

# Rainbow crystal heart pendant

Designed by Amanda Crago from Bowerbird Jewellery, but inspired by a design at Beads Direct! You are welcome to make as many of these pendants as you would like, but please credit both Beads Direct and myself as the designers!

## Ingredients:

Assorted colours of 6mm bicone crystals – for this rainbow version, I used:

4 red; 8 orange; 7 yellow; 6 green; 4 blue; 2 indigo or dark blue; 1 violet. All are gorgeous Preciosa crystals from Crystal Parade!

These instructions assume that you've never beaded before or are new to this particular stitch!

*This Crystal rainbow pendant uses Right angle weave stitch. This particular pattern uses the two-needle method, which means you thread a needle on each end and usually cross over through one of the beads to create the stitch.*

Cut an armspan of beading thread and thread just one needle on one end.

1. String 2 yellow and 2 orange crystal bicones. Then go through all the beads again, from the yellow crystals end. This will create a square shape.

Your needle should be exiting the second orange crystal. Go through the next crystal bead which is the first yellow one!

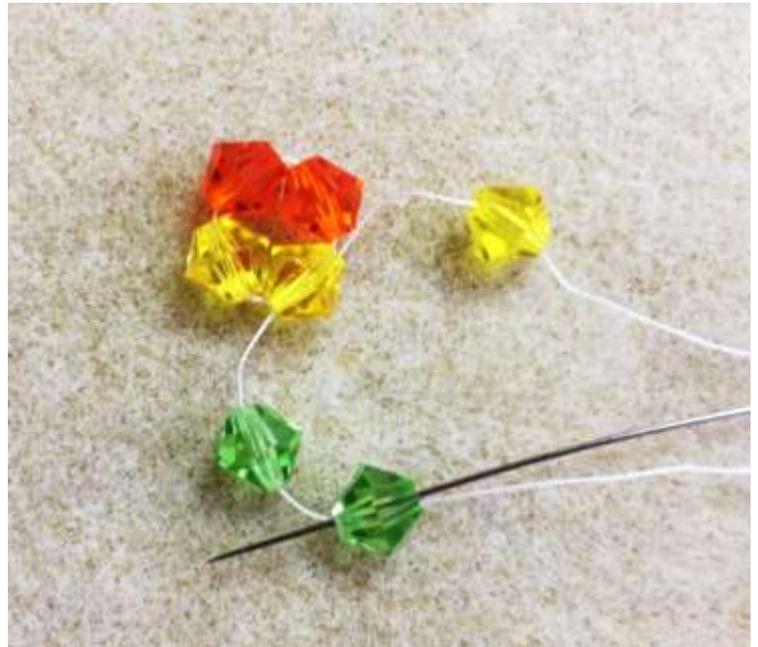
Now, add the other needle to the other end of the thread!

2. Using the left-hand needle, string two green crystals and on the right-hand thread string one yellow crystal.



3. With the right-hand needle (that has the yellow crystal just added), go through the last green crystal from the left hand thread, going towards the second crystal on that thread and pull snug.

Once you pull tight, you will notice that the threads have swapped sides – the right hand needle is now the left one and vice versa!



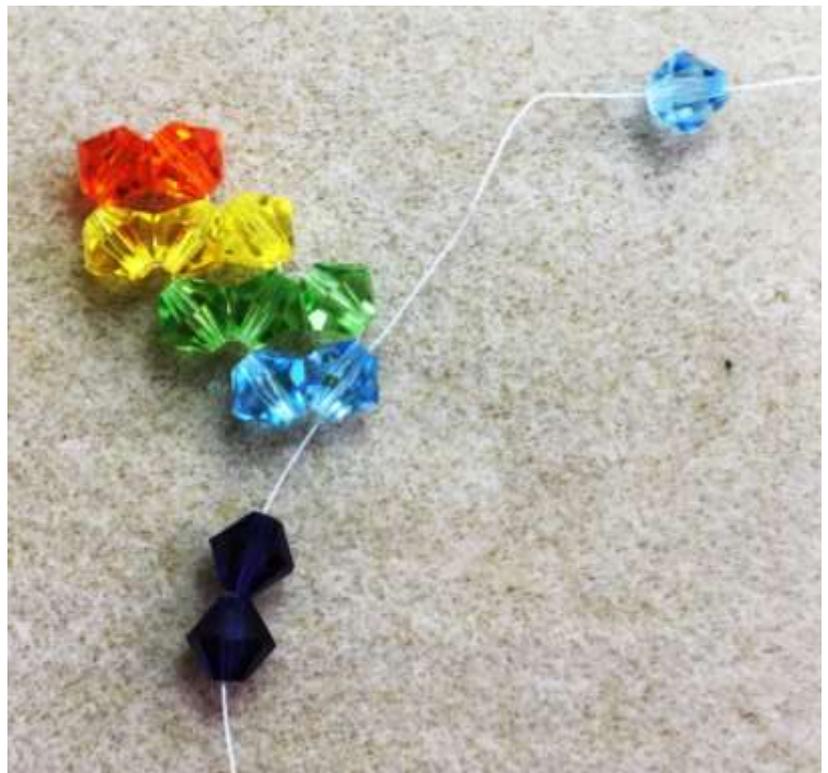
4. Now string two blue beads on the left-hand thread, then one green crystal on the right.

Once again, pass the right hand needle (with the one green crystal on it) through the end blue crystal on the other thread and again pull snug.

Once again, you'll notice that the needles have swapped around.



5. Next, string the two dark blue or tanzanite crystals to the left-hand needle and a light blue one to the right. This time, use your left-hand needle with the two dark crystals on it, to string through the light blue crystal on the other needle. Pull tight.



We've now just added the bottom beads (don't worry we'll add the violet crystal bead at the very bottom later!)

To help with describing each needle, lay your beadwork with the orange crystals on the left and the light blue crystal with the needles exiting it on the right.

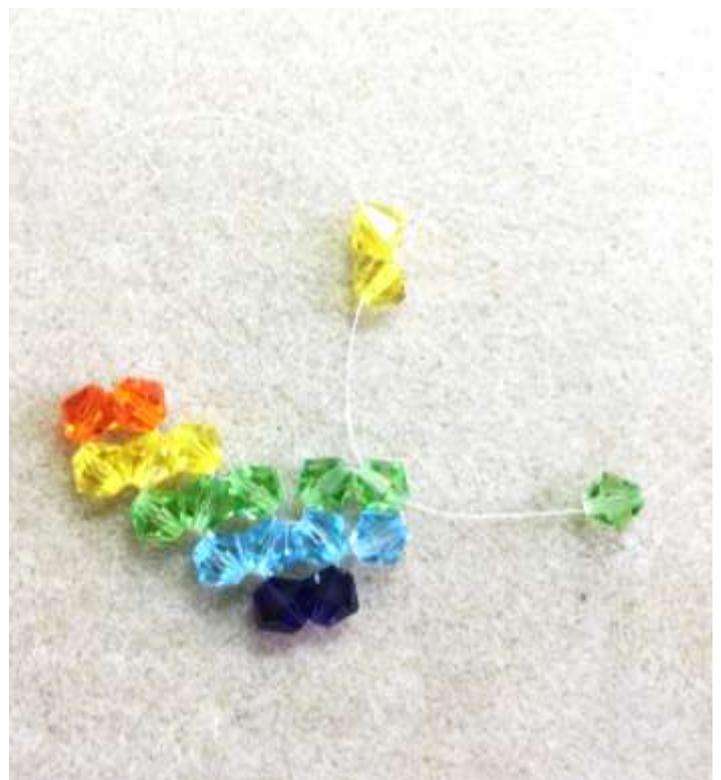


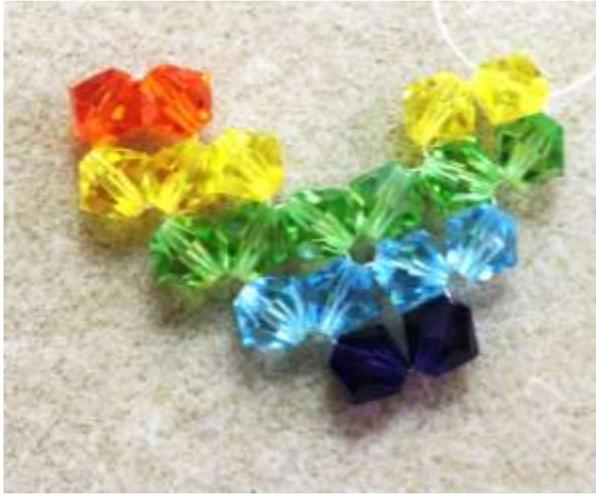
6. Now, string two green crystals to the top or left-hand needle and one light blue crystal on the bottom or right needle. Take your right-hand needle (the one with one blue crystal on it) around and through the end green crystal and pull tight.



7. Add a green crystal on the right needle and two yellow crystals on the left.

Take your right needle through the end yellow crystal, then pull snug.





8. Now we've reached the top corner of the heart, so we are turning a corner again. String one yellow and one orange crystal to the right-hand thread and one orange to the left-hand thread.

With your right-hand thread, go through the orange crystal that's on your other thread, with the direction of the needle going towards the beadwork – then pull snug.

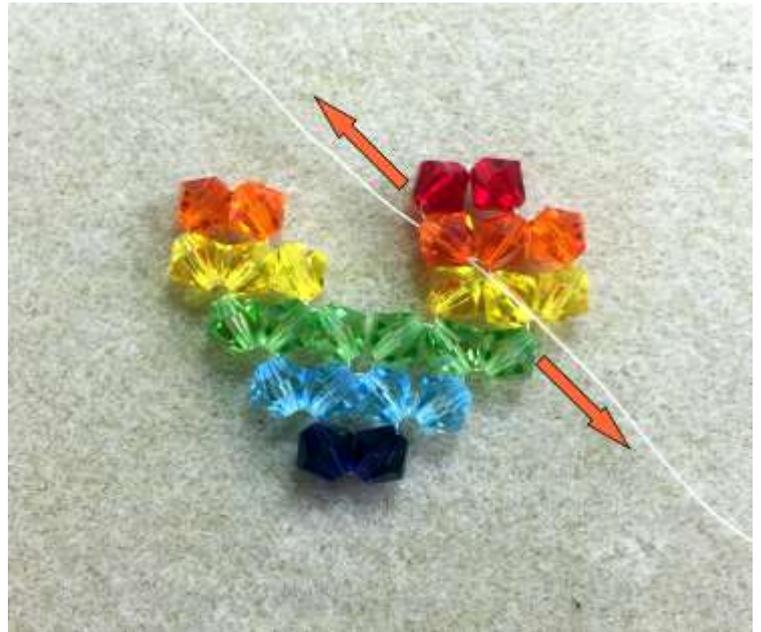


It should look like a V shape at the moment with orange at the top on each side, followed by yellow, green, blue then dark blue or tanzanite.

9. Now we'll add the top red crystals! String two red crystals to your right-hand needle and one orange crystal to your left needle. Thread through your orange crystal using your right-hand needle (with the 2 red crystals on it) from top to bottom of the orange crystal. To help you tighten it up, hold the orange crystal down on your beading mat with your non-dominant hand and pull your needle through it.



Your needles are now going through the orange crystal in North West and South East positions.



10. Using your bottom right or South East needle, go through the yellow crystal that is directly below it, from top to bottom, then add a new yellow crystal to that thread. Leave this needle for the moment.



11. With your left hand or top needle that is still coming out of the orange crystal, add a new orange crystal to that thread, then go down through the yellow crystal you added in the step above and pull tight.

12. With your left hand or top needle that is still coming out of the orange crystal, add a new orange crystal to that thread, then go through the yellow crystal you added to the other needle in the previous step, pull snug.

Now both needles will be coming out of the yellow crystal.

We'll need to go through some beads of the previous row so we can get the needle in position to add the final yellow crystal. This will also tighten up the green crystals.



13. Using your bottom or right needle, go through the green crystal below the yellow one that your needle is exiting, from top to bottom, then through the green crystal to the left of it from bottom to top. Pull both threads tight, to keep the tension.

14. String the last yellow crystal to the thread that that is still exiting out the previous yellow crystal. Then with this needle, go through the yellow crystal to the left of it (the one we added in step 3?) from the bottom to the top, towards those two orange crystals on the top left of the heart.



15. Add an orange crystal and the last two red crystals to that needle and leave it for now.



Now, your other needle is still exiting the green crystal below this newly added yellow crystal. Go through this newly added yellow crystal with this needle. Add an orange crystal to this needle now too and leave it for now.

16. With your left needle, with the orange and two red crystals strung onto it, bring them down to the beadwork and place the red crystals above the orange crystals (one you've just added and the other orange crystal that was strung back in step 1!) Leave this needle for now.



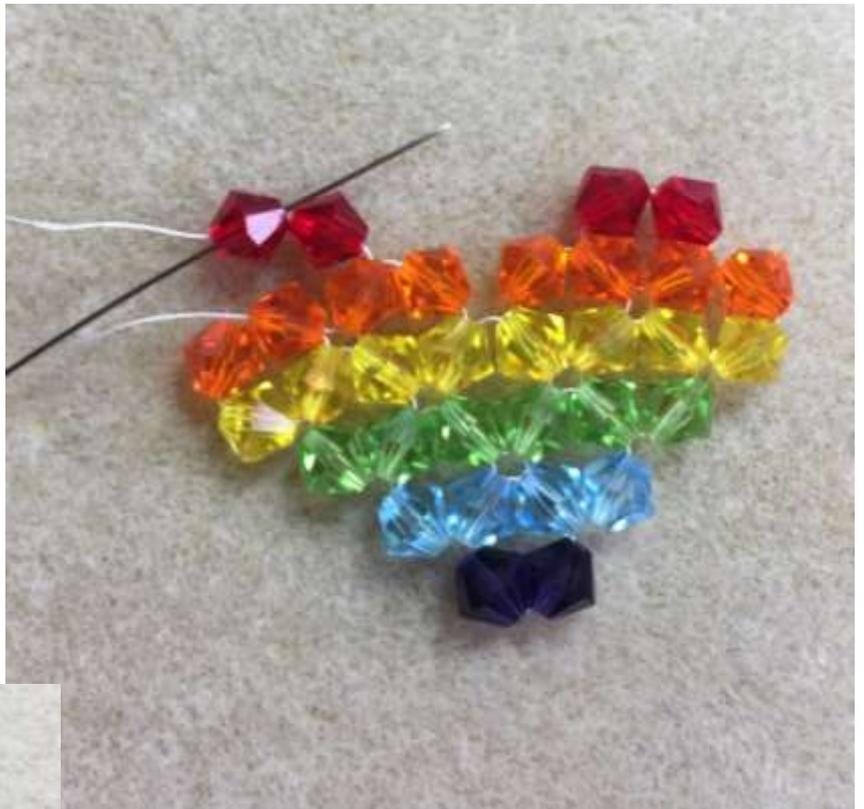
17. Using your right needle with the orange crystal strung onto it, go down through the orange crystal to the left of it (that's on your other needle), from top to bottom, then the next orange crystal (that was added in step 1) to the left from bottom to up.



Again, sometimes it helps to hold down these crystals with your other hand whilst you thread through and tighten up your beadwork.

18. Finally, using this same needle, go through the left hand red crystal you added to the other needle going towards the second red crystal and pull snug.

Now, we'll add the seed beads around the edge in-between each 'gap' of the crystals, as well as adding the final violet crystal to the bottom!



19. Using your right hand needle, add a seed bead and go through the next red crystal, pull snug.



Add another seed bead and go down through the orange crystal below it. Again, add a seed bead and go up through the next orange crystal and seed bead. Leave your needle there for the moment.



20. Take your other needle on the left of the heart that's coming out of the left hand red crystal and string on a seed bead. Go through the orange crystal below it. Keep adding a seed bead and going through the edge yellow, green, blue and dark blue or tanzanite crystal. You should now be exiting right at the bottom of the heart, in between the dark blue crystals.



21. Next add the violet crystal and a seed bead. Skip the seed bead and go back through the violet crystal and up through the dark blue crystal on the right hand side of the heart. Pull snug.



22. Continue adding seed beads in between the crystals around the edges. Once you add the last seed bead at the top, continue to sew through the seed bead at the centre, the next orange crystal and the next seed bead.

Add 3 seed beads to the left needle and 4 seed beads to the right needle and take them down to the beaded heart on both sides. With your left hand needle (that had the 3 seed beads strung on it), go through the 4 seed beads on your other needle, the red crystal and the top seed bead.



Switching to your other needle, thread through the 3 seed beads that were strung on your other needle, then through the red crystal and the seed bead that the top.

Both needles should be coming out of the top seed beads in between the red crystals on either side.

Continue to use both needles to sew around the edges of the heart and try and reinforce those top 7 seed beads a couple of times if possible.

Once you've done that, weave your threads in the centre section of the beadwork following thread paths and if you like tie a couple of half-hitch knots or you can ensure that you double back on your thread to ensure they are secure. Cut off the spare thread and your pendant is ready to hand a jump ring or a bail to the top. If you like, you can add a bail at the top of the pendant whilst you are sewing the seed beads. If you do this, just add 3 seed beads on either side rather than 7.



Happy Beading! Cheers, Amanda x

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