

Alexia's Diamonds

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These instructions are in reality from Alexia Luikert – she gave me the instructions for the necklace. As I was in the mood for bracelets I made some small changes to adapt the pattern. Alexia was so nice to give me the permission to make these instructions and for the necklace too.

Materials:

Size 11 seed beads in four colours

I used black, ivory, a reddish brown and gold.

2 round 8 mm beads gold

2 buttons for the closure

The diamonds ...

... are made with two needle netting – don't be afraid: most of the time one of the needles is lying peacefully around. ☺



1. String one ivory, 11 black, one ivory, one black



2a. Go back through the 9. bead (the 8. black), string one black, one ivory, one black and go through the 5. (the 4. black) bead



2b. Take one more black bead and cross in the first strung ivory bead



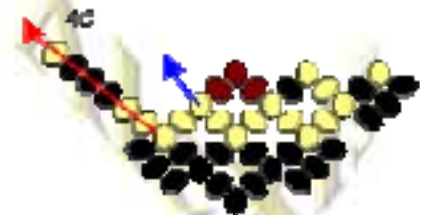
3. Make two nets by adding three ivory beads between the ivory beads of the second row



4a. Take two ivory, three black, one ivory, one black and go back through the 2. ivory



4b. Add two ivory, one black; three brown beads



4c. To the other needle: take two ivory, three black and one ivory bead



4d. Add one black and two ivory to the first thread and go through the second ivory of the beads just strung, add one black and cross in the last ivory bead



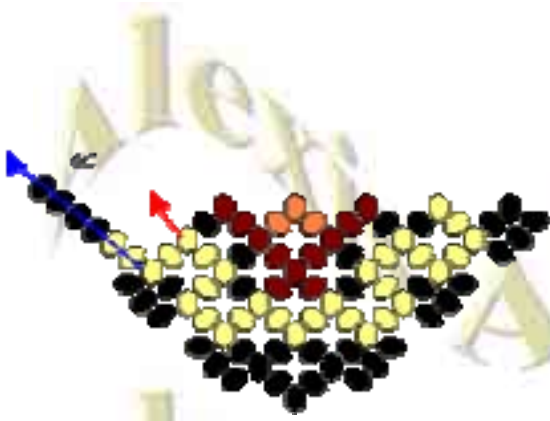
5. Three ivory; one black and two brown; two brown and one black; three ivory



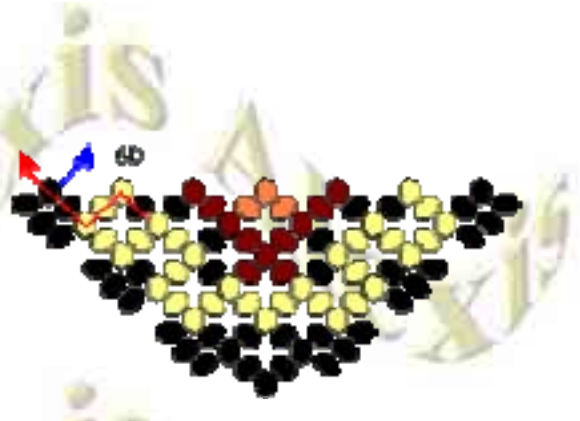
6a. Take two ivory, five black and go back through the 2. ivory



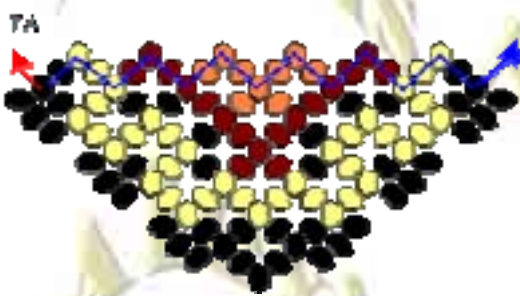
6b. Two ivory, one black; one black, two brown; three gold; two brown, one black



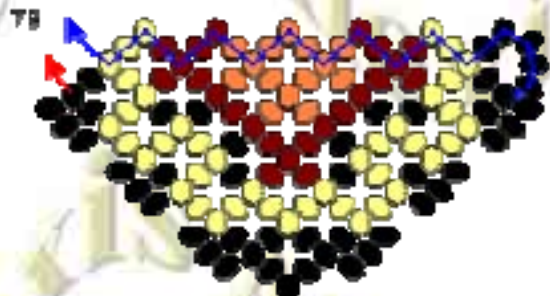
6c. To the other needle: take two ivory and four black



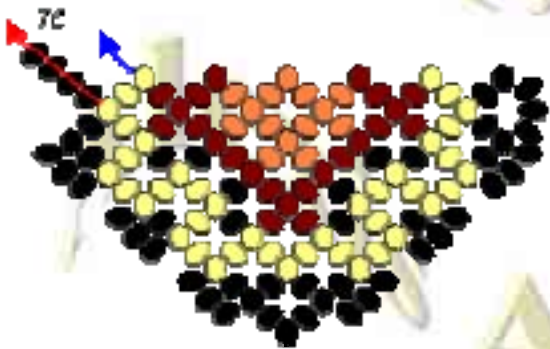
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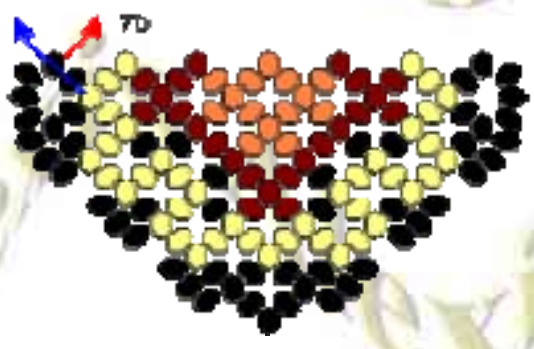
7a. One black, two ivory; three brown; three gold; three gold; three brown; two ivory, one black



7b. Five black and go back (this is the point of the diamond); two ivory, one brown; two brown, one gold; three gold; one gold, two brown; one brown, two ivory



7c. To the other needle: take four black beads



7d. Add one black to the first thread and cross in the fourth black bead from 7c

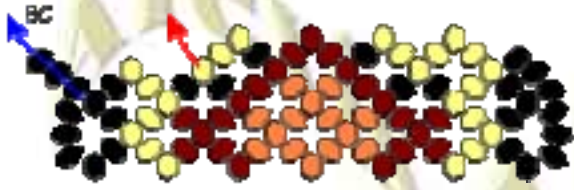
Starting at step 8 the diagrams will only show the last completed net made in step 7.



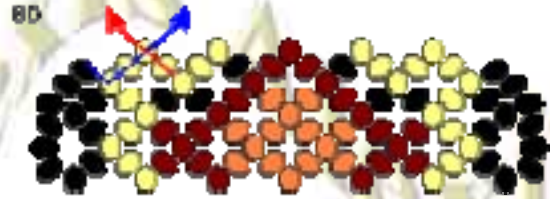
8a. One black, two ivory; one black, one ivory, one black; two brown, one gold; one gold, two brown; one black, one ivory, one black; two ivory, one black



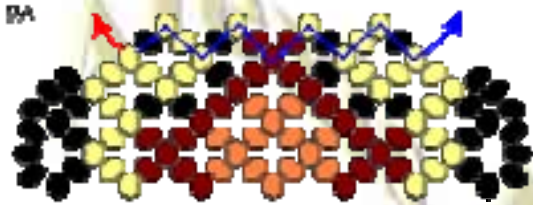
8b. Three black, go through the last ivory from 8a; three ivory; two ivory, one black; three brown; one black, two ivory



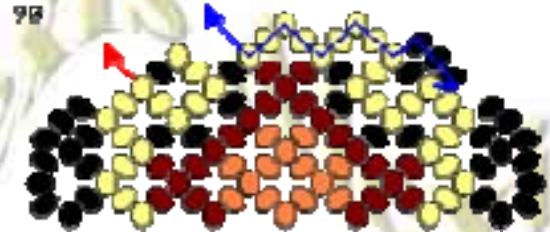
8c. To the other needle: take three black



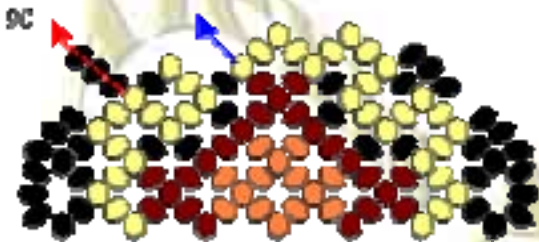
8d. The needle from 8c goes through the next upper ivory bead and takes one ivory, the other needle takes two ivory, cross in the second



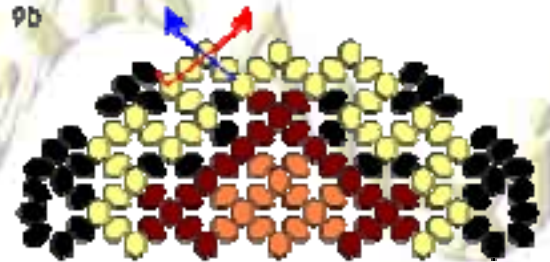
9a. One black, two ivory; one black, one ivory, one brown; one brown, one ivory, one black; two ivory, one black



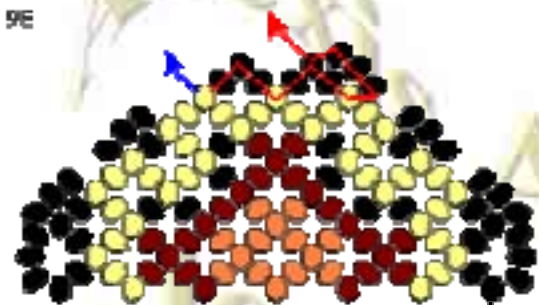
9b. Three black; three ivory; three ivory



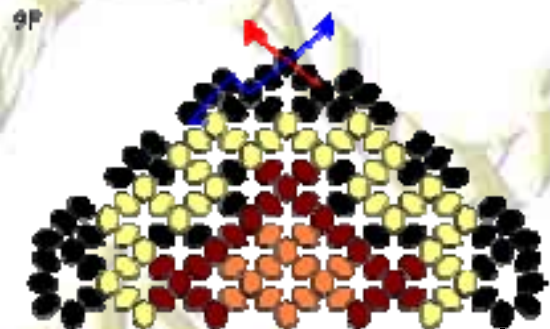
9c. To the other needle: take three black



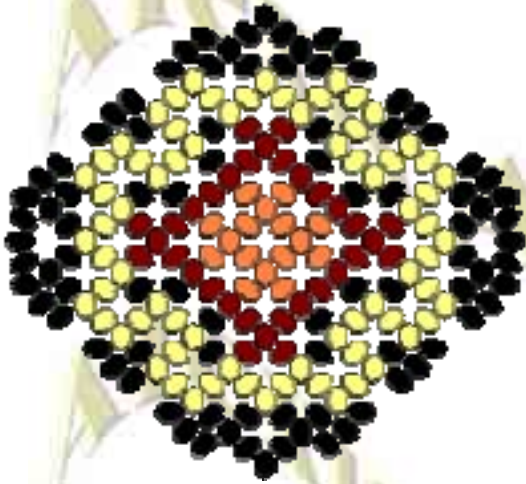
9d. The needle from 9c goes through the next upper ivory bead and takes one ivory, the other needle takes two ivory, cross in the second



9e. Three black; three black; three black, go back through the upper bead of the second set

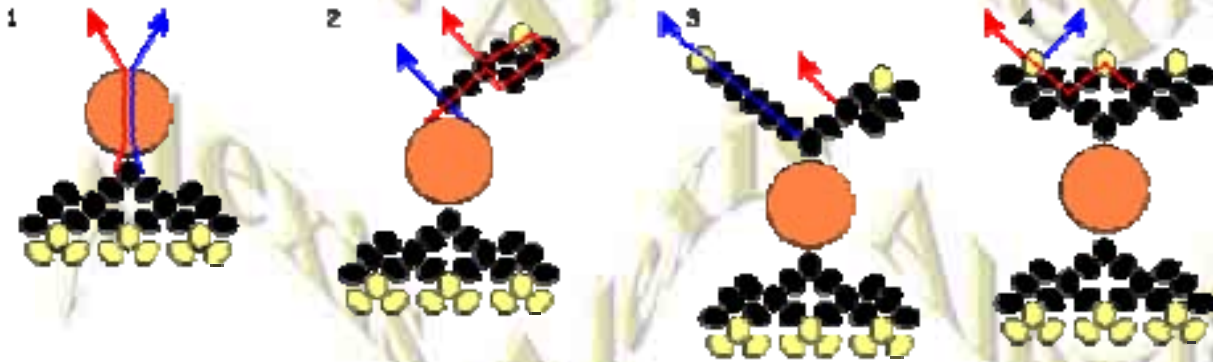


9f. To the other needle: take three black, go through the upper black, take one black. The first needle takes two black, cross in the second.



This is what your first diamond looks like

The connector ... to start making the second diamond:



1. Connection: both needles go through an 8 mm bead

2. Crossing in one black. One needle takes five black, one ivory, one black – go back through the second black.

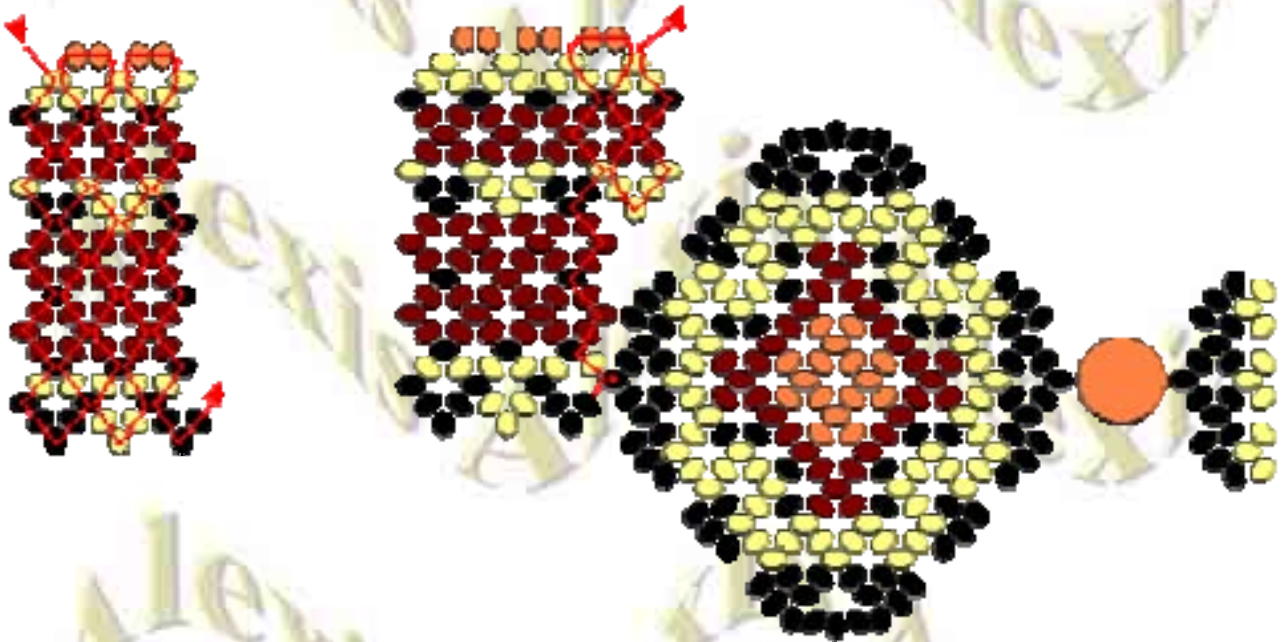
3. The other needle takes five black and one ivory.

4. The first needle goes back: one black, one ivory, one black. Take one black and cross in the ivory of the other needle.

You are in the position to continue with step three of the diamond pattern. Make three diamonds.

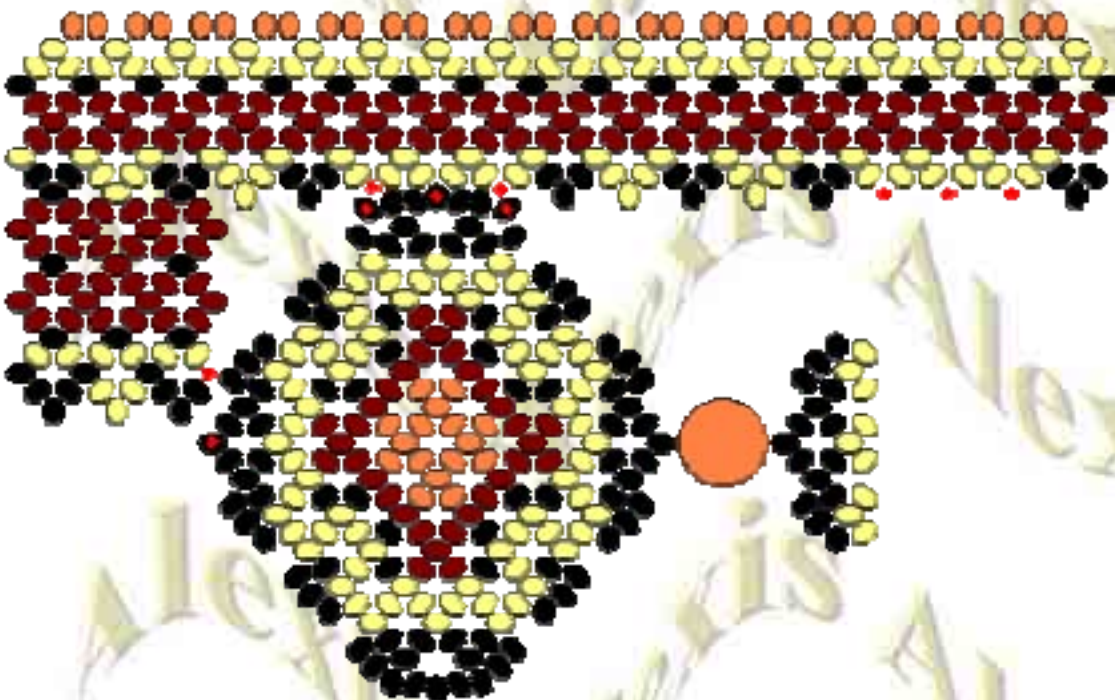
The netting part ...

... is made with one needle:



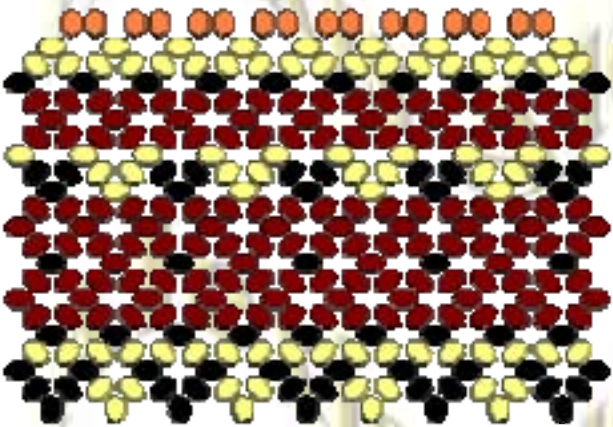
Follow the thread path ...

... then add the middle bead of your diamond, continue ...

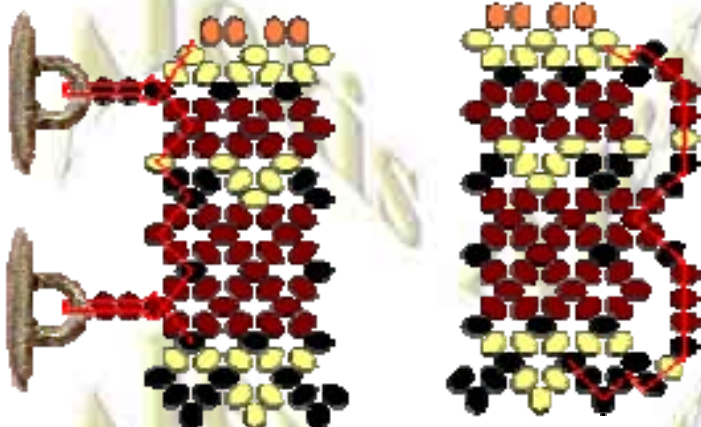


Red dots mark the connecting points of diamond and netting – in reality both do meet. It is just my diagrams which are not proportional.

If you need a larger bracelet, just add more of the long netting:



The closure:



The necklace:



Alexia's original



my version

Alexia had coins in her necklace – which I thought beautiful, but I didn't have any ...

Materials:

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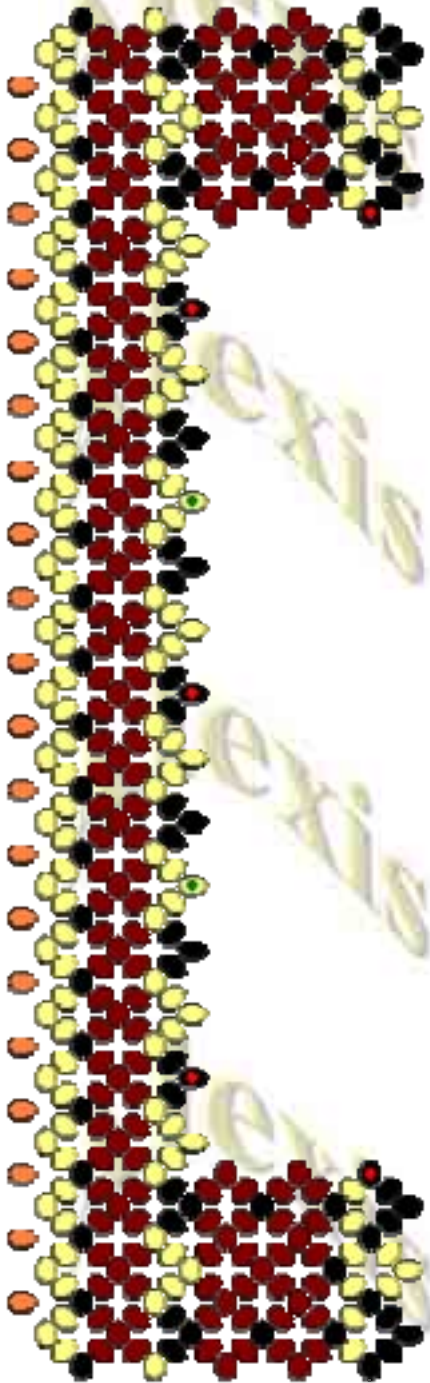
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3 round 8 mm beads gold (one for the closure)

If you want to make Alexia's coins necklace you need 5 coins.

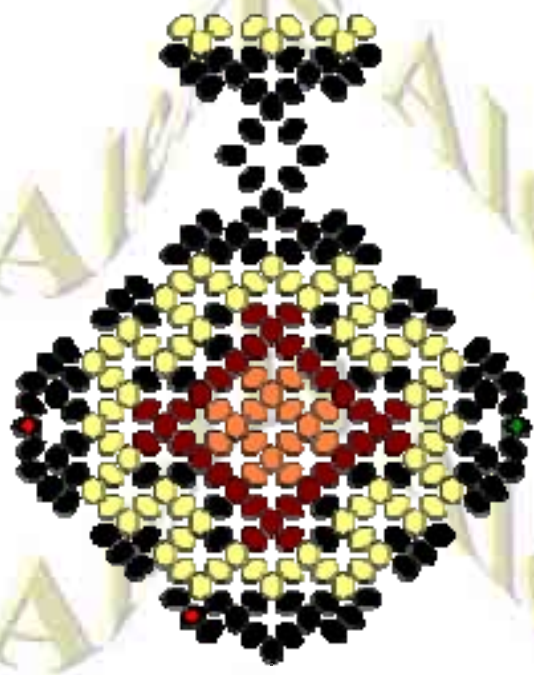
Remember to add those coins at the points of the diamonds when you are making them – all at the same side ☺

One more word: the necklace has one bead in the upper row – not two like the bracelet.



Red dots mark the connecting points of netting and diamond, green dots mark the places where to add coins.

In this diagram of the diamond I have shown Alexia's way to connect the diamonds – just cross in the last bead of your diamond, take three beads to each thread and cross in another black bead. Follows step 2 of the connector.



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