## Color Stop Thread Sheet

## Tape/Tomato Bead

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**Design # Sizes**#4528 14 ct 49 x 76mm (1.91 x 2.98")
#4529 16 ct 41 x 63mm (1.59 x 2.48")
#4530 18 ct 38 x 59mm (1.49 x 2.31")
Total Stitches - 5,088



				Cotton	Cotton	Rayon	Rayon	Rayon	Polyester
$\mathbf{S}$	top			50wt	60wt	40wt	40wt	40wt	40wt
	#	<b>DMC Color Name</b>	Stitch Part	<b>DMC</b>	Mettler	Sulky	Rob/Ant	Madeira	Isacord
	1	Chartreuse	tomato top	703	546	1510	2279	1074	5531
	2	Christmas Red	tomato, border	321	600	561	2418	1184	2101
	3	Christmas Red Dk	tomato	498	601	1169	2622	1028	1912
	4	Topaz	tape,border	725	767	1167	2596	1171	506
	5	Black	backstitch tape,tomato,border	310	3	1005	2296	1000	20

Note: Assembly instructions for puff beads and necklace are on page 24.

Illustrated to right: Tomato Bead Necklace with design #4529.

Models stitched with DMC 50wt cotton

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## **Assembly Directions for Puff Bead Necklace**

- 1. Stitch the five graduated beads on a large hoop or the sets of two and a large single bead on the small hoop (4" x 4" or 3.5" x 5"). Use a medium to light weight fabric. You can make a necklace of all five with purchased beads\* in between, a set of three beads, or two beads with a pendant in the center. The 14ct. beads will be "fatter" and the 16 and 18 ct. "thinner".
- 2. Trim finished stitching apart; the short ends are the seam, and the long sides are trimmed to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " then pressed over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side.
- 3. Seam the short ends together on the machine (right sides together), or butt together by hand (wrong sides together). If you use the machine, the beads have to be turned by folding in with your finger or with the eraser end of a pencil (this is tricky). If you seam by hand, you will probably have to use a binding stitch with one of the colors to cover the seam line. You now have a tube shape.
- 4. Using a needle and thread, stitch a running stitch around all folded ends. Leave "tails" so you can gather up as in step#5. Cut foam hair rollers\* the length of your stitching (there are 3 sizes-small medium & large ,so cut 2 of the same size at the same time). If your beads are the "fat variety" buy the large size, but the medium work on the all counts.
- 5. Twist foam rollers into the tube slowly until even on both ends, using the eraser end of pencil or insert tweezers through the tube and pull into place. Pull up running stitch on both ends and tie with several knots, leaving a hole in the middle for stringing.
- 6. The beads are now complete, ready to string on a necklace using satin cording (approx. 1 ½ yds.) or ribbon\* (approx. 1 yard) as illustrated, on a bracelet using elastic, as a single scissor fob, as a key chain fob, as an eyeglass necklace, or as a Xmas ornament. Use coordinating spacer beads as shown. After stringing onto cord, knot ends next to last bead to hold in place and knot ends to prevent raveling.
- \*Beads, spacers, and rayon cording can be purchased at the "big box" stores, fabric stores, and local bead shops. Tape measure ribbon is by Offray. Red Asian beads from the Beadery.
- \*Seam tape measure ends together by hand.
- \*Foam hair rollers are available in drug stores, or beauty supply stores. Remove and discard the plastic frame.

