



Flower Girl Barrette

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For this challenge, I imagined a nine-year-old girl who was a flower girl in an older cousin's wedding and needed a pretty barrette to match her pink organza dress. Using peyote stitch, I first created a base of white iridescent seed beads and edged it with imitation pearls. Then I layered several pink and purple flowers on top, adding white beads to the centers of the flowers. I attached the beadwork to the barrette using Tacky Tape. When it was finished, I imagined that this flower girl would love the barrette so much that she would wear it to school on Monday with her favorite T-shirt and jeans. (Hey, I can dream, can't I?)



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MATERIALS:

- 1 30mm pink resin petal flower
- 1 17mm pink resin small flower cup
- 2 22mm purple resin dogwood flowers
- 2 15mm purple resin 5-petal flowers
- 2 9x19mm narrow green resin leaves
- 168 silver-lined AB matte size 8 white seed beads
- 92 plastic 2mm pearl beads
- 1 size 6 white iridescent seed bead
- 1 size 11 white seed bead
- 58" of white Nymo thread
- Jeweler's glue
- Double-sided adhesive tape (such as Tacky Tape)
- 80mm metal barrette



TOOLS:

- Beading Needle
- Scissors



TECHNIQUES

- Peyote Stitch

Base of Barrette:

Step 1: Thread 6 seed beads onto 40" of Nymo and begin creating a peyote-stitched strip measuring 28 rows in length. Thread back through several beads, tie a knot, and trim thread.

Picot Edging

Step 2: Using 12" of thread, move the needle through several beads to start. Beginning at one of the long edges, move the needle through the end seed bead, thread 3 pearl beads, and then bring the needle down through the next seed bead. Continue adding three pearl beads for every two seed beads until you reach the end of the long strip. On the short end, add three pearl beads, one at a time, in between each of the three seed beads.

Step 3: Finish the edging for the rest of the barrette, following the same pattern used on the other two sides.

The Embellishment

Step 4: Layer the flowers in pairs on top of one another and sew together using thread. If desired, add glue in between layers and to secure the center seed bead(s). (Barrette shown layers two sets of purple flowers and one set of pink flowers. Plastic pearl beads are used for the centers of the purple flowers, while a stack of two different sized white seed beads are used for the pink flower.)

Step 5: Arrange the flowers on top of the barrette and secure with thread or glue. Add the leaves to both ends of the barrette and secure with glue.

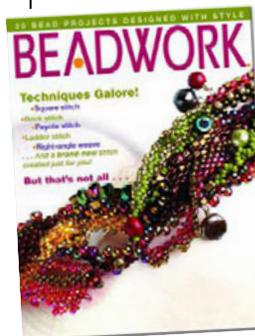
Step 6: Adhere a piece of double-sided adhesive tape to the barrette and carefully place the peyote stitched piece on top. Allow to completely set 24 hours before wearing. 

RESOURCES:

Thanks to Dee's Place www.beadsbydee.com for donating the resin flower beads. Seed beads from Bead Cache, 3307 S. College Ave., Unit 105, Ft. Collins, CO 80525; (970) 224-4322; All other materials: Michaels, michaels.com

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