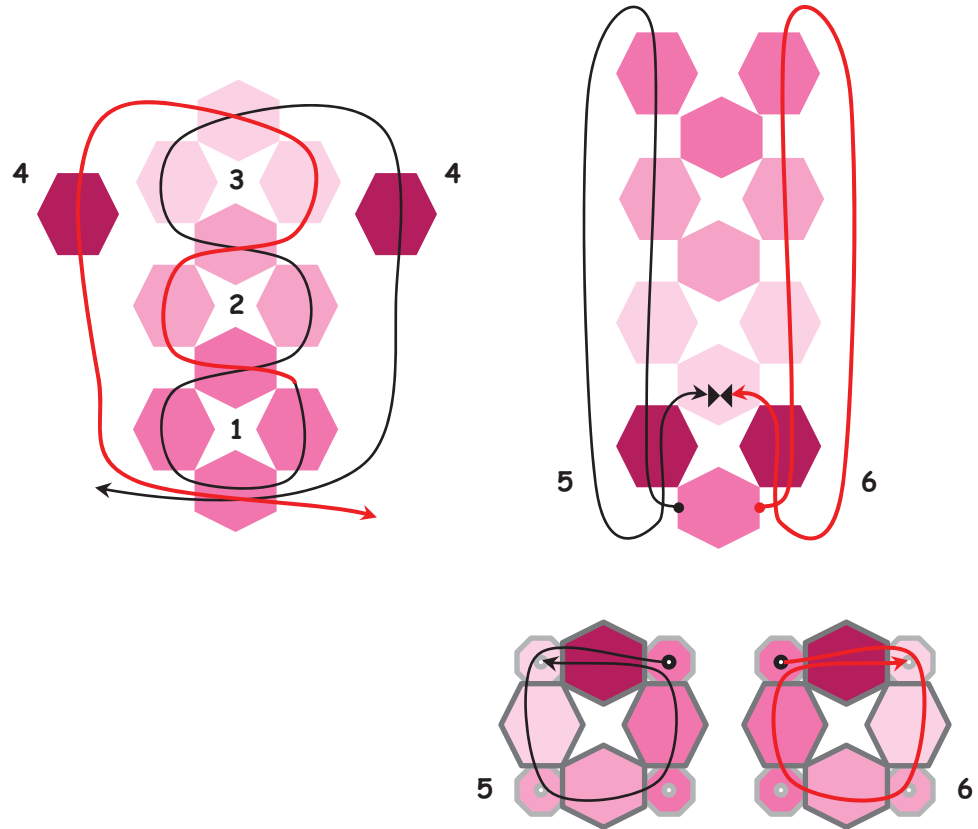
# 12-Bead Crystal Bead Ball

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## Materials & Tools:

- 12 4mm Swarovski 5301 bicones or other small beads
- 2 feet Crystal Fireline 6# test
- Two size 10 or 12 beading needles
- Thread burner

1. Place a needle on each end of your thread. String 4 beads on one thread end, pass the other needle back in the opposite direction ("cross") through the last bead strung. Slide the resulting 4-bead diamond to the middle of your thread.
2. String 1 bead on one thread end, 2 on the other; cross the first needle through the last bead strung on the other thread.
3. Same as 2
4. String 1 bead on each needle, cross threads through the bead at the base of the chain. As you tighten this unit your chain will curl up into a bead ball. Tie a concealed square or reverse surgeon's knot inside this bead (you'll have to pull one thread back out to do this), OR continue with steps 5 & 6.
- 5 & 6. Optional: Pass each thread around the sides of your bead ball to tighten it. Tie a concealed square or reverse surgeon's knot inside the bead shown. Trim thread ends with thread burner.



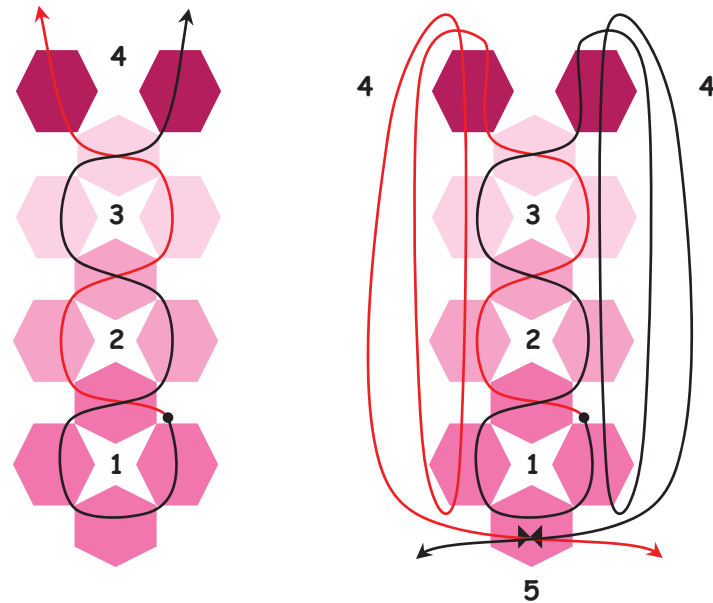
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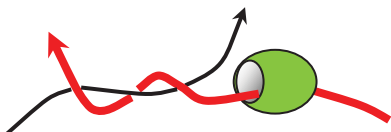
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4. String 1 bead on each needle. One at a time, pass each needle back around through the 3 previous "edge" beads and again through the strung bead. Tighten each side loop slowly and carefully, so chain curls upward.
5. Pass one thread through bead at base of chain. Starting with this same thread, tie a concealed knot and pull it inside the base bead. Trim thread ends with thread burner.



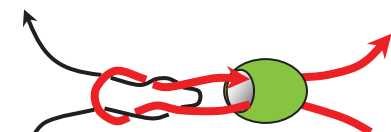
# Concealed Square Knot

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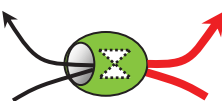
Start any knot with the thread that's coming out of the bead inside which you wish to conceal the knot - i.e., sometimes the knot will start Left-over-Right.



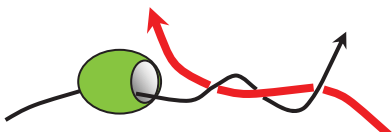
Right-over-Left overhand knot; tighten (right thread becomes the left, & vice versa)



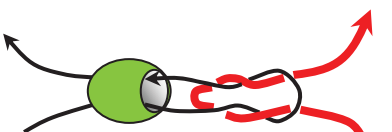
Left-over-Right overhand knot (during which left changes back to right again); pass right thread back through bead



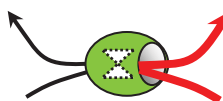
Pull knot inside bead; tighten



Left-over-Right overhand knot; tighten (left thread becomes the right, & vice versa)



Right-over-Left overhand knot (during which right changes back to left again); pass left thread back through bead



Pull knot inside bead; tighten

For a reverse surgeon's knot, make two overhands at the second step - for example, right over left; then left over right, *over right*.