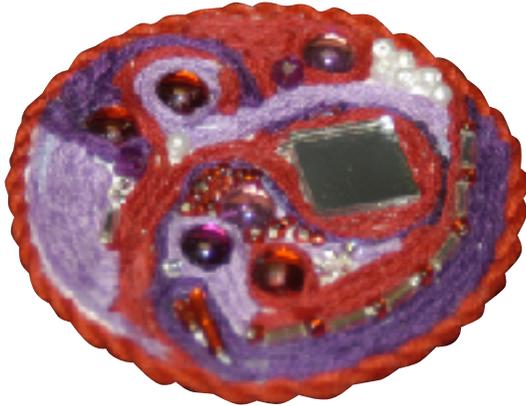


RED & PURPLE JEWELED BROOCH

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Materials:

Red, Light Purple and Dark Purple DFN Craft Thread
Tacky glue
Pin clasp
Assortment of red, purple and clear glass cabochons and glass beads
Red and clear bugle beads
White pearl beads
Red felt for the back
Red acrylic paint
Stiff cardboard

Instructions:

1. Cut a 2.25" circle from the cardboard. Paint cardboard red. Allow to dry.
2. In a design of your choice, arrange the largest stones on the cardboard. Leave space between them for the craft thread. Glue in place and dry completely.
3. Begin applying the craft thread by drawing a thin line of glue in a design. Wrap and follow the contours of the stones in a freeform fashion. Carefully lay one color of thread on the glue. Continue in this fashion, changing colors, as you desire. Leave some open space.
4. Glue small glass beads and bugle beads in the open areas so that the cardboard base does not show.
5. Glue the bottom of the brooch on the red felt back. Trim to fit.
6. Finish the edge of the brooch by carefully gluing on a twist cord* made from a length of craft thread.
7. Securely attach a pin fastener to the back.

***Twist Cord:** Use a piece of craft thread that is four times the length of the brooch's perimeter. Fold the length in half. Tape one end to a work surface. Twist the free end in one direction. When the thread is fully twisted (it will begin to kink), fold it in half again. Untape the end, hold the ends together, give a quick shake (the cord will twist back on itself) and you're done!

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