

The Beaded Bag

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Project Description



Make this little 1 1/8" x 1 1/2" bag while learning all the steps necessary to make a beaded bag of any size. Use the techniques you learn here to make a larger bag. Make it large enough to fit your cell phone and weave a cross body strap to hang it from. Keep your phone, ID and a couple of bucks in it for quick trips to the store. A larger bag is great for evenings out. Other bag sizes are discussed and photo of them are included in this tutorial.

Materials

- ❖ Swarovski Crystal Bracelet tutorial by Pam Preslar, available on this site
- ❖ The Basic Bag
 - ♦ 162 - 4mm bicone Swarovski Crystals or substitute
 - In the step by step instructions I used 56 orange, 18 yellow, 88 blue.
 - ♦ Size 11 seed beads
 - ♦ Button or bead (16mm) for a clasp. I used a base metal winged bead with a 20mm wing span.
 - ♦ Nymo size D in a coordinating color
- ❖ The Strap
 - ♦ If you wove a single strip in crystals then you would need 13 crystals per inch. I divide it up by making some sections in seed beads. You may also want another button or bead for the strap.
- ❖ Substitutions
 - ♦ I make bags in all kinds of shapes of 4mm and 3mm beads. Czech fire polish and druks (round glass) are great. They are economical and the metal colors have a rich appearance. Czech Preciosa beads are also nice and less expensive than other fine quality crystals. I used Chinese Thunder Polish crystal beads in the step by step example bag. I find these economical for my students.
- ❖ Practice Section
 - ♦ If you want to follow the practice section to learn the basic stitch then you will want 15 each of 4 colors of beads in blue, red, green, yellow.

Tools

- ❖ Size 10 beading needles, fine scissors or thread cutter

