



# Smithsonian Associates

## **Beaded Bauble**

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I'm so looking forward to meeting you in the Beaded Bauble class. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this list.

Although all these links are to Capital City Beads, I have no affiliation with this company (I would trust them as a vendor however). The links are meant to illustrate items that may be unfamiliar to you. I always recommend that you take this list to your local bead shop if you have one. Not only are you supporting a small business, but the staff there can help you find exactly what you need.

### **Tools and Supplies needed for the class:**

#### **Ornament:**

This project is ideally designed for a round holiday ornament with a 9" circumference (2.75ish" diameter). I'll explain how to make the netting a bit larger and smaller, so a 10" or 8" circumference (3.2" or 2.5" diameter) will work as well. The ornament can have an opaque/frosted or clear finish, but the surface should be smooth, and I would recommend glass, rather than plastic. A quick google search shows that you can find these at Michael's, and, of course, Amazon.

#### **Tools:**

- [Size 10](#) or 12 Beading needles
- Sharp scissors
- Really good lighting
- Reading glasses, a magnifier visor or other magnifying aid
- [bead pad \(optional but highly recommended\)](#)
- [bead sorting tray \(optional\)](#)

#### **Beads & String:**

You'll need approximately 15g each of 2 different colors of size 11/0 beads and 10g of 1 color of size 8/0. The 8/0 beads will be accents, so can be quite different visually from the 11/0s to create pops of color. Bear in mind that you will be able to see the string through light colored transparent beads.

Delicas and matte finish beads are not ideal for this project:

Japanese Round Example:

<https://www.capitalcitybeads.com/size-11-0-miyuki-round-copper-lined-opal-mr9198.html>

OR

Czech Round Seed Bead Example

<https://www.capitalcitybeads.com/108-size-11-0.html>

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**Dangles:**

5-7 charms, teardrop shaped beads, or other small 'dangles' to use at the bottom of the netting. These shouldn't be much bigger than the size of a pea (definitely smaller than a grape!) See image below.

For the stringing material you can use:

- Fireline 4lb test (smoke or crystal)
- Nymo B (I would choose a color to coordinate with your 11/0 beads)
- Beeswax – the Nymo in the link above is pre-waxed. If you purchase an unwaxed thread I'd recommend also purchasing beeswax, which helps keep the thread from tangling.



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