

Spotted Helix



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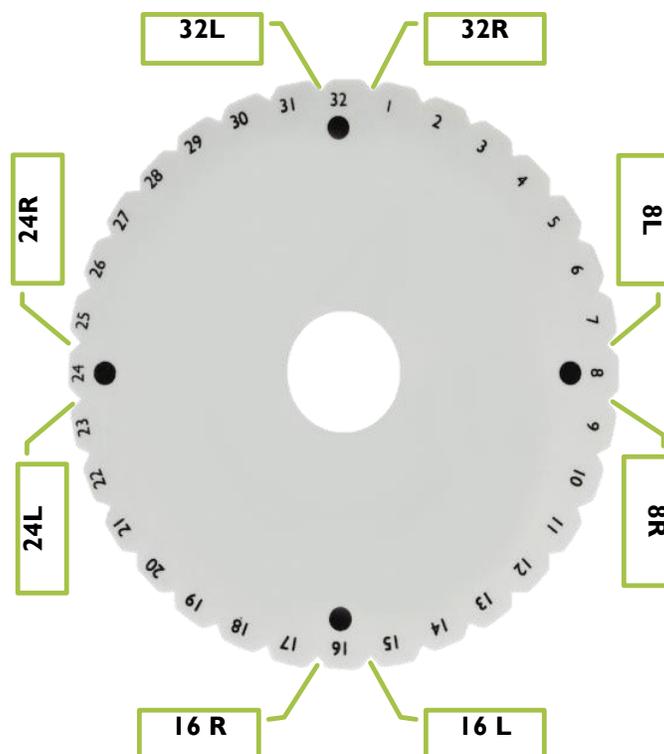
Braid Before You Load Beads!

When I work a beaded braid I like to have flexibility in how much braided section I begin with that does not have beads. Therefore, I do not load beads before I begin braiding! I braid as long as I feel comfortable and then reposition the elements so that 32 Right will be the next element to move down.

This video shows repositioning of the elements: <https://vimeo.com/111955228>

Slot 16: Right or Left?

I work braids 32 Right down, 16 Right up. This may sound confusing but when you see how the beads are loaded it makes sense. If you are holding the disk so 32 is on top 32 Right is on the right of 32 but 16 right is on the left of 16! BUT! Remember when you turn the disk so 16 is at the top 16 Right is actually 16 Left. The above video shows this as I reposition my elements. The image below should help visualize what I have explained above.



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Bead Loading Chart

When choosing beads for the Spotted Helix pattern it is important to remember the following tips for each of the bead designations:

- **A & B:** Choose two different sizes for **A** & **B** to achieve a more pronounced helix. For example, 8/0 and 6/0 seed beads, a chip bead and a seed bead, or a top-dripped bead and a seed bead.
- **C:** The “spot” in the **A** beads portion of the pattern.
- **D:** The “spot” in the **B** beads portion of the pattern.

Load your beads in the following order on the following elements:

32 Left: A A A, B B B repeat

32 Right: A A, (B B B, A A A) repeat pattern in ()

8 Left: C A, (B D B, A C A) repeat pattern in ()

8 Right: A, (B D B, A C A) repeat pattern in ()

16 Left: B B B, A A A repeat

16 Right: B B, (A A A, B B B) repeat pattern in ()

24 Left: D B, (A C A, B D B) repeat pattern in ()

24 Right: B, (A C A, B D B) repeat pattern in ()

Length:

Length can vary significantly with different bead choices. The larger the beads used the fewer you will need in some cases. With chips beads you may need just as many as 8/0 seed beads as a “chunky” finished bracelet needs a bit more length to fit comfortable around a wrist.

Use the free bead calculator found here <http://www.pacificpatina.com/#!bead-calculator/ondq9> to help with a general idea of the length you would like. Always load more beads than you think you may need.

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Variations & Beads Used:

Green Variation

- A: 8/0 Czech Seed Beads, Seafoam Opal
- B: 4mm Silver Rounds
- C: 6/0 Czech Seed Beads, Silver
- D: 6mm Glass Pearls, Light Green



Blue Variation

- A: 8/0 Czech Seed Beads, Opaque Rainbow Light Blue
- B: 6x8mm Czech Cupped Leaf, Crystal (68NB212 @ shipwreckbeads.com)
- C: Glass Chip Beads, Sky Blue
- D: 2/0 Czech Seed Bead Drop, White Aurora Borealis (49SB612-AB @ shipwreckbeads.com)



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