

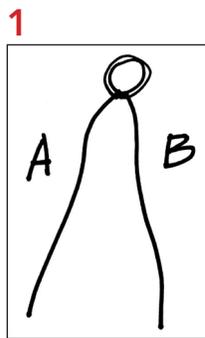
Did you know you could make beaded animals? Using beads and wire you can make beautiful items to hang on your backpack, in the window, give to people for decorations, or just to play with and admire. Directions for these creatures, and many more can be found in the book Beaded Critters by Sonal Bhatt.

**Included materials:**

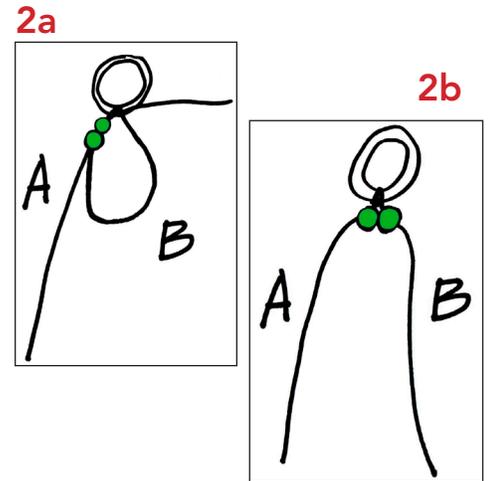
- The shorter (blue) wire is for the fish, along with the blue beads, and one different color bead (orange) for the eye.
  - The longer wire is for the gecko, with darker green for the outer body, light green for the center, orange for the feet, and silver for the eyes.
  - Two key rings
- There should be extra beads included. You can use a mix of the beads, but for ease of understanding I will refer to them as written above for the directions.

We will be following the same steps we used to make the beaded fish, along with new steps to add the legs and the tail. **Refer to fish instructions for helpful tips.** Colors: dark green (DG) for the main parts of the gecko, silver for the eyes, orange for the feet, and light green (LG) for gecko's back.

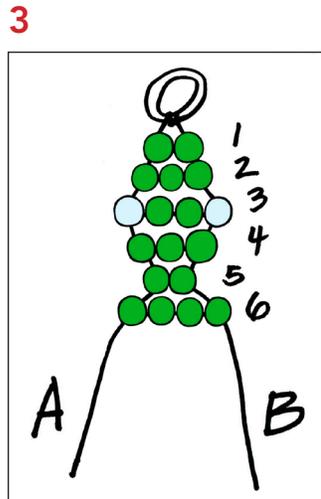
**1** Take the longer wire with the split ring for the gecko, and separate it into two sections that we will call wire A and wire B. You will start by making the head of the gecko.



**2** Add two dark green beads to wire A and push wire B back through the beads in the opposite direction, pull tight, and make sure there is no extra space between the beads. Try to push the beads so they are somewhat flat underneath the split ring.



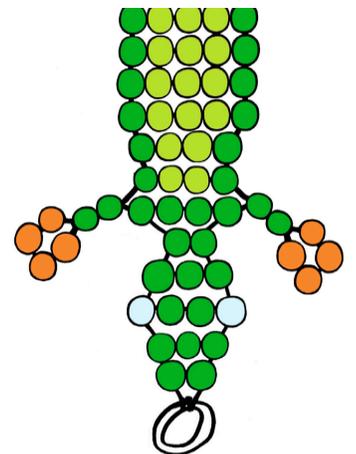
**3** To make the head, add the following rows of beads:  
 Row 2 : 3 DG  
 Row 3: 1 silver, 2 DG, 1 silver  
 Row 4: 3 DG  
 Row 5: 2 DG  
 Row 6: 4 DG



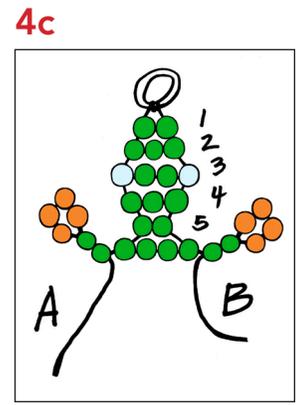
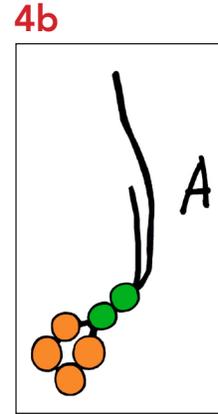
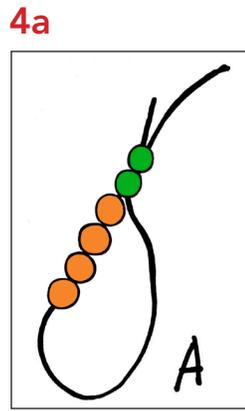
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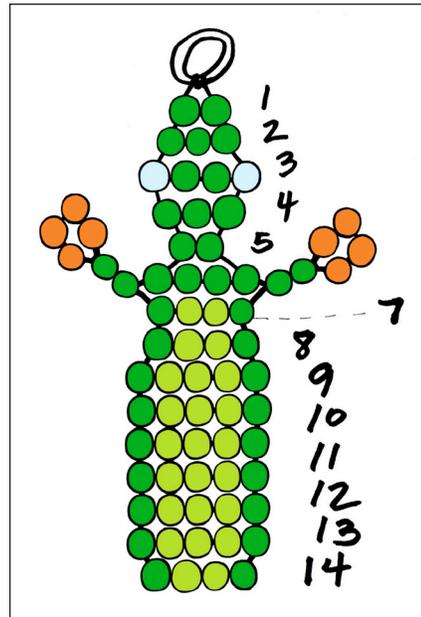
**4** When making the legs you will only be using one wire at a time. To make a front leg and foot, add two DG and then four orange beads to wire A. String this same wire back through the first two green beads. (Skip the orange, this will make a loop). Repeat this step on Wire B to make the second leg.



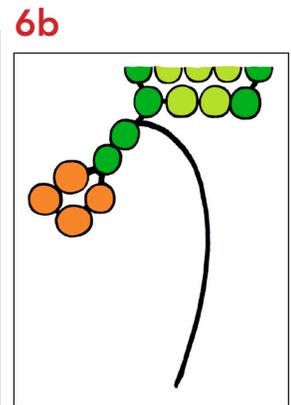
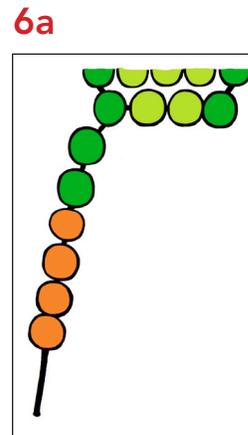
**5** To make the body, you will go back to adding the beads to wire A, and threading wire B back through the same beads in the opposite direction.

Add the following rows of beads:

- Row 7: 1 DG, 2 LG, 1 DG
- Row 8: 1 DG, 2 LG, 1 DG
- Row 9: 1 DG, 3 LG, 1 DG
- Row 10: 1 DG, 3 LG, 1 DG
- Row 11: 1 DG, 3 LG, 1 DG
- Row 12: 1 DG, 3 LG, 1 DG
- Row 13: 1 DG, 3 LG, 1 DG
- Row 14: 1 DG, 2 LG, 1 DG



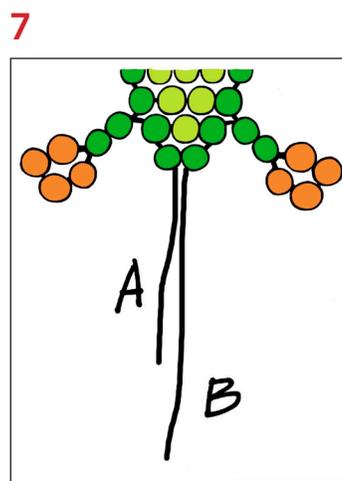
**6** To make a back leg, follow the same steps as the front legs. Using wire A, add 2 dark green beads and then 4 orange beads. String this same wire back through the dark green beads only. Slide the beads close to the body before pulling the wire tight. Repeat this step for the other back leg using wire B.



**7** To start the tail you add the beads to wire A, and string wire B back through the same beads (same method you used for the head and body).

- Row 15: 1 DG, 1 LG, 1 DG
- Row 16: 2 DG

Now you will put the wires together and string 13 or more DG beads onto both wires together.



**8** After the last bead is added, you will separate the wires and bring them back through the last bead, one at a time. (Sometimes it is only possible to put one wire back through the last bead, this is okay). After at least one wire has gone through the beads, twist the ends of the wires together, and trim the extra wires.

