



Understanding Seed Beads

15/0

The smallest of the seed bead sizes (1.3mm). Used for finishing touches and fine detailing.

25 beads per inch (approx).

Use with size 12 beading needles, very fine nylon, size '0' Nymo or 4lb Fireline - 15/0 will only accommodate having threads passed through the centre a few times.

11/0

The most popular size of all seed beads (1.8mm). Used for the main body of bead weaving projects.

19 beads per inch (approx).

Use with size 10 & 12 beading needles or twisted big eye needles.

Good for off loom projects. Size 'D' Nymo, 6 & 8lb Fireline or KO Thread.

8/0

A slightly larger sized bead, used to add additional dimensions to weaving projects. (2.5mm)

Can be used with all sized beading needles.

13 beads per inch (approx),

Use with up to 8lb Fireline, Size D Nymo, KO thread and up to 0.4mm monofilament.

6/0

The largest of the seed bead dimensions, used for bold detailing. (3.3mm)

Can be used with all sized beading needles.

10 beads per inch (approx),

Use with any size weaving threads,

Will accommodate many layers of thread being passed through the centre. Can also be used with Tex210 S-Lon.

TOHO & CZECH

A popular choice for general weaving projects.

Donut shaped in appearance. Used for weaving, looming and general bead stringing.

TOHO is a high quality Japanese manufacturer.

Consistent in both shape and colour.

CZECH can be more irregular in shape and size, but give a more relaxed appearance than Japanese beads.

Most popular manufacturer is Preciosa.

DELICAS

High quality & tubular shaped. A popular choice with serious bead weavers.

Brick together very precisely with larger holes, perfect for threading.

Perfect for loom weaving, brick & peyote stitch.

Miyuki delicas are a high quality glass seed bead manufactured in Japan.