



## Magnetic magic

Barbie Campbell Cole has a wonderful selection of silver clasps and findings. New to her collection are these magnetic clasps. They range from a 1 strand ball (£2.40) to the sliding tube clasps. These are available with 2-6 loops. Prices start at £2.40 for the 2 strand clasp through to 7 strands at £7.00. There is a minimum order limit of £17.00, plus postage. Mail order catalogue available:-

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## Magnetic clasps from £2.40

### One to View

Gemini Crafts have recently brought out their first DVD, Introduction to Beading, Volume 1. It is aimed at absolute beginners and covers the basics of simple bead stringing. There are clear instructions for six projects on how to make Earrings, Necklaces and Bracelets. There's also a Library of information and a gallery of ideas. If you want to know how to make simple, wearable jewellery and don't know where to start this is a handy DVD to have.

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**DVD £13.99 p&p 2.00**

## Dichroic Aiko's

If you are a Delica fan you will already have heard about Aiko beads from Toho, made to within a fraction of a millimetre accuracy.

Jamie Kawahara of Dichrobeads is offering Aiko beads coated in a Dichroic finish.

Dichroic coating was originally developed by Nasa. It's highly iridescent finish has appealed to glass beadmakers for some time, but this is a first in that Jamie is coating pre-manufactured seed beads.

They are colourful and expensive, at \$6.99 for just one gram with postage and shipping on top. You don't need many to add a distinctive touch of colour to your beadwork. As our sample shows, a few Delica's can go a long way.

We set the challenge to Phyllis Prior of Frome Beaders - one mini vial of Aiko's and a free hand to try them out. The sample began with the similarity between the colours of peacock feathers and the green Dichroic beads. The rest is a clever study in colour and shape with Dichroic beads as accent beads throughout.

www.dichrobeads.com

**Dichroic Coated Aiko Beads \$6.99 plus shipping.**

