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> PRECIOSA Rocailles 331 19 001; 10/0; 8/0

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# Luxury Icicle

Preciosa Ornela will celebrate this year's Christmas with the twinkle of fire polished beads. We will provide you with inspiration for Christmas decorations which you can use to decorate your Christmas tree or as part of a premium costume jewellery set. A glass icicle in a honey crystal shade will make a warm and luxurious impression despite its shape. We wish you a pleasant Christmas!

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PRECIOSA Rocailles (**R10**) 331 19 001; 10/0; 78102; 12 g

PRECIOSA Rocailles (**R8**) 331 19 001; 8/0; 78102; 4 g

#### PRECIOSA Fire Polished Beads (**FPB1**) 151 29 001; 6 x 4 mm; 00030/22500; 12x

PRECIOSA Fire Polished Beads (**FPB2**) 151 29 001; 8 x 6 mm; 00030/22500; 26x

PRECIOSA Fire Polished Beads (**FPB3**) 15129 001;12 x 9 mm; 00030/22500;16x

PRECIOSA Fire Polished Beads (**FPB4**) 151 19 201; 10 mm; 00030/28701; 1x

A size 10 beading needle; thread



Difficulty:

# Procedure:

The decoration is made in five stages. First a plain core row is made from seed beads. The fire polished beads are added in a spiral around the core.

The top of the core is finished with a hanging loop.

The design is worked with a single thickness of thread throughout.

#### Step 1:

The Core - Prepare the needle with 2 m of single thread and tie a keeper bead (temporary anchor) 25 cm from the end (fig 1). 1. Step 2: Thread on 1FPB4, 50R8, 1R10, 1FPB1 and 1R10. Pass the needle back up 1FPB1 and the following 1R10 and 4R8 (fig 2).



Step 3: The Spiral - Thread on 4R10, 1FPB1 and 1R10. Pass back up FPB1 and 4R8 of the core to emerge 1R8 above the start of this stitch (fig 3). Push the new stitch to the left.



Step 4: Thread on 4**R**10, 1**FPB**1 and 1**R**10. Pass back up **FPB**1 and 4**R**8 of the core to emerge 1**R**8 above the start of this stitch (fig 4). Push the new stitch to the left.



Repeat Step 4 (fig 5).



Repeat Step 4 again (fig 6).



The stitches are making a spiral around the core. This technique is similar to Spiral Rope or Spiral Staircase Stitch. Repeat Step 4 two more times (7x **FPB**1 in total).

# Step 5:

The **FPB**<sub>2</sub> beads are slowly introduced to start to make the icicle wider. Thread on 4**R**<sub>10</sub>, 1**FPB**<sub>2</sub> and 1**R**<sub>10</sub>. Pass back up **FPB**<sub>2</sub> and 4**R**<sub>8</sub> of the core to emerge 1**R**<sub>8</sub> above the start of this stitch. Push the new stitch to the left. Thread on 4**R**<sub>10</sub>, 1**FPB**<sub>1</sub> and 1**R**<sub>10</sub>. Pass back up **FPB**<sub>1</sub> and 4**R**<sub>8</sub> of the core to emerge 1**R**<sub>8</sub> above the start of this stitch. Push the new stitch to the left. Repeat Step 5 four times.

# Step 6:

Thread on 4**R**10, 1**FPB**2 and 1**R**10. Pass back up **FPB**2 and 4**R**8 of the core to emerge 1**R**8 above the start of this stitch. Push the new stitch to the left. Repeat Step 6 five times.

### Step 7:

The width of the icicle is now increased again by adding 1R10 to each stitch. Thread on 4R10, 1FPB2 and 1R10. Pass back up FPB2 and thread on 1R10. Pass up 4R8 of the core to emerge 1R8 above the start of this stitch (fig 7). Push the new stitch to the left. Repeat Step 7 five times.





#### Step 8:

The width of the icicle is now increased again by adding another **R**10 to each stitch. Thread on 4**R**10, 1**FPB**2 and 1**R**10. Pass back up **FPB**2 and thread on 2**R**10. Pass up 4**R**8 of the core to emerge 1**R**8 above the start of this stitch (fig 8). Push the new stitch to the left. Repeat Step 8 three times.



#### Step 9:

The **FPB3** beads are slowly introduced to start to make the icicle wider. Thread on **3R10**, **1FPB3** and **1R10**. Pass back up **FPB3** and thread on **2R10**. Pass up **4R8** of the core to emerge **1R8** above the start of this stitch. Push the new stitch to the left.

Thread on 4R10, 1FPB2 and 1R10. Pass back up FPB2 and thread on 2R10. Pass up 4R8 of the core to emerge 1R8 above the start of this stitch. Push the new stitch to the left. Repeat Step 9 two times.

#### Step 10:

Thread on 3R10, 1FPB3 and 1R10. Pass back up FPB3 and thread on 2R10. Pass up 4R8 of the core to emerge 1R8 above the start of this stitch. Push the new stitch to the left. Repeat Step 10 seven times. The needle will

# emerge at the top of $\mathbf{R8}$ core (fig 9).



Step 11: Five identic:

Five identical stitches are added to the top 3R8 seed beads of the core – this stops the spiral effect and creates a neat finish to the top of the icicle. Thread on 3R10, 1FPB3 and 1R10. Pass back up FPB3 and thread on 2R10. Pass up the top 3R8 of the core. Push the new stitch to the left. Repeat four times.

# Step 12:

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Pass the needle up through **FPB**4. Thread on **1R8**, **1FPB3**, **1R8** and **35R10**. Pass the needle back down the **1R8**, **1FPB3**, **1R8** and **1FPB4** beads (fig 10). Remove the needle and let the thread hang loose.



Remove the keeper bead from Step 1. Attach the needle to this thread end and pass up through the 1R8, 1FPB3 and 1R8 just added and the 35R10 of the loop to strengthen it. Finish off both thread ends neatly and securely.







