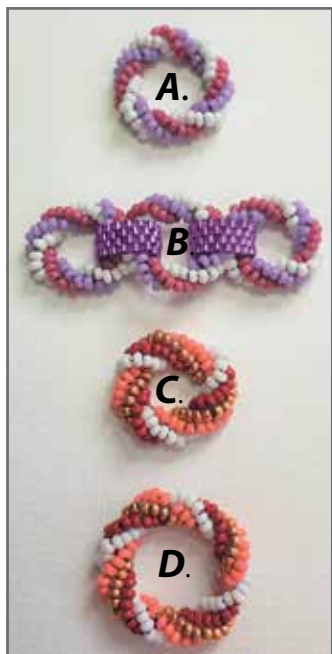


# Spinny Rings (Assorted)

*a square stitch project*



These rings are designed to use just seed beads. They can be made in different sizes with different numbers of row and twists, and different sized beads.

They are stitched together with square stitch. There is a table of all the variations later.

You will need:

Seed beads in size 11/0 (for now) in three or four different colours: A, B, C & D.

Size 11 Delica beads to link

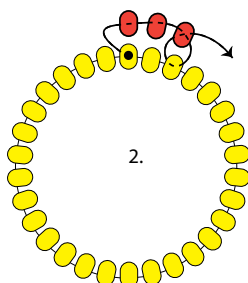
Fireline thread 6lb

Size 10 needle

## Three Row, Three Twist, Spinny Ring A.

1. Pick up 30x A. Tie into a circle, and draw in the tail so that you do not need to weave it in later.

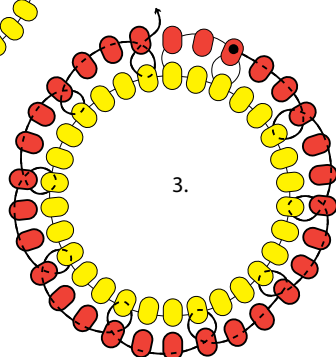
(Snip the tail after you have worked past it in step 2).



2. Pick up 3x B. Skip 2x A, and make a back stitch through the third A. Continue round through last B.

3. Repeat step 2 all the way around the circle, (9 more times). Make sure that you keep a good tension so that there are no gaps between the beads, gaps will cause problems later!

(In other variations you may need to add just one or two beads on the last repeat to complete the circle.)



#### 4. Making the twists:

Holding the working thread firmly in one hand, hold the work down onto the bead mat. Twist the beginning of the second row around the first row, into the middle, and round three times to create three twists.

Check that there actually are three twists, it will look a little triangular!

Pass through the first **5 x B** beads in this round, to secure the twist.

#### 5. Change direction, and work back the other way for tension purposes.

Pick up 3x C, make a back stitch through the 3rd B bead. (As you did in step 2).



#### 6. Flip this group of beads into the gap between rounds 1 and 2.

This is the groove that you will follow all the way round.



#### 7. Repeat step 6 all the way round, 9 more times. sure that these beads sit in the groove between rounds 1 and 2.

Keep the tension firm.

Be careful not to let the thread slip between the beads on round 2.

If this does happen, it will look like you have lost a twist!



Note: The square stitches that join the rounds should stack on top of each other, this will help you see which bead to stitch into.

#### 8. When you have completed this round pass through 2x C at the beginning of this round.

#### 9. Cast Off.

Make 3x half hitches, moving along round 3, pulling up the tension as you go.



### Finished 3x 3 Spiny Ring.

As you can see it is easy to complete more colour rows, by adding them after step 8, or twists by making extra twists in step 4.  
 For either of these variations extra beads in the starting row will be needed.  
 I have compiled a table :-)

### Number of Twists

Number of Colours

	2	3	4	5
2	20	24		
3	24	30 (A)	40	
4		36 (C)	48 (D)	60
5		42	56	



For larger numbers of colour rounds it may be necessary to link the last round to the first round with another row of square stitches, this will give greater stability.

## Linking the Spiny Rings

I have only just started experimenting with joining the rings.  
The most obvious way seems to be by making Delica bead links.  
To link two 3x3 rings you will need a 4 bead x 14 row strip of peyote stitch.  
See sample (C) on the front page.  
If you are fancy doing for odd count peyote 5 bead wide strip works nicely.



## Other Sizes of beads

I have made a 3 x 3 bead spiny ring with size 8/0 and size 6/0 beads. They both start with a base row of 30. So it looks like the base row number is unaffected by the size of the bead.



## And Finally...

If you were to link a number of spiny rings to make a necklace or bracelet, you will need to join the end with a peyote stitch stripy toggle!  
Start with two of each colour in the base row, plus one (odd count peyote so that the join can be central).  
Follow the stripes, and make either six or eight rows before zipping up.

