

DESIGNER BEADING PATTERN ANN BENSON

Materials

-  Delica "a"
-  Delica "b"
-  15°

Russian Leaves



Step 1 Creating the outside of the leaf

To create the first half of the leaf, follow pattern "A" starting at the RED dot. This half of the leaf is created using Delicas in peyote stitch. When you reach the end where the BLUE dot is, simply weave your thread back through the piece you've just created and allow your thread to exit through the bead at the RED dot. When you reach this point, continue peyote stitch on the other side, mirroring what you did on the first half following pattern "B."

Step 2 Sewing the ends of the leaf together

As your thread exits the top of the outside part of the leaf at the PINK dot in pattern "C," you will add another Delica "a" at the top (outlined in red), then weave through the top to thread on three more Delica "a" beads (also outlined in red). Weave your thread out through the ORANGE dot to thread on the first of the leaf's "veins." The leaf should now have a more cupped form.

Step 3 Add the leaf "veins"

Start from the orange dot shown in pattern "D" and thread on about twenty 15°s. Following pattern "E," weave back up through the leaf from side to side (passing through Delica "b" beads) adding on more 15°s. You may add as few or as many veins to the leaf as you choose. When you finish, weave your thread back and forth near the top of the leaf and trim.

