Holiday Garland by FusionBeads.com

Beads and other products needed for one ornament:

4 grams - Size 8 Brick Red Permanent Galvanized Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho - PF564 (SB1337) (C)
1 grams - Size 11 Brick Red Permanent Galvanized Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho - PF564 (SB2581) (A)
15 grams - Size 11 Opaque Olive Green Rainbow Luster Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2361) (B)
20 grams - 2.5x5mm Gold Luster SuperUno Seed Beads (SB6147) (D)
1 - Crystal Clear FireLine Braided Bead Thread .009 diameter, 8 lb (SM4821)
1 - spherical ornament (see note below regarding ornament size)

Tools needed to complete the ornament:

Size 11 Tulip Beading Needles (TL2648)
Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the ornament:

Single St. Petersburg Stitch
Double St. Petersburg Stitch

Please note: this pattern is created to fit round ornaments that have a 2 5/8" diameter, or approximately 2.75mm. The final bead count for your pattern may vary, as the size and shape of ornament bulbs vary between different manufacturers, especially around the neck of the bulb. A larger neck or bulb size can cause your bead count to be higher than the amounts listed here; a smaller neck or bulb size can cause your bead count to be lower.
Instructions to complete “Holiday Garland” ornament:

Tips:
The letters A – D designate the beads used in the pattern. Please refer to the materials list above for the key.

Though the beads used can easily be changed to customize the color of the ornament, we do not recommend changing the stringing material used. The beadwork can get heavy and may stretch or break silk or nylon threads over time; 8 lb weight FireLine is a very strong beading thread and will support the beadwork structure easily.

Step 1
Using B for the size 11 bead and C for the size 8 bead, weave a St. Petersburg chain (see Single St. Petersburg Stitch Technique). Continue as shown through Step 21 until the chain is about 4.5 inches long. Weave the thread back and forth through several beads to secure while tying one or more knots, and trim the thread.

Step 2
Thread a needle with 6 feet of beading thread (add thread as needed). Begin the Double St. Petersburg Stitch Technique at Step 3. Pass through the stop bead of the single chain made previously, and string 1 – C (this extra C bead will be used to assemble the top of the ornament in later steps; it is added only at this point in the chain).

Step 3
Continue as shown through Step 15 of the Double St. Petersburg Technique until the entire length of the single chain has been woven with the second chain. Remove the stop bead. Secure all thread ends by weaving back and forth through several beads while tying one or more knots. Trim the threads and set aside.

Step 4
Repeat Steps 1 – 3 five more times, weaving a total of six double St. Petersburg chains.

Step 5
To assemble the chains, thread a needle with 5 feet of beading thread, and anchor it near the top of one chain where the extra C was strung in Step 2 above. Pass through that C.

Step 6
String 4 – C, and pass through the extra C of a second chain.

Step 7
In the same manner as in the previous step, continue to connect each of the remaining double St. Petersburg chains. When all six are connected, pass through the first extra C at the end of Step 5. Cinch the thread snugly to fit around the top of the ornament. Retrace the thread path made in Steps 5 – 7 two more times to reinforce. Remove the ornament to work the remaining beadwork.

Tip:
These instructions will assemble the chains to fit over an ornament about 2.75 inches in diameter. If your ornament is slightly larger or smaller, adjust the number of beads in the swags to fit.

Step 8
From the top of the beadwork (where it was fitted around the top of the ornament), weave down through one double St. Petersburg chain to exit from the last B in the second column. String the following swag:

1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A

Pass through the second column of the adjacent double St. Petersburg chain. Weave through the chain to the second column on the opposite side of the chain, exiting the column.
Step 9
In the same manner as in the previous step, continue connecting each double St. Petersburg chain to the one adjacent to it with swags.

Step 10
When all six double St. Petersburg chains are connected, weave down through one chain to exit from the sixth column. String the following swag:
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D

In the same manner as in the previous series, pass through the sixth column of the adjacent double St. Petersburg chain. Weave through the chain to the sixth column on the opposite side of the chain, exiting the column. In the same manner as in the previous series, continue connecting each double St. Petersburg chain to the one adjacent to it with swags.

Step 11
In the same manner as in the previous two series, connect the double St. Petersburg chains in five more locations using the swag patterns specified below and exiting from the specified branches:

10th branch:
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A

14th, 18th, 22nd and last branches:
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – D
1 – A
1 – A
Step 12
Secure the thread in the beadwork by weaving back and forth through several beads to secure while tying one or more knots, and trim the thread.

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