Bonita Petalo

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A TINY COMPONENT WITH BIG POTENTIAL

These sweet little components make great earrings, petite charms, and an attractive bracelet. Use Starman Teacups and SuperDuos with seed beads and Demi Rounds™ from TOHO®.

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I am a seed bead designer and teacher motivated by pretty colors and fun products. My work has been featured in *Bead & Button* magazine, Kalmbach books, and *Beadwork* magazine. I teach at the Bead & Button show and near my home in Bend, Oregon and also sell product at trade shows in Florida and North Carolina under my company name, Esther Beadwork. A lover of all things outside, I am an avid mountain biker and cross-country skier. I

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COLORWAYS—Bracelet: Starman Teacups Dk Bronze (380-24-14415); Super Duos Color Trends Saturated Metallic Valiant Poppy (364-25-06802); TOHO Demi Rounds 8 * PermaFinish - Galvanized Starright (TN-08-PF557); TOHO Demi Rounds 11 * Hybrid Metallic Suede - Purple (TN-11-Y612); TOHO Rounds 15 * Dk Bronze (TR-15-222); TierraCast Garland Clasp Set Antique Gold (TG94-6028-26). Earrings: Starman Teacups Metallic Suede - Blue (380-24-79031); Super Duos Matte- Metallic Silver (364-25-K0170); TOHO Demi Rounds 8 * Gold-Lined Crystal (TN-08-989); TOHO Demi Rounds 11 * Hybrid Metallic Suede - Lt Green (TN-11-Y614); TOHO Rounds 15 * Opaque-Lustered Lt Beige (TR-15-123); TierraCast Regular Loop Earwire Gold-Filled (TG90-3170-01).

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Component. On 18" of thread, add B, E; repeat three more times. Tie a knot against the tail to form a ring, leaving a 4" tail. Pass through the first (inside) hole of the first B added. Jump to the open (outside) hole of the current B.
- 2. Add A-Top, C, A-Bottom, then pass through the open (outside) hole of the next B; repeat three more times. Pass through the first A.
- 3. Note: Use light to medium tension in Step 3 and tighter tension in Step 4. Add D; pass through the next C. Add D; pass through the next A, B, A. Repeat from the beginning of this step three more times. Pass through the first D added and the next C. Proceed with one of the two finishing options below.
- 4. Bracelet option. To form a bracelet, tie off the threads of the first component, then create a second component by repeating Step 1 (not shown). Repeat Step 2, this time passing through one C of the previous component instead of stringing a new C as shown. Repeat Step 3 as before (not shown). Repeat from the beginning of this step for the desired length of the bracelet. See Step 5 for how to add a clasp loop.
- 5. **Finishing loop.** Make a loop for an earwire or a jump ring (to use with a pendant or bracelet clasp) by exiting the end C of a component. Add D, C, seven E; pass back through the C just added. Add D; pass through the C exited at the beginning of this step. Repeat the thread path twice to reinforce the loop (not shown). Tie off. For earrings, attach an ear wire to the loop. For a bracelet, use jump rings to attach a clasp to the loop (not shown).

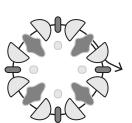


Step 1

MATERIALS

- 8 Starman Teacups (A)
 - SuperDuos (B)
- 4 TOHO® 8° Demi Rounds (C)
- 8 TOHO® 11° Demi Rounds (D)
- 4 TOHO® 15° Rounds (E) TOHO® One-G Thread

Note: Quantities are per component, not including finishing options. Component as instructed measures 5/8" wide. Eleven components make a bracelet approx. 7" long before clasp.



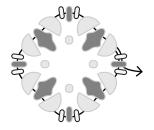
Step 2



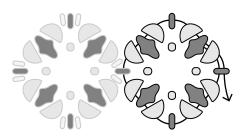




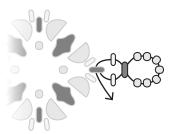
Pay attention to bead direction when adding Teacups.



Step 3



Step 4
Bracelet Option



Step 5
Finishing Loop