



The Bead Hold

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Queen Bead's BEADED DRAGONFLY Instructions



You will need . . .

- 80 dark delica beads
- 90 mid tone delica beads
- 90 lighter tone delica beads
- 11 x #8 seeds (body)
- 2 x #8 seeds (eyes)
- 22 x #11 seeds (body)
- 2m 28g wire
- wire cutters



Make the body

1. Take 20 cm of wire and slide a #11 seed into the middle. Fold the wire evenly in half.
2. Over both ends of wire, slide down 6 x medium delica, 8 x #11 seed and 6 x #8 seed.
3. Split the wire ends, and down one wire only slide 1 x #11, 1 x #8, 1 x #11. Pass the second end through these beads and tighten up (it will take a few jiggles) until these beads sit horizontally across the tail.
4. Slide 1 x #11, 1 x #8, 1 x #11 down one wire. Lay the beads across the top of the first row, and bring the second wire through them all. Pull tight. Repeat 3 more times.



Make the head

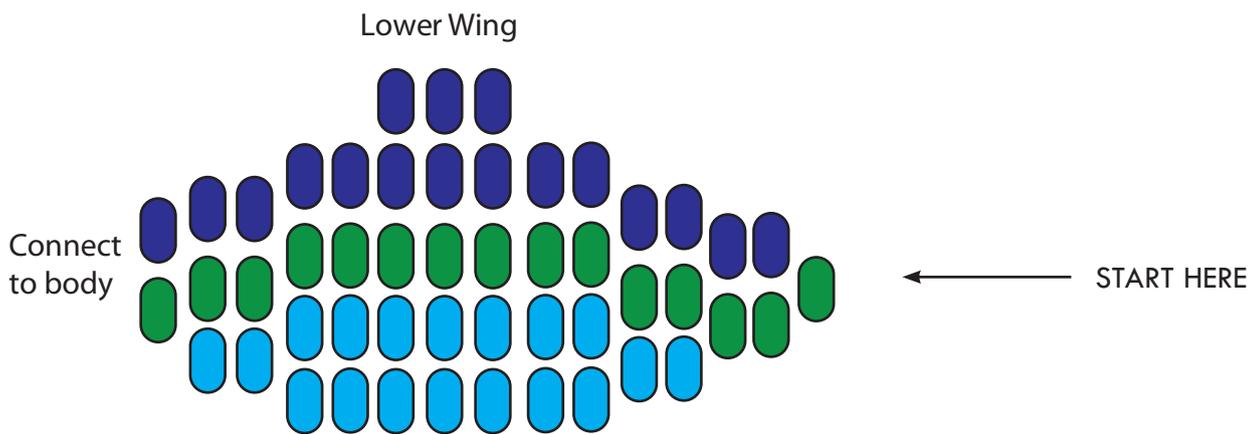
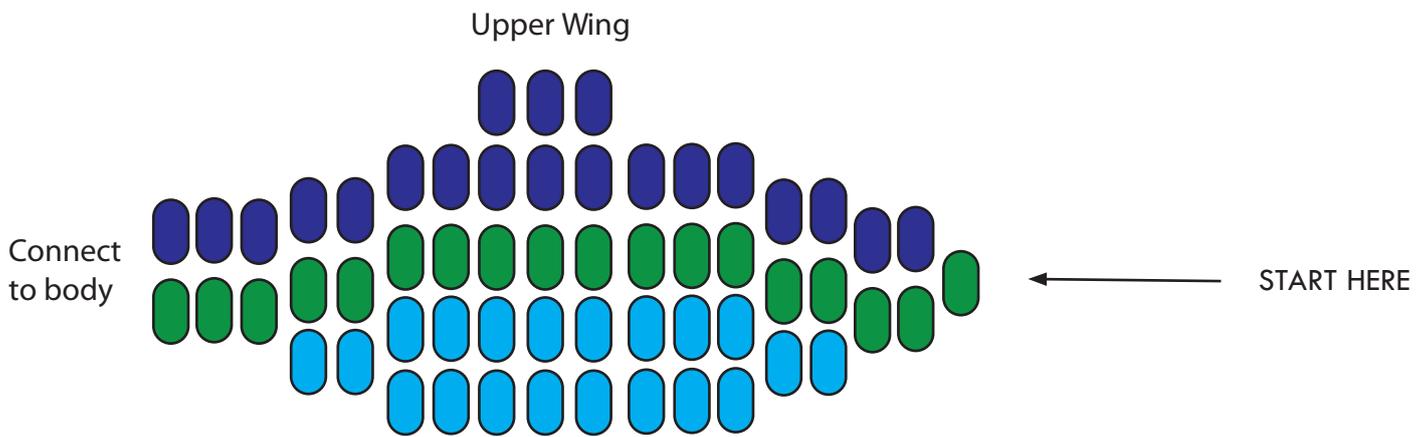
1. Bring one wire through the central #8 of the final row.
2. onto that wire, slide #11, #8, #11, #8, #11
3. Bring the wire back through the other side of the same #8 and pull tight to the beads form a circle. Hold the circle tight and twist it around a couple of times so the beads are held tight.
4. Finish the short ends of wire by popping through a bead, wrapping around and edge wire a couple of times and trimming the excess.



Make the wings

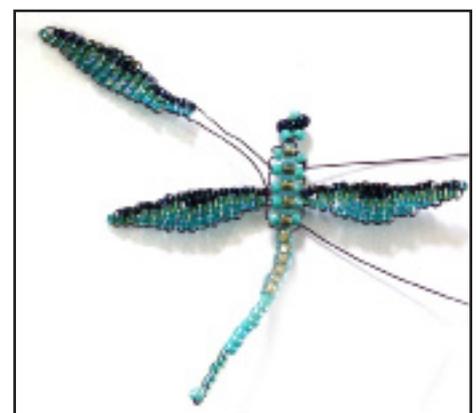
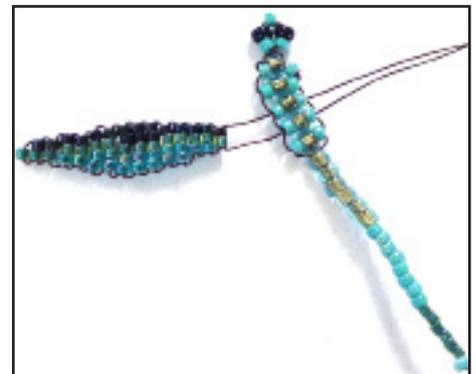
1. Cut your remaining wire in half. Make 1 x upper wing and 1 x lower wing as per the diagram on the next page. Start as for the tail, with a bead in the middle, then slide each bead set down one wire, fold it over the previous row and bring the other wire through. DO NOT CUT THE WIRE ENDS!





Join the wings to the body

1. Take the lower wing. Make sure the darker edge is facing up toward to head of the body. Thread one wire through the 2nd body bead set and one through the 3rd. Pull tight.
2. Make another lower wing with the wires on the other side. Start at the 'Connect to the body' side of the pattern. When you add the last bead, thread that wire back through the row below, and wrp the wire tightly around and edge wire twice, and snip the excess. Do the same with the other wire.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 with the upper wing, threading through the 3rd and 4th body rows. You may find you need to weave the wire across the back of the body to get to the other side if it is too tight a fit to get through the body rows.
4. Once all the wires are finished, adjust the wings and tail to sit nicely - adding a curve to the tail looks good.



Make it into a . . .

- Hairclip - wire firmly to a clip or comb
- Pendant - wire it to a base or hand it off a necklace
- Brooch - wire to a brooch pin