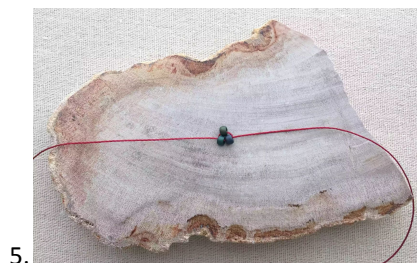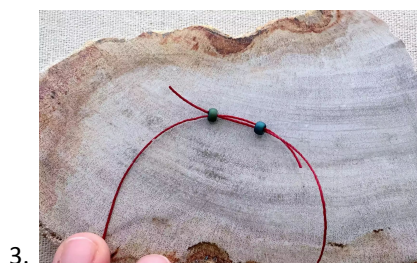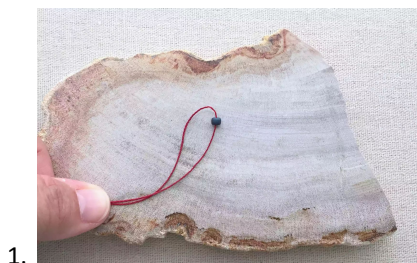**Lizard Keychain**

Materials:
- 2 yards elastic cord
- 1 keyring
- 48 pony beads (these can be one, two, or more colors)
- 2 black pony beads

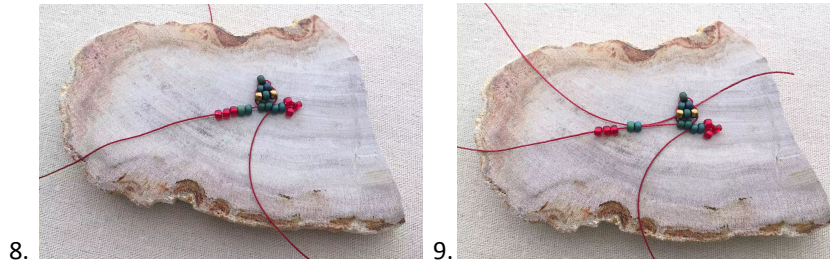**For video instructions, go here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhtOJMyZ2MY**
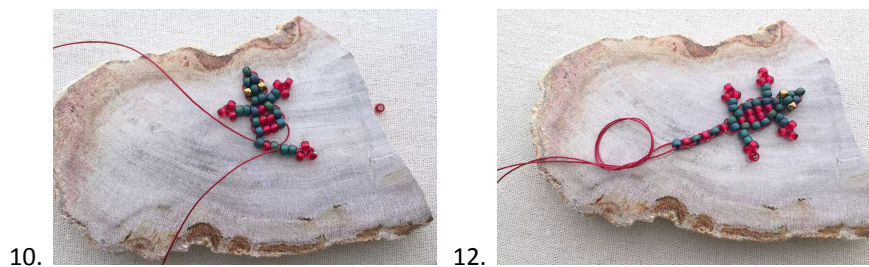
Instructions:
1. Start Stringing Beads in the Middle - Unlike most projects, the beaded lizard begins in the middle of the thread or cord. Pick up one bead and slide it to the center, so you have two equal lengths of cord on either side. (See photos below)

2. Put Both Cord Ends Through the Beads.

3. Pick up the first two beads of the second row on one side of the thread. Keep them toward the thread end.

4. Now pick up the other thread end and go through the beads in the opposite direction. The beads should look like the picture, with the thread going in each side of the beads and the opposite thread ends coming out the side of the beads.

5. Add the Second Row of Bead

6. Pull the thread ends to slide the two beads to the center. They should stack neatly on the first bead. Make sure your beads remain centered by comparing the tail lengths and adjust as necessary.

7. Adding the rest of the rows of beads for the body and tail are done the same way. Making the lizard legs is slightly different.

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8. Starting the Lizard Legs - You will use the cord from each side to make each of the lizard legs. The right cord will make the right leg, the left cord will be used to make the left leg. Pick up two beads of the first color and three beads of the second color for each leg.

9. Making the Lizard Legs - Skipping the last three beads, put your cord back through the two beads. Make sure you pull the bead tight and slide the beads close to the body. Arrange the three beads that make up the foot into a triangle.

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10. Continue Adding Beads - Continue the body of the lizard the same way you started in the beginning, by picking up the correct number of beads and placing the cord from the other side through the beads in the opposite direction.

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11. Repeat the instructions above for the back legs of the lizard.

12. Add a Tail and Knot the Thread - Add one bead at a time to make the lizard tail. When you are done, you can knot your threads using either a square knot or an overhand knot. We recommend an overhand knot because we think it stays tight better.

13. Slide the Overhand Knot Close to the Beads - To slide an overhand knot close to the beads, insert a piece of wire or another pointy object into the knot to help slide it into place. This will keep the knot slightly unfastened so you can manipulate it into place before removing the wire and tightening the knot for good.

14. Add a Keyring to Finish - Add a keyring between the two cords and tie another square or overhand knot to secure it in place. We used a large jump ring to hold the key, held in place by another overhand knot. Add your key and you are ready to go.

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