

Kaleidoscope Pendant Instructions By Sheila Willert swillert@new.rr.com

Materials: Dazzling Reflections Software Photo software program Glossy Premium Photo Paper (4 x 6 size)* $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ glass gems (floral dept. of craft store) Cyanoacrylate glue (Superglue) Lacy's Stiff Stuff beading foundation Ultrasuede for pendant backing Double sided tape. Beads Fireline (beading thread) Needles Scissors

<u>Method</u>

Use all your wonderful and colorful photos to create kaleidoscopes or a picture of your loved ones or pets. I use Dazzling Reflections. It is easy to use and you get spectacular results. Export, name and save.

Open your Photography Software. Set up your photo page to 4" \times 6", insert your graphic/kaleidoscope and resize to $\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " depending on the size of the glass gems. Leave a small margin around each to facilitate cutting around each design. I usually get 4 across by 6 down. Print onto glossy premium photo paper. *(I have used Laser waterslide decal paper. It works well but



not as readily available. If using, print using the transparency setting and reverse any text.)



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Wash your glass gems using soap and water and dry. Carefully cut out your designs. Add a drop of Cyanoacrylate glue to the middle of your

design and carefully center the glass gem and press to bond. Apply your photo glass gems to Lacy's Stiff Stuff. I usually leave about $\frac{1}{2}$ " around the glass gem.

Bead around the glass gem using a backstitch. When you are happy with the bead frame around the gem, carefully cut away the remaining Stiff Stuff.

Keep your scissors parallel to the gem so that you do not cut any of the threads, this will loosen your beadwork. Take a small piece of Double sided tape and adhere to the back of the beaded gem. Attach this to the Ultrasuede and cut to fit the back of your beaded gem. Using brick stitch use bigger beads to make an edging securing the Ultrasuede to the beaded gem. Type 'Beading around a Cabochon' into your



browser. There are many ways to bead a cabochon and edge stitch. Bead a bail and you are done.

Glass gems before attaching to Lacy's Stiff Stuff.



Finished Examples





