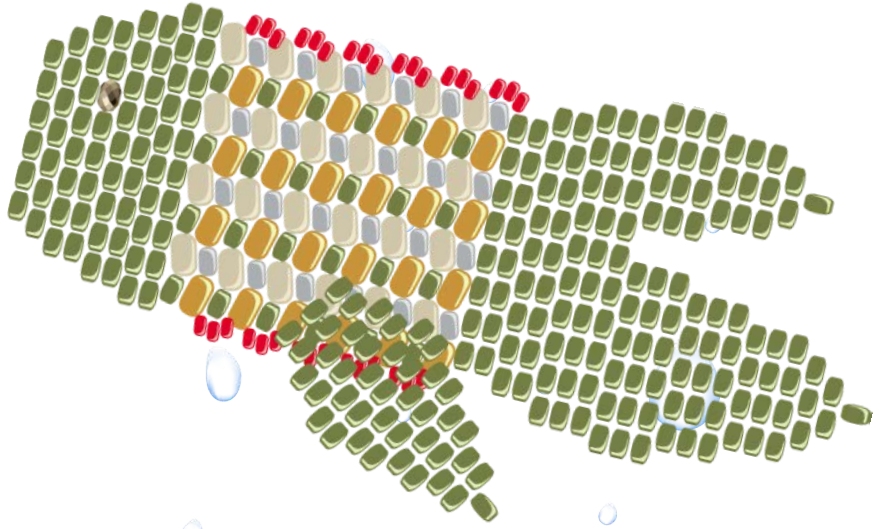
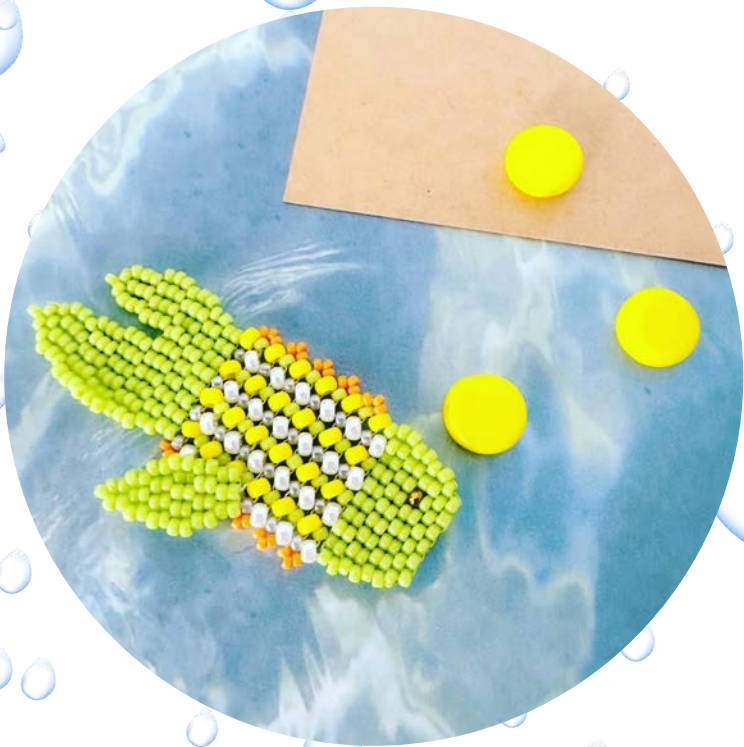


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Beady Fishy!



Let's make a beaded fish! This design was worked with beads from my August #JBPartyBox! It contained a mix of size 15/0, 11/0, and 8/0 seed beads, along with one tiny crystal 1.5 x 2.5mm for the eye.

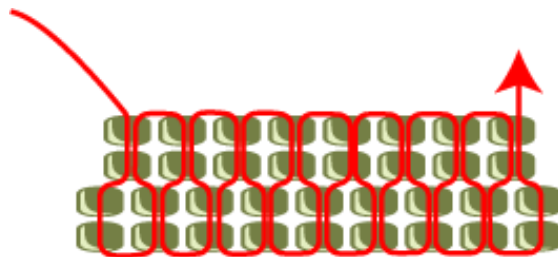
You can work this design with any colors using beads in these sizes.

Legend

-  Size 8/0 Pearl White
-  Size 8/0 Opaque Yellow
-  Size 11/0 Grey Ceylon
-  Size 11/0 Opaque Light Green
-  Size 15/0 Cheddar Orange

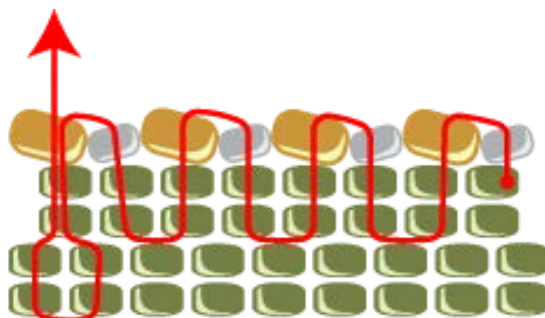
Step 1

Cut 80 inches of beading thread, such as a size B Nylon. Leave 35 inches of tail thread (which will be used to complete the tail of our fish, lol!). Using 11/0 green, stitch the first two rows as peyote for a shortcut to getting started.



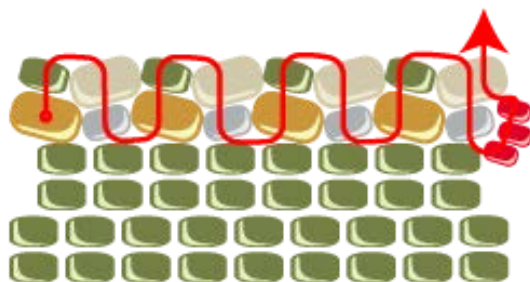
Step 2

Begin herringbone stitch with 11/0 grey and 8/0 yellow.



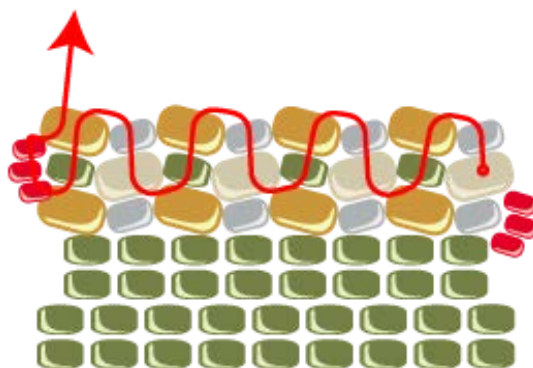
Step 3

Work the next row with green 11/0 and white pearl 8/0. When stepping up from each row of herringbone, string (3) 15/0 cheddar.

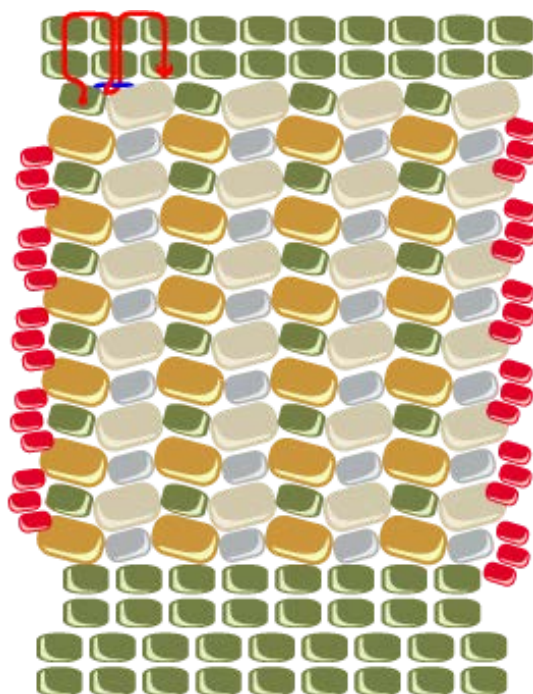


Step 4

Complete a total of 12 rows of herringbone, alternating the colors pattern each row and stepping up after each with an embellishment of (3)15/0.



Along the top edge of the herringbone, begin brick-stitch working with stacks of 2 for a total of 10 columns. You can go back through and ladder them if desired. Some stacks will share a thread bridge.



Step 5

Use decreasing brick stitch technique to complete the head of the fishy. Note the placement of the eye. The last two rows aren't worked as stacks, but as rows of single 11/0 beads.

Step 6

Work the tail using the 35" tail thread left at Step 1. The first row you'll work is an increasing row worked with ten stacks of (3)11/0. Work one side of the fin, then weave back down to the row of ten stacks of 3 and work the other side of the fin. The points of each fin are a single, 11/0 bead added as a picot.

Step 7

Cut a separate strand of beading thread approx 35 inches. Use brick stitch technique to create the fin shown on the right.

Step 8

Stitch the fin onto the main body in any position that looks right to you. I stitched mine through the beads at about the middle of the body. Weave down the fin and place one more tack (stitch into the body) to secure the fin's angle. Weave in remaining thread and trim.

