



# Purple Beech Designs

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A PURPLE BEECH DESIGNS FURNACE GLASS LARIAT

1. Silk cord needs to be stretched before it is used. Take the cord off the cardboard. Bend the cardboard in half. Taking the cord by the needle end, pull it through the cardboard two or three times to stretch the silk cord.
2. Tie a knot at the end of the cord. Thread the first bead section: a Swarovski, then furnace bead, followed by a Swarovski. See fig 1.
3. Make a knot as close as possible to the end Swarovski to hold that section of beads in place. This is done by looping the cord round your fingers, and slipping the needle through the loop formed (fig 1). Insert the tweezers through the loop and grip the position at which you need to place the knot (see fig 2). Pull the cord to tighten the knot. Remove tweezers and tighten knot further.
4. Measure a 3cm distance from the knot (fig3.). Use your thumb to mark the distance while tying another knot in the cord.
5. Alternate the colours of furnace glass beads as in the diagrams and keep on knotting. When your lariat is long enough for you or it reaches just past 90cm, then it's time to put the final section on.
6. Thread the silver bead, furnace glass bead, silver bead, end bead onto the lariat. Next loop the cord round the end beads and thread it back up through the silver bead, furnace glass bead and silver bead again (fig 4). Make a double knot (fig 5,6). Cut the silk cord at either end close to the knots and spot glue on the knots to hold them (fig 7). Leave to dry!

