

Kazuri Carousel Class Description

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Skill level required: All skill levels and ages welcome! No experience necessary, prior wirework is helpful.

Materials:

- 5 - 6 disc beads (almost 1 inch in diameter) preferably Kazuri & animal beads
- 20 feet 18 or 19 gauge wire – steel, dead soft sterling silver or gold filled or copper, parawire, or niobium...
- Black rubber tubing
- Ceramic beads
- Size 8 seed beads

Tools:

- Jig – bottle caps
- round nose pliers
- chain nose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- measuring tape or ruler
- nylon jaw wire straightener
- chasing hammer
- bench block

Time required for class: 3 hours

Students may complete project in class

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