



Key to Bead Finishes

Transparent – Clear or coloured glass that will allow light to pass through.

Opaque - Solid colour that doesn't allow light to pass through.

Ceylon – Pearl like finish, primarily pastel colours.

Lustre - A lustrous, semi transparent high gloss finish.

Gold Lustre– A semi transparent golden glow.

Matte – A velvety, non shiny finish.

Frosted - A frosted, non shiny finish.

AB (Aurora Borealis) – An iridescent, multicoloured coating.

Rainbow – A multicolour surface finish.

Iris – Permanent rainbow effect applied when beads are still hot, so finish will not fade.

Metallic – Shiny coating that gives beads the appearance of metal.

Sparkling – Light reflective.

**NB. Manufacturers often combine more than one finish on a bead.
Bead companies have different names for similar finishes.**