

Dimension with magatamas

Magatamas are wonderfully effective in creating dimension, just by virtue of their shape. The hole is not centered, so the “bulb” is forced outward. They are similar to drop beads; standard magatamas are drops that have essentially been flattened a bit; the texture you achieve with them can be quite subtle. Long magatamas are really skewed cylinders with the hole off-center. These gorgeous beads present some truly marvelous opportunities in creating dimension.

Standard Magatamas



They are most commonly available in 3mm and 4mm sizes. 3mm can be substituted for 8's in almost any pattern, though a tube created entirely in magatamas without any other more “normal” rounded seed beads can be difficult to start. They give a bit more punch than 8's in terms of texture. Spirals patterns are a good choice, as well as dots.



SEVEN-AROUND DOT PATTERN USING 11'S AND 3MM MAGAS (SHOWN PREVIOUSLY)



SIMPLE SPIRAL PATTERN USING 11'S AND 3MM STANDARD MAGATAMAS

Long Magatamas



Now for some REAL fun! Long magatamas, with their angular shape, have a sweet dimensional personality. Depending on the direction in which you thread them, they will point one way or the other when crocheted. Infinite possibilities!



THREADING PATTERN



The pattern is repeated 38 times and crocheted six-around, then finished with an invisible join



Miyuki long maga 191FR matte 24K gold iris



CZECH 8° 59148 gold iris

