

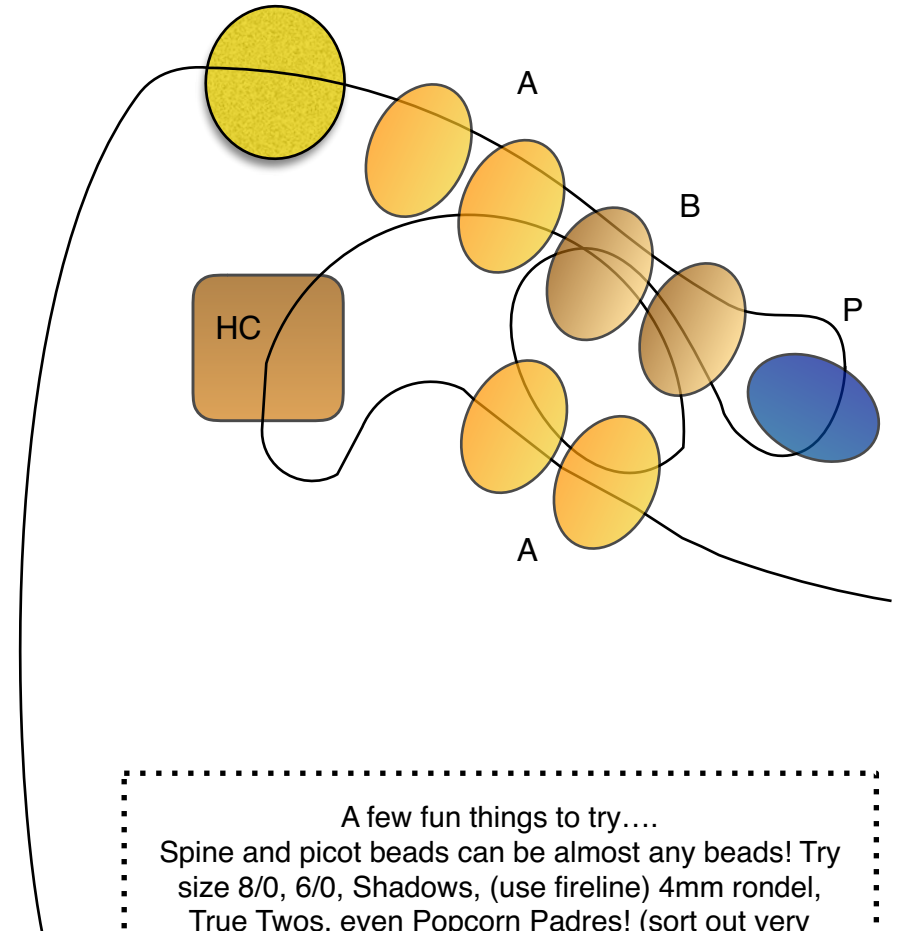
## Getting Started with St Petersburg Chain

1. Cut a piece of thread approximately 1 1/4 yard long.
2. Add a stop bead, (unlike most stitches I found for this project it was easiest to choose a bead that will remain as part of the pattern).
3. To create the 'stop' pass the needle through the bead again, in the same direction. Slide the bead down to the center of a 1 1/4 yard of thread, leaving a 20 (ish) inch tail.
4. Wax the thread.
5. Pick up 4 beads, 2 of each color of 11/0 (A and B) then one of the picot color.
6. Pass the needle back through the last pair, (color B) (skipping the picot bead).
7. Pick up 2 of the first color beads (A) and pass through the same two B beads (next to the picot) AND the first of the next pair of A beads.
8. Pick up a 'spine' bead, (in this case its the Hematite cube), and pass through pair of beads last added (color A).

First 'branch' completed! For the following branches until 12 spine bead have been added.

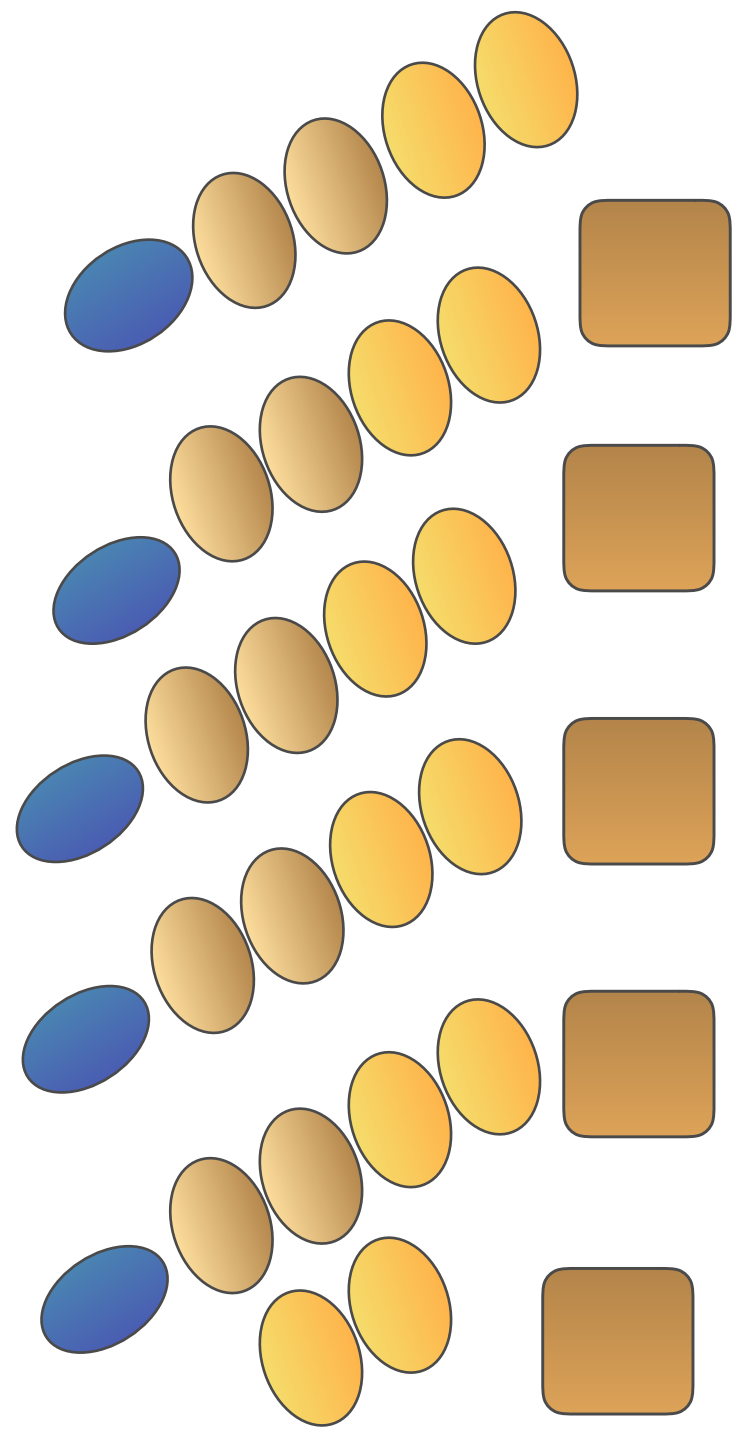
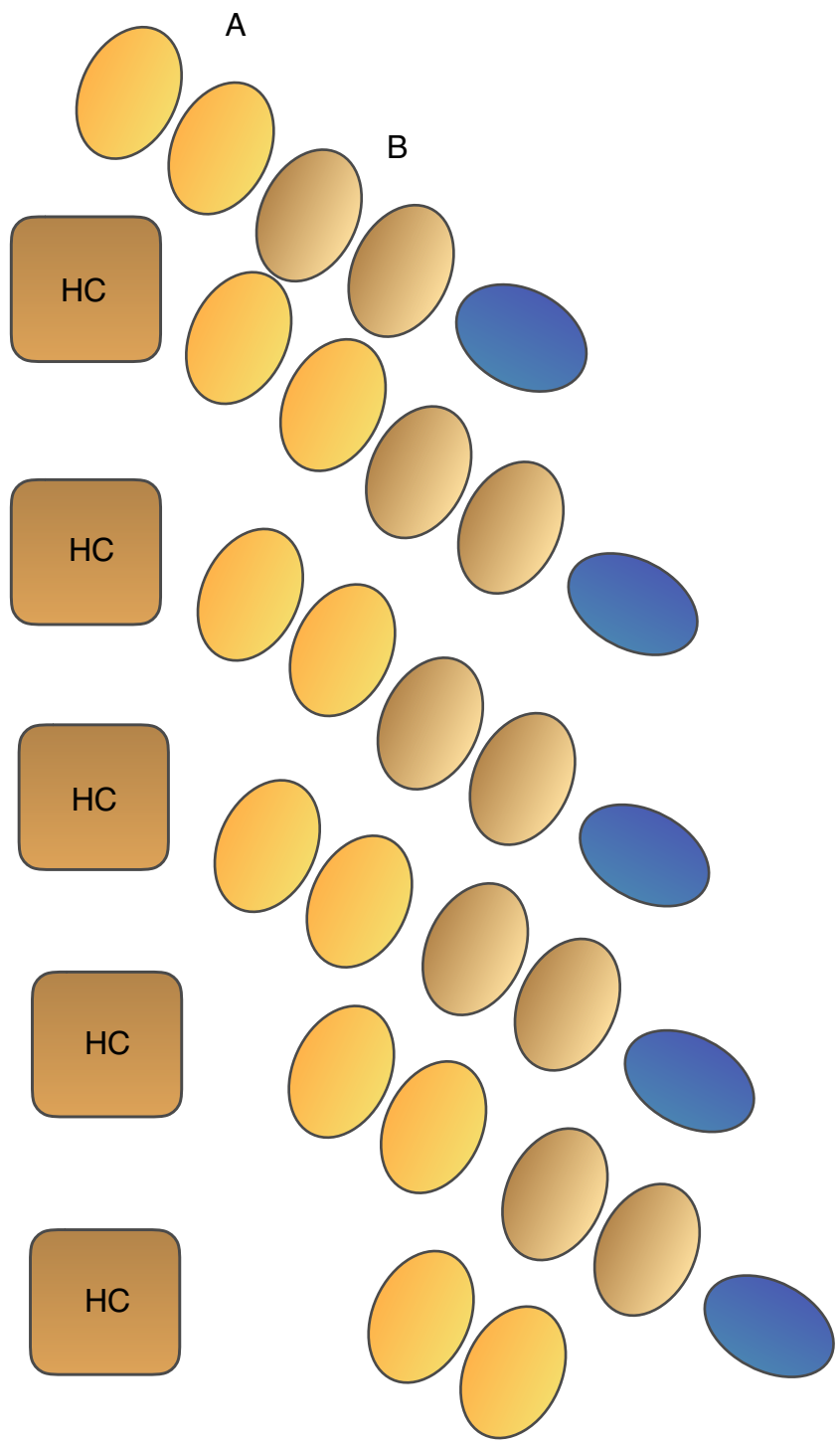
9. Add 2 of B color, and a picot bead. then proceed from Step 6

# St Petersburg Chain Earrings with 3D variation



A few fun things to try....

Spine and picot beads can be almost any beads! Try size 8/0, 6/0, Shadows, (use fireline) 4mm rondel, True Twos, even Popcorn Padres! (sort out very uneven beads). Delica or cylinder beads will not lay quite as smoothly together as will size 11/0. Scale it up with size 8/0 beads instead of size 11/0



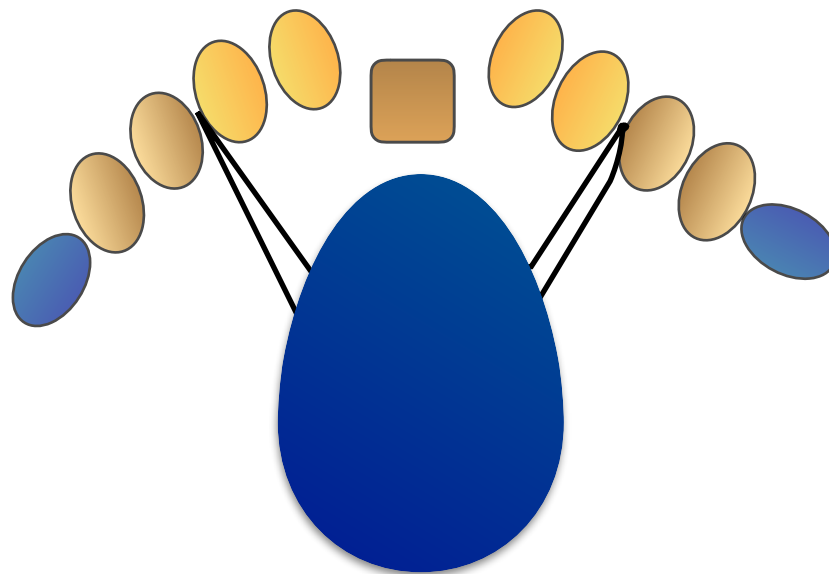
## Second Side of St Petersburg Chain.

With 12 spine beads in place, make the last branch but do not add the two B beads below, simply finish the branch as if it was a short fringe, skipping the picot bead and passing the needle through the two B beads.

Tie a half hitch knot, and pass through the two A beads and tie a second half hitch. Pass the needle into the branch above and clip.

1. Thread the needle on the long tail, and wax.
2. Pick up 2 A and 2 B beads and a Picot bead, and slide down to the stop bead.
3. Skipping the Picot bead pass the needle through the B beads, and pick up 2 A beads.
4. Pass the needle through the 2 B beads and the next A bead.
5. Pass the needle through the EXISTING Spine bead. Top to bottom.
6. Pass the needle through the just added A beads.
7. Pick up 2 B beads and a Picot bead and repeat from Step 3.

When all the branches have been made use the thread and needle to suspend the briolette between the last two branches, pass through twice then tie off and bury the thread.



St Petersburg chain can be used with one or two sides, and can be connected to created wider patterns. Another way to embellish it is to continue to stitch into a 3 dimensional article. Begin again at the top of the beadwork.

1. Needle a 1 1/4 yard piece of thread, and wax.
2. String on a stop bead A and center it on the length of thread.
3. Then 1 more A, 2 B and a picot bead.
4. Proceed with the same directions as for 'Second Side' until all spine beads have branches.
5. Knot off thread with a couple of half hitches.
6. Repeat on 4th side from Step 3.