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## PERLER BEAD CHARM

### SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- Perler Beads – assorted colors #30078032
- Perler Bead Pegboard - assorted #30136002, #30136015
- Perler Bead Ironing Paper or parchment paper
- Iron

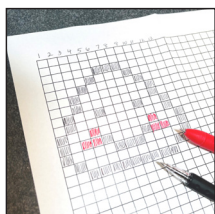
Optional Useful Items:

- Craft Tweezers #30104698
- Storage with divided sections for Perler Bead storage (Embroidery Floss box #30218552)

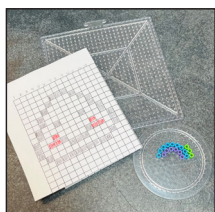
**NOTE:** There are many free designs available on the internet. You can also use Counted cross stitch graphs and brick/peyote beading design. You can also use graph paper and chart your own design.



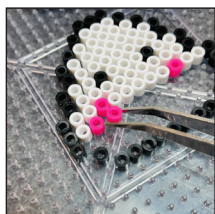
### INSTRUCTIONS



1. Choose a ready-made design or draw your own design using graph paper.



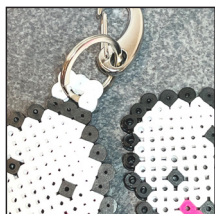
2. Determine if your design needs to be made on a circular or special pegboard versus the regular square pegboard. Example a rainbow should be made on a circle pegboard.



3. Gather the bead colors you will need to use for your design.

If you have a design chart, follow the pattern and place the Perler beads onto the pegboard.

Using a craft tweezers may make it easier to pick up and place the beads on the pegboard.



4. If you are making a keychain or hanging charm, create a loop at the top. Add beads leaving an opening in the center so you can slip on a key ring.

If you are making a magnet, you do not need to add a loop.



5. Place the ironing paper over the bead design on the pegboard.

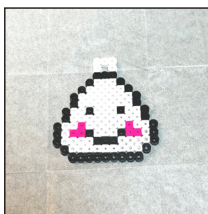
Set the iron at a medium heat, NO STEAM setting.

NOTE: Individual irons may have different heating. You can do a test with a few beads on a pegboard and see how they fuse. Remember that the design size also determines the ironing time.



6. Follow the Perler Bead instructions to fuse the beads together:

Place the iron onto the paper and iron in a circular motion over the beads for about 10 - 20 seconds. A large design may require a longer ironing time. Avoid pressing down too hard on the beads. The fused beads still should have a small hole in the center. Let cool.



7. Remove the fused beads from the pegboard. Flip the design over and place the ironing paper on top. Iron this side of the design the same way.

To prevent warping, place a heavy object like a book on top while the design cools.



8. Finishing - You can use your finished design in many ways. Glue a magnet or pinback to the design but be careful that the glue doesn't seep through the holes to the front of the design.

Add a clip or keychain. When designing, you can add an extra loop to the design to use for attaching a keyring.





### PATTERN

**Musubi Patterns for Perler Beads**

**COLOR KEY:**

- White
- Black
- Red
- Pink

FOR ADDING A KEYRING