

Terrifically Tacky Tote

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You'll love making this little tote! Not only does it bring instant gratification, but it will bring compliments as well.

Materials

- Hanks of size 11° seed beads in an assortment of colors
- Assortment of 3mm–7mm accent beads
- Clear plastic box with a handle
- 1" wide Terrifically Tacky Tape
- Modge Podge

Notions

- Large scissors
- Small paint brush
- Small sharp scissors
- X-acto knife

Step 1: Completely cover the plastic on the box with the tape. Keep the protective layer of the tape on. Use the knife to cut the tape to the exact measure as you maneuver around the edging, the handle, and the latch.

Step 2: Remove a section of the protective layer on the tape. Press accent beads into the tape as desired.

Carefully pull out one of the strands from a hank. Lay the strand—beads and thread—on the tape. Keep the strand in orderly lines or circles, do a free-form design, or work around your accent bead design. Always





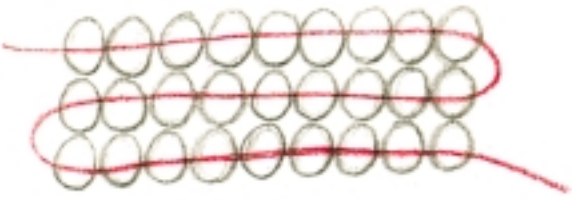


Figure 1

butt one line of the strand up to another (Figure 1). While keeping the thread in the strand, firmly press the seed bead design into the tape. If possible, carefully pull out the thread from the strand of beads. If the thread won't pull, use the small scissors to trim the thread very close to the work.

Step 3: Repeat Step 2, completely covering the box with beads. The tape should cure completely between 24 and 72 hours, or until the beads are firmly stuck.

Step 4 Once your Tacky Tape is relatively dry, use the brush to generously cover all the beads with Modge Podge. Allow to dry.

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