

Fancy Spiral Bead

Date

2025

Primary Maker

Wendy Red Star

Medium

Glass

Description

From the Trade Bead Market Ledger: Fancy beads—including striped, swirled, and spiral forms— were produced in Venetian furnaces from the 17th through 19th centuries. They represent some of the most visually striking non-millefiori beads of the period. Their decorative complexity placed them in the upper-middle tier of bead valuation across both North American and African trade networks.

Dimensions

Overall: 5 × 9 3/4 × 5 1/2 in. (12.7 × 24.8 × 14 cm)