Simple Spiral Weave

The spiral weave creates a flexible beaded strand that has tremendous versatility. Inner or “core” beads form the center of the strand; outer beads form the outside. Each pass of thread will have at least one core bead and a number of outer beads specified in your directions.

Use lightweight thread because there is a buildup of thread within the central core. Beads may be different sizes for textured effects, and the number of outer beads (shown in light pink) may be increased to create more “puff” in the resulting weave. This is a technique that’s ripe for experimentation! Once you have the basic idea, you can easily build on it to create your own patterns.

**STEP 1** Thread on four beads of the center color and three beads of the outer color. Form a loose loop as shown.

**STEP 2** Add one center bead and three outer beads.

**STEP 3** Skip one center bead and run the needle through the remaining three.

**STEP 4** Run the needle through the center color bead last added. Take up the slack so that bead sits on top of the other center color beads.

**STEP 5** Shift the outer beads so they sit snugly against the outer beads of the previous loop.

**STEP 6** Add one center color bead and three outer color beads; run the needle through the last three center beads as shown. Run the needle through the last center color bead added and take up the slack.

**STEP 7** Shift the outer beads so they sit snugly against the previous loops of outer beads.

**STEP 8** Repeat the looping process. After seven or eight repetitions, the spiral pattern will begin to emerge.

This section of spiral weave features embellishments added to the core beads to created the frilled effect.