



Tutorial: *Victorian Beading Technique*

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The Victorian technique for making leaves can be used to make any shapes and sizes of leaves, feathers, and flowers.

This tutorial describes the basic methods of the Victorian Flower Beading technique.

Materials:

- 28 ga wire
- Seed beads, size 11°

Tools:

- Wire cutters

Part I: Basic Technique

Step 1: String 3 beads at the middle of the wire and bend it.



Step 2: Pass one end through two beads so that there is an end on either side. Tighten the wire.



Step 3: String 3 beads on one end of the wire...



Step 4: Pass the other end through the same 3 beads and tighten the wire.

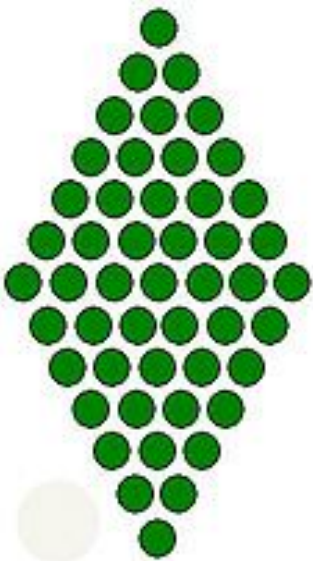


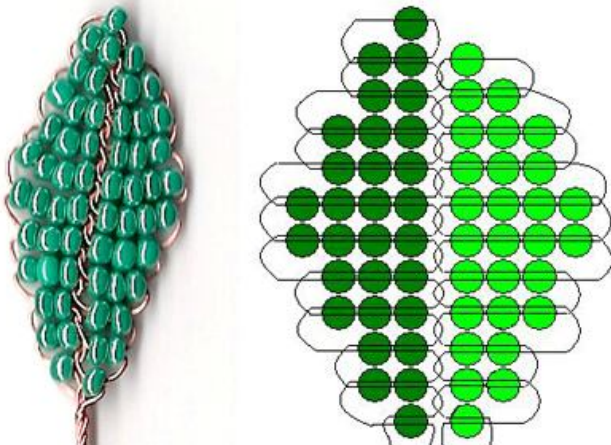
Step 5: Continue working in the same manner according to the pattern.

Note: Also, it is possible to write a formula for this pattern (leaf) where each number indicates quantity of beads in each row:

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Step 6: After finishing beading, straighten the leaf and twist the wire ends.





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Part II: Double (Compound) Leaf



Step 7: Make the first half of the leaf (see dark-green part of the pattern). Try to make this half that one side (the middle of the leaf) is straight.



Step 8: Pass new wire (12") through the loop between the second and the third rows (according to the pattern). String 3 beads (1+2 rows) on the wire, and pass one end through 2 beads so that there is an end on either side. Tighten the wire (basic technique). Pass the end of the wire (which is close to the middle of the leaf) through the loop between the third and the fourth rows.



Step 9: String the beads for the next row (3 according to our pattern) and continue working in the same manner according to the pattern.



Step 10: After finishing beading, straighten the leaf and twist all four wire ends.



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