

Sequin Butterfly

CQ Lessons & Challenge, Lesson #11

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Supplies: Sequins (cup shaped was used), seed beads for between sequins, beads for body, beading needle or small needle to fit through beads, beading thread such as Nymo and black embroidery floss. This example used 4mm sequins. The sequin butterfly on my CQ Block (last picture) was made with 9mm sequins. The kind you find in any craft store.

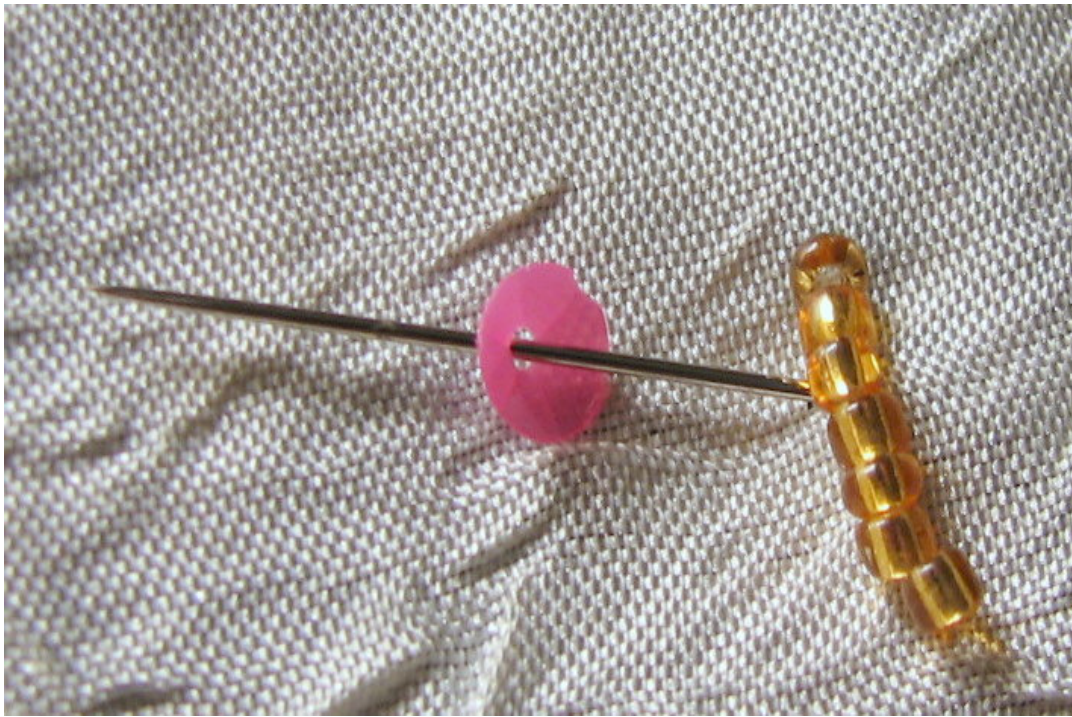
Note: Butterfly was planned to have the light pink on the top and the dark pink on the bottom. If you notice in the second picture I moved the first set of sequins down 1 bead. I should have left them as they were. When all the sequins and beads were added I turned it around and added the antennae on the other end.

1. Add some body beads, bring needle up from back of fabric and add two beads. Go down in fabric to secure, come back up between first and second bead, go through second bead and add two more beads. Continue this method until you have enough beads for the body. If additional help is needed on how to attach beads see lesson 4 and 5.

To figure out how long the body should be lay your sequins along side the body beads. In this case 7 beads were used.



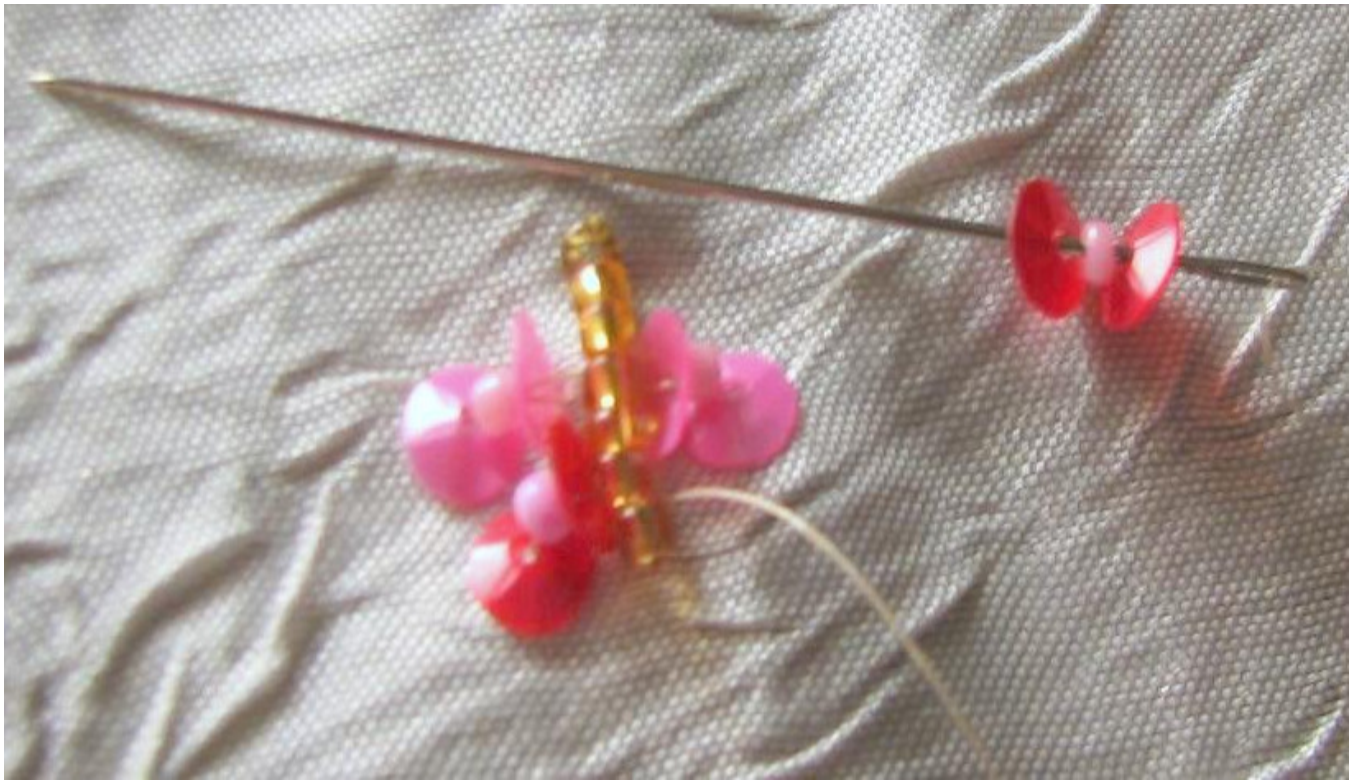
2. Bring needle up slightly under body bead and add first sequin, cup facing body. Add seed bead and sequin, cup facing away from bead.



3. Push sequins together and have the first sequin (close to body) slightly slanted and take needle down through fabric.



4. Do the same on right right side with matching color and then bottom left and right with another color. I used the pink seed beads between both colors, you can use matching color seed beads.



5. A picture of almost completed butterfly, this is where I decided to reverse the head and tail. I wanted more of a tail showing.



6. Take two strands of black embroidery floss and make a long stitch and add a french knot on the end, make second long stitch and french knot. Tie off at back to secure.



9 mm sequins and beads for the antennae

