

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- 48 Mini Daggers 2.5x6mm in one or more colors
- TOHO 8° Round Seed Beads
- Fireline or Wildfire, 8lb test

Colors Shown: 41-36-79086, 41-36-MG7010, 41-36-20300, 41-36-P14413, TR-08-1200, TR-08-556.

# SWEET GUM RING

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*Trendy spiked ring featuring 2.5x6mm Mini Daggers from Starman*

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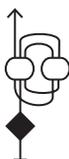
## Introducing the Mini Dagger

The Mini Dagger features the traditional shape with a wider pointed end and flat sides around the hole. The flat sides enable a tighter fit with adjacent beads than is possible with other drop-type beads.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. FORMING THE RING BAND

Add a stop bead to a comfortable length of thread, leaving a 6-10 inch tail (long enough to work with). Pick up two seed beads (A). Pass back through both beads and pull tight so the two beads sit side-by-side. Pass through the first bead added again.



Step 1

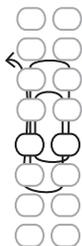
2. Add two seed beads (A). Pass down through the second seed bead from Step 1, pass up through the first seed bead from Step 1 and through the first seed bead added in this step. Pull snug.



Step 2

Repeat adding seed beads in this manner until the piece is long enough to wrap around your finger and touch end to end (about 32 rows). It will look like two seed bead columns sitting side by side.

3. Join the two ends into a ring by passing up through 2A at the beginning of the piece, pull snug. Jump to the other column and pass down through 4A. Jump to the other column, pass up through 3A. Jump to the other column, pass down through 2A. Jump to the other column, pass up through 2A.



Step 3

Add strength to the ring band by passing through all the beads on each side of the ring. You can remove the stop bead and tie the tail off at this point.

## MATERIALS

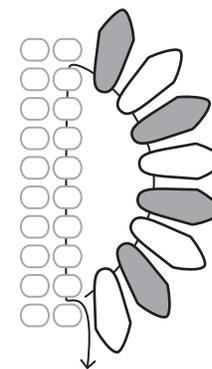
TOHO 8° Seed Beads (A)  
48 Mini Daggers 2.5x6mm in  
one or more colors (B)  
Fireline or Wildfire, 8lb test

*64 Seed beads makes about a size  
6.5 ring. Add or subtract rows of  
seed beads to adjust the band size.*

### 4. ADD THE DAGGER 'BALL'

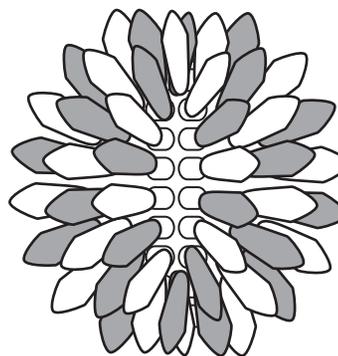
From wherever your needle is coming out from, add 8 Mini Daggers (B). If you are using multiple colors, you can alternate them or make a 'bead soup'.

Count 8 seed beads (A) and then pass down through the 8 back to the same seed bead you started at. This forms a loop of Mini Daggers. Repeat two more times, so there is a total of three loops of Mini Daggers stitched to one column of seed beads.

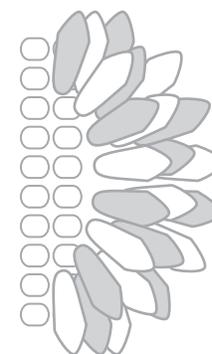


Step 4  
First Loop

5. Jump to the other column, and repeat adding three loops of eight Mini Daggers. After there are a total of six loops of Mini Daggers, tie off by passing through the seed beads, making knots as you go.



Finished Dagger Ball



Step 4  
Three Loops

## ARTIST'S TIP

The pressure of your finger inside the ring will keep the daggers in place during normal wear. Use a headpin to fluff the daggers as needed.