

Rulla RAW Donuts



Materials and supplies:

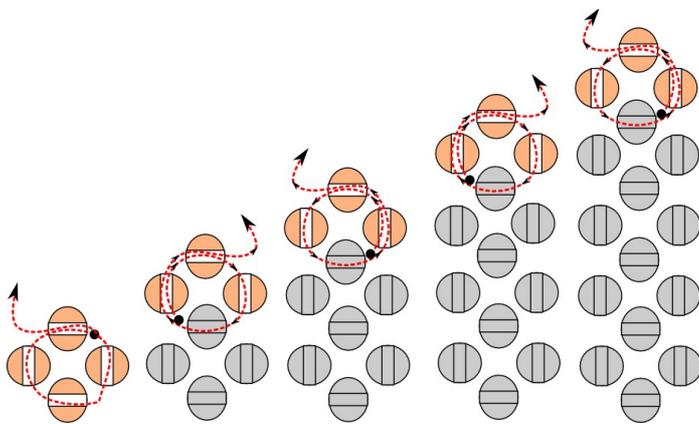
- Rulla beads (33 pcs for one donut, amount can vary with desired size of the donut)
- 11/0 seed beads
- Beading needle
- Thread (Nymo, Fireline)

Optional:

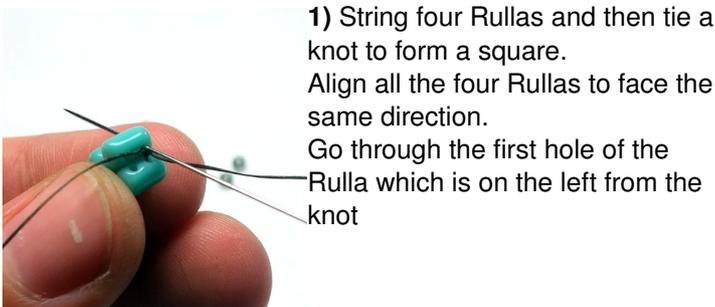
- 4mm round beads for embellishment
- Jewelry findings

Difficulty: intermediate

Technique: right angle weave



Start with making RAW strip from Rulla beads

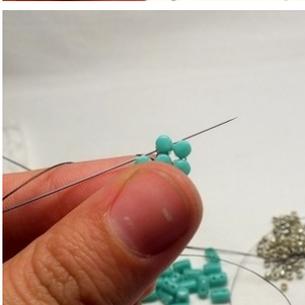


1) String four Rullas and then tie a knot to form a square. Align all the four Rullas to face the same direction. Go through the first hole of the Rulla which is on the left from the knot

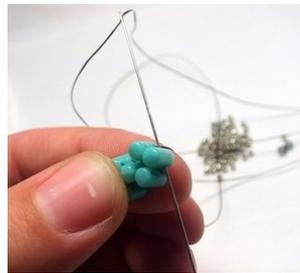


2) Add three more Rullas and then go through the same bead you started in.

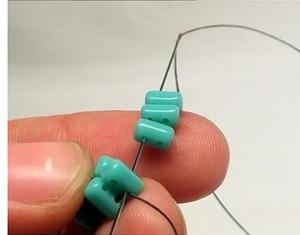
Align new Rullas to face the same direction.



3) Now do the step-up - go through the "left" Rulla



4) And then go through the "top" Rulla



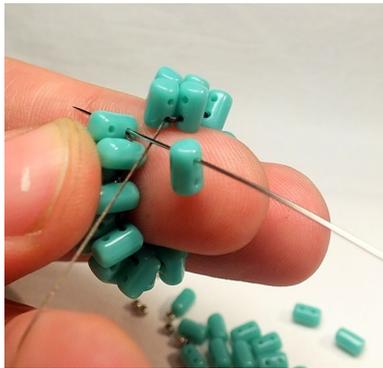
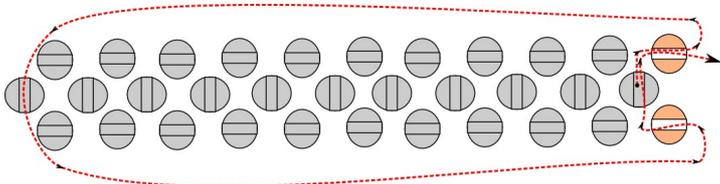
5) Now add three new Rullas in a similar way as in steps 2,3 and 4



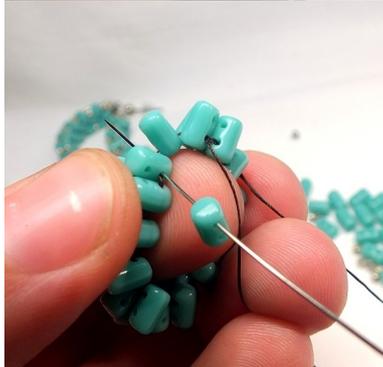
6) Repeat until you reach the desired length. Optimal length is about 10 "RAW cells", but you can make the strip shorter or longer. The longer the strip, the bigger the donut.



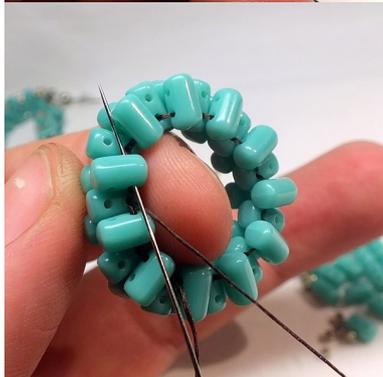
7) Notice that we have only worked in one layer of holes. The lower holes are all connected, but the upper ones are not. The lower layer will make the inner side of the donut.



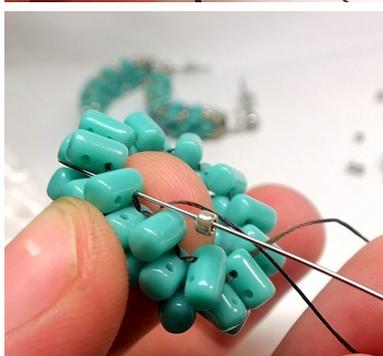
8) Now we have to connect the ends of the strip to create a circle. You can wrap the strip around your finger.
Add one Rulla and go through the lower hole of the Rulla on the other end of the strip.



9) Turn the circle around. Add one more Rulla and go through the bead on the other end of a strip. Keep strong tension.



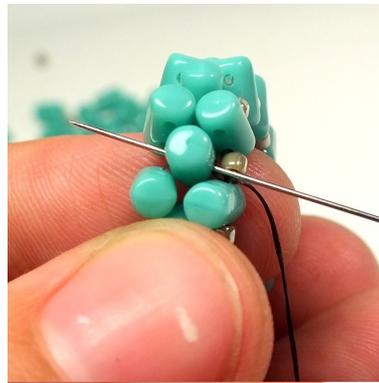
10) Now go through the lower hole of one of the Rullas on the side of the donut.



11) Add one 11/0 bead and go through the lower hole of the next Rulla



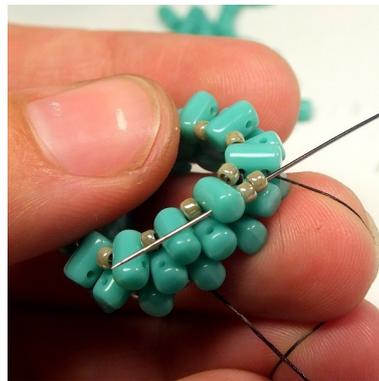
12) Repeat until you reach the end of the row.



13) Go through the middle Rulla to get on the other side of the donut and repeat steps 10, 11 and 12



14) Now go to the upper hole of one of the side Rullas



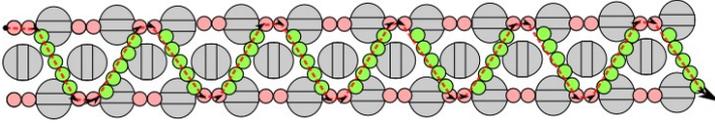
15) Now add two 11/0 seed beads between upper holes of all the Rullas on this side of the donut.



16) Then go through the middle Rulla to the other side of the donut and repeat steps 14 and 15.



17) Now go through one pair of 11/0 beads.



18) Add 5 11/0 beads and go through the next pair of 11/0 seed beads on the other side of the donut.



19) Repeat the previous step until you reach the end of the row.



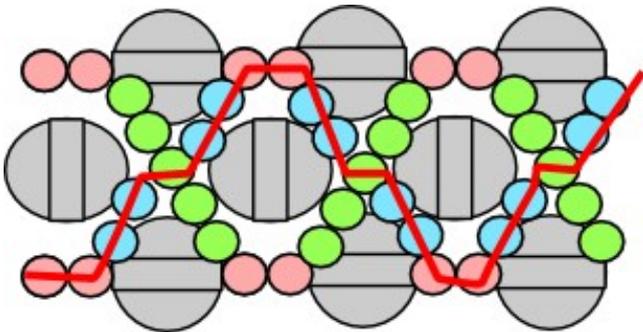
21) Now add another two 11/0s and go through the next pair of seed beads on the donut.



22) Repeat previous steps to create a decorative "net" on the entire donut.



23) Basic version of the donut is finished. If you want to keep it this way, tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off the remaining thread.



24) (optional) You can also embellish the donut by adding a layer of larger beads.

Go through the 11/0 seed beads so your needle goes through the "middle" bead



25) (optional) Add one 11/0 bead, one larger bead (you can use 4mm round pressed or gemstone beads, 4mm bicones or 5x8mm spike beads) and one 11/0 bead. Go through next "middle" bead.



20) Add two 11/0 beads and then go through the middle 11/0 bead from the group of five.



26) (optional) Repeat until you reach the end of the row.



27) Now you can add more embellishment or tie a few half-hitch knots and cut off the thread.



Skull-shaped beads inside embellished donuts

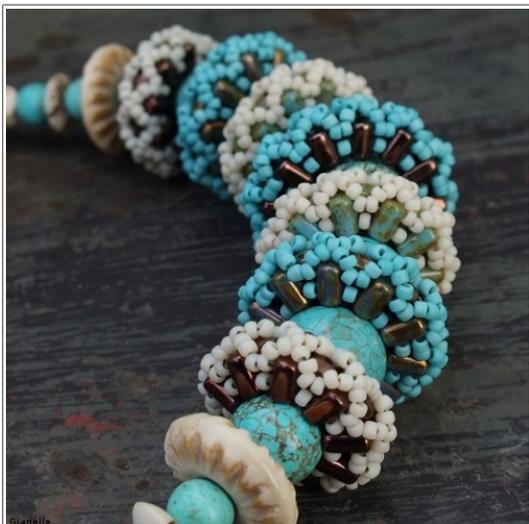
Gallery:



Simple necklaces



Embellishment with 5x8mm spike beads



These donuts can also be used as beaded beads

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