



## Getting Started Bead Making Series: **Fabulous Zendoodle Fabric Beads** with Kristal Wick

# KRISTAL'S TOP 5 TIPS

### 1 Pick your colors

Select your watercolor pencil palette before you begin. Audition the colors to see what combination you like and then lay the pencils to the side of your fabric so they don't get put away. If you have to add more doodles later, you can be sure the colors are the same.



### 2 Just add water!

When using water and brush to activate the colored pigments, try to do all similar colors at the same time. This keeps your brush clean, and the colors don't get muddy. Be sure to wipe off excess pigments on a paper towel occasionally, and particularly when moving on to a different color.

### 3 Blend and mix

Once you color in a design with your watercolor pencils, add different colors on top of your first color to achieve shading and texture in your work.



### 4 Feel the pressure!

Use varying levels of pressure when coloring in your designs to create more color depth and saturation in your work.



### 5 Dry, baby, dry

Make sure your fabric is completely dry before using a permanent marker for outlining if you want a clean, crisp line. The pen lines can run if the fabric is still wet. On the other hand, if you desire a blurry line, using the pen on wet fabric is another enjoyable technique.