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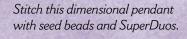
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But times have changed and many readers have migrated to the internet for jewelry-making instructions and inspiration. So it was with great regret at the end of last year that Kalmbach Publishing shuttered both of our sister titles in favor of a new online learning environment that will be unveiled soon (stay tuned!). So we have gone full circle, in a sense, and in the coming months, long-time readers of <code>Bead&Button</code> may notice a slight shift back toward the range of topics covered in earlier issues. While still delivering the bead stitching projects we know you love, we will also bring some other techniques into the mix. For those of you who are receiving <code>Bead&Button</code> in place of the magazine you originally subscribed to, we hope you'll join us in our creative journey. As the saying goes, as one door closes, another one opens. I hope you'll like what you find when you venture in.

To play along with our Find the Bead Strand contest, find the bead strand drawing (just like the one shown at right) that is hidden in the issue. Email me by July 5 with the page the strand is on (put "Find the bead strand" in the subject line). We'll pick a winner the following week. Congratulations to Cheryl Major of Flushing, Michigan, who won our December issue contest!

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citizens with a studio in the country. Candidates must submit a design

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Design challenge

For the design challenge this issue, we used the 2016 Bead&Button Show Commemorative bead by Robyn Cornelius, available at www.BeadAndButtonShow.com. See how it inspired us.

(Design challenge ideas are for your inspiration; instructions are not available.)





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Czech this out

Have you ever wondered how many beads should be in a hank, a strand, or a mass? Read on to enhance your bead shopping savvy.

by Julia Gerlach





Buying in quantity?

Here are some terms you need to know!

Mass = 1200 beads

 $\frac{1}{2}$ mass = 600 beads

 $\frac{1}{4}$ mass = 300 beads

1/8 mass = 150 beads

1/10 mass = 120 beads

Gross = 144 beads

 $\frac{1}{2}$ gross = 72 beads

 $\frac{1}{12}$ gross = 12 beads

Kilo = 1000 grams (2.2 pounds)

1/2 kilo = 500 grams

1/4 kilo = 250 grams

1/10 kilo = 100 grams

t's no coincidence that as you go from bead shop to bead shop you often find Czech glass beads sold on strands — sometimes in individual strands and sometimes in bundles called hanks. This has been the practice within the Czech bead industry for decades. Of course you may find Czech beads in bags, tubes, or on shorter strands, but with a few exceptions, if they're not on strands, they've probably been re-packaged after leaving the factory. Listed below are some standard units and measurements that will help you as you're shopping for beads.

Seed beads

A standard **hank** is made up of 12 20-in. (51 cm) strands. Depending upon the bead size, the weight and number of beads in a hank varies considerably. The approximate weight and bead counts for some of the commonly-found hanks are as follows:

Bead size	grams	bead count
13º Charlottes*	13-17 g	~3800 beads
11ºs	30-40 g	~4000 beads
10ºs	35-40 g	~3500 beads
8° s	65-75 g	~2800 beads
6ºs	130-140 g	~2000 beads

* Charlottes are usually sold on short hanks (12 12-in./30 cm strands). If you're buying vintage seed beads, you'll find that they're usually sold on hanks consisting of ten 8-10-in. (20-25 cm) strands.

Pressed glass and fire-polished beads

Hanks of pressed glass and fire-polished beads have a specific number of beads per strand:

Czech pressed glass

3 and 4 mm = 100 beads per strand 4-6 mm = 50 beads per strand 8 mm or larger = 25 beads per strand

Fire-polished beads

3 and 4 mm = 50 beads per strand 6 mm and larger = 25 beads per strand















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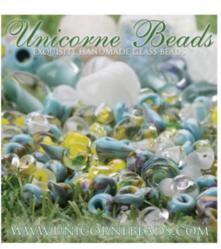
















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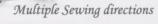
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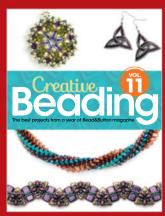






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Margit Vogel Cambridge, England www.iformjewelry.etsy.com



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2nd place

Golden treasure

I'm fairly new to beading, but I hope my simple tips will help others make beautiful jewelry:

- Work when you are in a good mood.
- Use high-quality products, like strong thread and well-made beads and clasps.
- Choose colors carefully; lots of color can be attractive but it can easily go awry.

Elena Vögeli Eschenbach, Switzerland http://martinv4.wix.com/ schmuck-kreation



3rd place

Peace by the river waves

Enjoy what you do, and feel free to be expressive to a fault. The art you create will be beautiful!

Jamie Van Huntington Beach, California jamietvan@gmail.com







Follow your heart and hand, and never give up. Love what you are doing, because you are creating something truly special and oneof-a-kind.

Annamaria Dudas Pietà, Malta www.mybeadcreatives.wordpress.com

MASS appeal

Get a feel for the hardness and density of different minerals to amp up your stone sense.

by Kia Resnick

ears ago, a customer (let's call her Jane) called to tell me how thrilled she was with the big, fabulous ruby beads she'd just bought at a gem show. They were over 10 mm in size, cranberry red, partially translucent, and only \$300. "Hmmm," I thought, "sounds a bit dubious." I was about to leave for Jaipur on a buying trip, and Jane said, "You've got to bring me a bunch more of these from India!" I told her I needed to see the material. She came to my studio, and handed me her beads in a little brown paper sack. I said, "These are not rubies." Jane was horrified. "But Kia," she said, "you haven't

even looked at them!" I didn't need to look at them — the density was wrong.

Basic properties

Every stone belongs to a mineral family, and each mineral family has certain physical properties that define it, and those properties don't change. Density (who remembers this from high school?), or specific gravity, measures how heavy something is compared to the same volume of water. Stay with me; it's really pretty simple. One milliliter (ml) of water weighs exactly one gram, so the density of water is 1. Ruby, in the corundum family, has a density of 4. A ruby the

same size as one ml of water would weigh four grams. You don't have to carry a specific gravity test kit around to know that when you pick up a big strand of ruby beads, it should feel pretty dang heavy. Jane's beads didn't, and they turned out to be dyed quartz.

Another basic stone property is hardness, which is measured by how easily a stone can be scratched, or can scratch something else. Ancient Greeks used scratch tests to identify minerals as early as 300 BCE, and in 1812, German mineralogist Friedrich Mohs put his name on a version of the hardness scale that is still in use today. We can get a quick

Got your pebbles? Okay.

Now, pick one and — this is the highly technical part — attack it with your fingernail.



Different stones can have a similar appearance. From left to right: Emerald, tsavorite, chrome dioptase, green apatite, emerald again.



More look-alikes, from top to bottom: Ruby/pink sapphire (top two strands), spinel, sapphire, tourmaline, sapphire, garnet.



Garnet comes in an array of colors. From left to right: Green grossular, spessartite, hot pink grossular natural crystal, tsavorite, tsavorite gem quality, and grossular crystal slices.

МОН	MOHS HARDNESS SCALE		
1*	Talc, graphite		
2*	Gypsum, muscovite, cinnabar		
3	Calcite, azurite, rhodochrosite, malachite		
4	Fluorite, serpentine		
5	Apatite, turquoise, rhodonite, hematite		
6	Moonstone, sunstone, pyrite, lab- radorite, amazonite, marcasite		
7	Quartz, tourmaline, garnet, beryl, and zircon		
8	Topaz, spinel		
8.5	Chrysoberyl		
9	Corundum		
10	Diamond		

^{*} Not suitable for use in jewelry

understanding of this concept with a real-life demo and this one is kind of fun. You might even want to go outside right now and find some pebbles to test — several different types if possible.

Ready, set, scratch!

Got your pebbles? Okay. Now, pick one and — this is the highly technical part — attack it with your fingernail. In the unlikely event that it crumbles away, either it wasn't a mineral at all, or you've happened on some talc, which is extremely soft at #1 on the Mohs Scale.

If you can scratch but not destroy it with your nail, it's gypsum, #2 on the Mohs Scale. Gypsum can form beautiful crystals, but obviously it's not durable enough for jewelry.

Then you can try a penny, a pocket knife, and a steel file. If your pebbles remain scratch-free, they're probably in the quartz family (#7 on the Mohs Scale), and can scratch glass. Now you are in the range that's considered hard stone, which includes (in addition to quartz) zircon, tourmaline, the beryl family (emerald, aquamarine, and more), and the garnet family. Only a few stones are harder than that. Topaz and spinel measure #8 on the

Mohs Scale, and can scratch quartz. Chrysoberyl, including the rare colorchanging gem alexandrite, comes in at #8.5. The corundum family — ruby and sapphire — is extremely hard at #9, and then there is only diamond, which at #10 is by far the hardest natural substance on the planet. (By the way, the Mohs Scale is not proportional, and diamonds are at least 40 times harder than ruby and sapphire.)

Develop skills over time

I promise, if you keep scratch-testing rocks, and pay attention to their weight, you'll start to develop a sense of what different densities and levels of hardness feel like. If Jane had tried to scratch a quartz crystal with her "ruby" beads, they would have just slid across the surface, leaving no mark. A real ruby, on the other hand, would have scratched quartz easily. Zircon and spinel are dense stones that come in a variety of colors, including a deep, ruby-like red, but zircon can be scratched by spinel, and both can be scratched by ruby (or sapphire).

Two other important mineral properties are crystal form and refractive index, and we'll learn more about those in next issue's coverage of the beryl family.

Once I convinced Jane her rubies really were bogus, she contacted the gem show company where she had found them, and they helped her get hold of the dealer she'd bought them from. He swore he'd been told they were rubies and that was all he knew. The guy was either a liar or he didn't know a whole lot about stones, but he gave Jane her money back. Reputable show promoters don't allow their exhibitors to sell misidentified goods, though naturally they can't check every strand of beads. And remember, while an understanding of hardness and density can definitely help identify gems, it won't tell you if the material has been dyed, irradiated, oiled, or glass-filled. So do your own research, find honest, knowledgeable sellers — and don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions!

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A GEM OF A FIND JEWELRY SET

Create stunning jewelry using dainty aquamarine gemstones that hang from gold chain to create a delicate set.

designed by Jennifer Robinson



Bracelet Dangles

Make dangles: On a head pin, string an aquamarine rondelle, and make the first half of a wrapped loop. Set two of the rondelles aside for later, and repeat this step with the remaining 123 rondelles.



Attach the remaining dangle to the end chain link of the unembellished section, and complete the wrap.

Assembly

For an adjustable bracelet length of $6-7\frac{1}{2}$ in. (15-19.1 cm), cut a $6\frac{3}{4}$ -in. (17.1 cm) piece of flat oval cable chain. Working from one end of the chain, attach two dangles to each chain link, completing each wrap as you go. If desired, alternate varying shades of dangles on each link. Stop when you have one dangle left unattached. This remaining dangle will be used in step 4. There should be approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. (3.2 cm) of unembellished chain that will serve as the catch for the clasp.

note

If a longer bracelet length is desired, cut the chain to your desired length minus the length of the clasp. Approximately 22 rondelles and head pins are required for each additional 1-in. (2.5 cm) in length.



On one end of a 4-in. (10 cm) piece of 26-gauge wire, make the first half of a wrapped loop. Attach the loop to the end of the chain with the dangles, and complete the wrap. String two rondelles onto the wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop on this end of the wire, attach the loop to the lobster clasp, and complete the wrap.



Earrings

- 1 On a head pin, string a rondelle, and make the first half of a wrapped loop. Repeat this step to make a total of 18 dangles. Complete the wraps on two of the dangles, and set them aside.

 2 Cut a ¾-in. (1.9 cm) piece of flat oval cable chain. Working from one end of the chain, attach two dangles to each chain link, completing each wrap as you go. If desired, add the dangles in gradating colors.
- **3** Open the loop of an ear wire, and attach a wrapped dangle, the end link of the chain with dangles, and a wrapped dangle. Close the loop.
- **4** Repeat steps 1–3 to make a second earring.

Difficulty rating











Materials adjustable bracelet

6-7½ in. (15-19.1 cm)

- 125 3.5 mm aquamarine rondelles (multiple shades on one strand)
- 1 lobster clasp (gold)
- 4 in. (10 cm) 26-gauge wire (gold-filled)
- 6¾ in. (17.1 cm) flat oval cable chain, 2.3 mm width (gold-filled, www.riogrande.com)
- 123 13/16 in. (30 mm) 27-gauge head pins with single ball tip (gold vermeil)
- chainnose pliers
- · roundnose pliers
- · wire cutters

earrings 11/8 in. (2.9 cm)

- **36** 3.5 mm aguamarine rondelles
- 1 pair of earring findings
- 1½ in. (3.8 cm) flat oval cable chain, 2.3 mm width (gold-filled, www.riogrande.com)
- **36** 13/16 in. (30 mm) 27-gauge head pins with single ball tip (gold vermeil)

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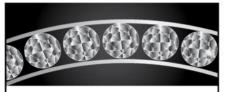
wrapped loop

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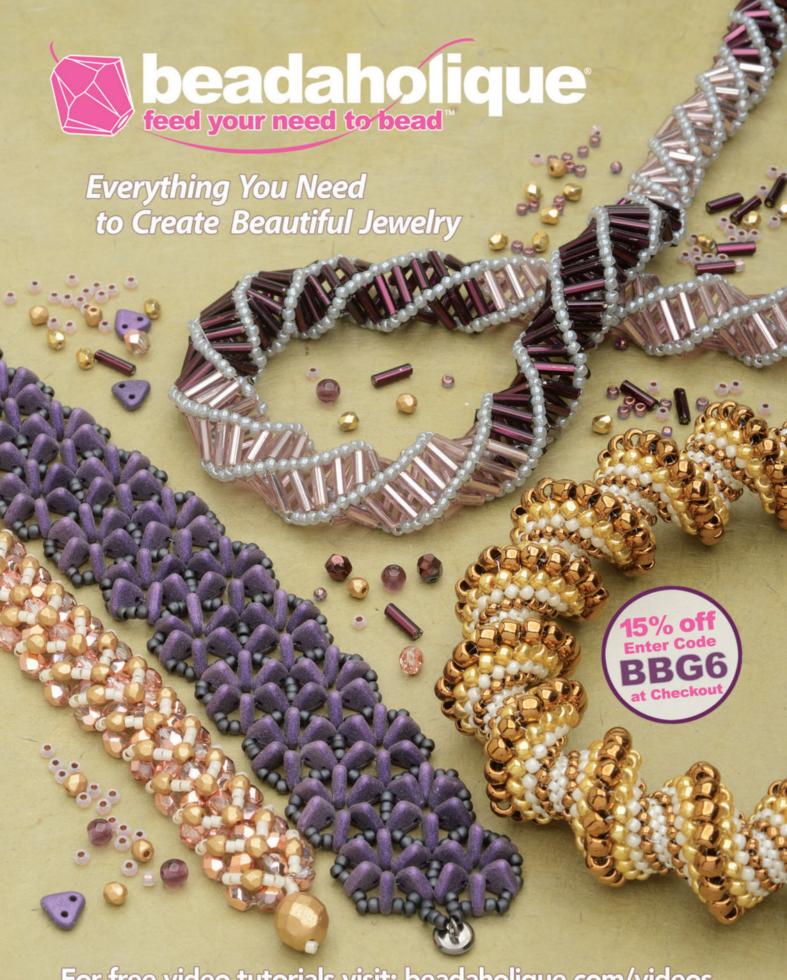


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New threads in an

Discovery and innovation breathe new life

drienne Gaskell is a thoroughly modern jewelry artist, unafraid to explore new techniques, materials, or processes, and equally unafraid to adopt what works and reject what doesn't. Kumihimo is the Japanese art of braiding, usually with silk. It's an ancient art weighted with symbolism and ritual, heavy with tradition.

When a 21st century artist meets a 1500-year-old art, the artist has a choice to make: adhere tightly to the art's traditions, or run roughshod over hundreds of years of history and meaning. Or the artist can choose as Gaskell did: She respects artistic traditions of kumihimo, but she also respects her own vision, and thus she can fuse the two into pieces that transcend both.

Charting her course

Gaskell, who is celebrating her eleventh year as a teacher at the Bead&Button Show and her third consecutive year teaching a Kumihimo Master Class (plus planning her fourth in 2017), became a full-time jewelry artist after spending 25 years in advertising, "which, to be honest, was probably the best thing for me because it taught me everything I needed to know about the business side of being a self-employed artist," she says. "But I've always been an artist, I can tell you that." She started with needlework and other textile arts as a child. Then 30 years ago she discovered metalsmithing, followed later

by beads. And then, in what Gaskell calls "a happy accident," she took a class in kumihimo.

"What I love about kumihimo is it can act as a canvas for my other work. I can add metalsmithing or I can add bead weaving to my pieces," she says. And she discovered that the braids she made were not only beautiful, but sturdy. "When you have high-end jewelry, it has to be durable."

However, that first class raised more questions than it answered, Gaskell says. She spent her first year developing a process that worked for her. While others might have abandoned kumihimo, Gaskell dug in because she considers herself "an engineer masquerading as an artist. It's the process that means the most to me," Gaskell says.

Then Gaskell signed up for a workshop with Japanese kumihimo master Makiko Tada. "I was fortunate that my first formal kumihimo instruction was with Makiko — she and her mother are credited with reviving the art and she invented the first foam kumihimo disk," Gaskell says. "Since then we've become great friends. I've spent time with her in Japan when I've gone there to teach and she's visited me here."

On the cutting edge

Gaskell says it's an exciting time to be involved in the art of kumihimo. "Innovation is happening now," she says. "I can



Engineering the unexpected, like incorporating feathers into a kumihimo necklace, is one of Adrienne's many strengths.

Photos by Carl Israel (left) and Robert Diamente (below).





ancient braid

into a traditional technique.

by Lori Ann White

create entirely new braids and techniques and pass them on to my students. I never felt I could do that with any of the other things I did, like needlework. I always felt I was copying people who had been doing it, sometimes for hundreds of years."

Gaskell cites the wealth of new materials, from beads to braiding materials to findings — even new adhesives — as a big reason the art has become so popular. Her own contributions to the field of cutting-edge kumihimo supplies include clasps that use rare earth magnets. "They're so strong they create very secure closures for kumihimo necklaces."

Sharing ideas

Gaskell is also in demand as a teacher. In addition to the Master Class, she'll teach two other classes at the Bead&Button Show. At Braids 2016, the Braid Society's conference, which is taking place in July in Tacoma, Washington, Gaskell will teach a braid she developed last year that she calls the embellished oimatsu. She makes regular trips to Japan, where she teaches for the Japanese Kumihimo Society. "This year I had 90 students over five days," Gaskell says. "Some traveled more than eight hours one way to take the class, which is pretty flattering."

Gaskell uses foam disks to teach children but teaches adults on the marudai, the traditional Japanese braiding stand. "It's the fastest and most efficient way of braiding," she

says, "and braids made on a marudai are more uniform." With her unique approach to kumihimo, she spares her students the time she spent developing her technique. "I sometimes think trial and error is over-rated," Gaskell says with a laugh.

Kumihimo students who can't make her classes have not been forgotten: Gaskell's first kumihimo book and a separate video DVD will be available this summer on her website, www.adriennegaskell.com. "The book has more than 25 projects, but it's more like a textbook and reference guide," she says. "The projects all help braiders advance their skills." Her fans in Japan haven't been forgotten either; Makiko Tada is translating the book into Japanese.

Gaskell is also one of the founders of the American Kumihimo Society. She says the new non-profit society is planning its first conference in the fall of 2017.

"Some people ask me why I want to share so many of my kumihimo techniques and I say, 'I can't keep this to myself," she says. "When you discover something it's great, and when you share it you get to relive the process of discovery."

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Left and below, left: High-end materials enhance Adrienne's classic sense of design.

Below and below, right: Customized design elements give Adrienne's work a one-of-a-kind look.

Photos by Robert Diamante (left and below, left) and Hap Sakwa (below and below, right).





Kumihimo on the double

Use a marudai, bead spinner, and a few clever techniques and bead choices to amp up your kumihimo designs.

by Adrienne Gaskell



he beaded kongoh gumi Z-spiral braid, which I call 2-drop kongoh (because you drop one bead per cord each time you move a pair of cords), can be done on a kumihimo disk but I prefer the marudai in part because I find it goes at least twice as fast as using the disk.

Of course, if you prefer, this project can also be made using a disk. Instructions for the disk are available at www.BeadAndButton. com/basics.

This bracelet, which I call "Two-to-tango," consists of two 2-drop kongoh braids connected together in the center using two-hole lentil

beads, SuperDuos, and 6º seed beads. For efficiency, I'll teach you to string the beads for both braids on the same cords. You'll braid the first braid, work a section of unbeaded braid, and then braid the second braid. Later, you'll fold the braid in half, and fit into the clasp.

Setup

1 Cut four cords to 8 ft. (2.4 m) each. Line up the ends, center the cords in a 10 mm or larger split ring, and tie an overhand knot to secure the cords to the rina (photo a). This creates the

eight cords for your braid. 2 Feed the ring through the center hole of the marudai, slide a chopstick through the split ring, and tape the chopstick to the underside of the mirror (the "face" of the marudai) (photo b). Arrange the cords around the mirror. placing two at the top (north), two at the bottom (south), and two on each side (east and west).

3 String each cord with the beads listed at right. Refer to "Bead loading chart" to determine how many beads to string for your desired bracelet length.

what's in a name?

Z-spiral kongoh gumi is the Japanese term for the 8-cord braid that is often used for making jewelry. You may know this braid as a round braid and you may have heard the terms "element" or "warp" instead of "cord." All of the terms refer to the same thing!

Bead loading chart Allows for 1-in. (2.5 cm) clasp; braids

are shorter than finished bracelet length.



	CORDS 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8	CORDS 3 AND 7
Bracelet length	Total inches of 11°s on each warp	# of lentils on each warp
6½ in. (16.5 cm)	7 in. (18 cm)	26
7 in. (18 cm)	7 in. (18 cm)	28
7½ in. (19.1 cm)	8 in. (20 cm)	30
8 in (20 cm)	8 in. (20 cm)	32
8½ in. (21.6 cm)	9 in. (23 cm)	34
9 in. (23 cm)	9 in. (23 cm)	36













Cords 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8: String 7-9 in. (18-23 cm) of 11°s. To load them superfast, use a bead spinner! (See "Spinning is fun," p. 40.) Cord 3: String a repeating pattern of a 3 mm magatama, an 11°, a 6 mm twohole lentil, and an 11° until you have strung the number of lentils indicated in the "Bead loading chart." End

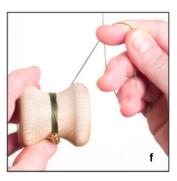
Cord 7: String a repeating pattern of a 6 mm two-hole lentil, an 11°, a 3 mm magatama, and an 11° until you

the pattern with a lentil.



have strung the number of lentils indicated in the "Bead loading chart." End the pattern with a magatama.

- **4** After you string each cord, tie a tama loop at the end of the cord, and attach a tama:
- About 3 in. (7.6 cm) from the end of the cord, make a fold. With the folded end, make a loop. Pass the folded end through the loop, and pull tight **(photo c)**. This loop should be pretty small, but the size isn't critical.
- Next, pass the working cord through the loop, making a large, loose loop (photo d).
 Insert the tama or into the new loop, and pull snug.



 Begin wrapping the cord onto the tama, winding about half of the beads onto the tama as you go. Push the remaining beads up onto the mirror. Stop winding when you have about 6 in. (15 cm) of cord between the tama and the bottom edge of the mirror. Make a slipping hitch: With the working cord coming from the bottom of the tama, grasp the middle of the cord with your dominant hand palm down (photo e). Flip your hand over, wrapping the cord around your fingers to form a loop (photo f). Slip the loop over the tama (photo g), and tighten the



Difficulty rating











Materials

dark blue bracelet

7 x 1 in. (18 x 2.5 cm)

- **56** 6 mm CzechMates two-hole lentil beads (silver)
- **28** 2.5 x 5 mm SuperDuo Beads (purple)
- **56** 3 mm magatama teardrops (Toho 711, nickel-plated silver)
- 6 g 6º seed beads (Toho 88, metallic cosmos)
- **8 g** 11º seed beads (Toho 88, metallic cosmos)
- 1 1-in. (2.5 cm) magnetic clasp (www.adriennegaskell.com)
- 1 10 mm (or larger) split ring
- S-Lon nylon cord (Tex 135, purple)
- S-Lon nylon Micro cord (Tex 70, black)
- Big-Eye beading needle
- marudai
- 8 70-gram tama
- counterweights equaling about 150 g
- bead spinner with curved beadspinner needle
- pliers or hemostat
- cord burner
- toothpicks
- two-part epoxy
- vise

Information for the orange and turquoise bracelet is listed at www. BeadAndButton.com/resources

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- overhand knot
- square knot
- · ending thread
- attaching a stop bead

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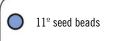


cord. **Photo h** shows the finished slipping hitch. Push the beads off the mirror down to the tama.

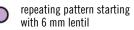
Braiding

1 Remove the chopstick from the split ring below the mirror, and attach your counterweight to the split ring. 2 Work a 2-drop kongoh braid with no beads for ½ in. (1.3 cm):

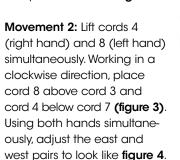
Movement 1: Lift cords 2 and 6 simultaneously. Hold the cords, not the tama; the tama should hang freely. The



repeating pattern starting with 3 mm magatama



cords hang over your fingers about 1 in. (2.5 cm) from the mirror. Working in a clockwise direction, place cord 2 to the right of cord 5 and cord 6 to the left of cord 1 (figure 1). Using both hands simultaneously, adjust the top and bottom pairs to look like figure 2.



Repeat the two movements until the unbeaded braid is ½ in. (1.3 cm) and all the cords are back in their original positions.

Note: The cords switch positions as you braid, but the active cords are always the ones in positions 2 and 6 and 4 and 8. It takes a total of four pairs of movements for the cords to return to their original positions. It may help to label tama 3 and 7 so you can easily tell them apart (putting a sticker on one end of each tama is a great way to do this!).

3 Continue working as in step 2, but now add beads using my "Drop, skip, jump" method: Lift cords 2 and 6. With your thumbs, isolate the top bead on each cord. While lifting the cords about 1 in. (2.5 cm) above the mirror and keeping tension on

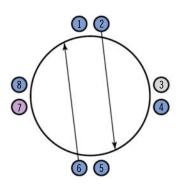


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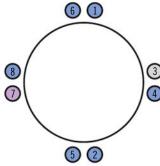


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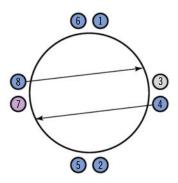


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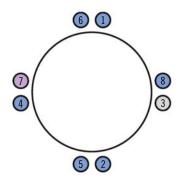
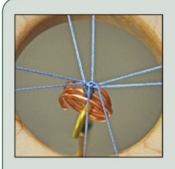
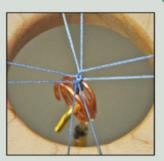


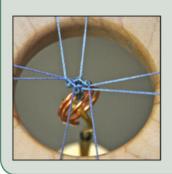
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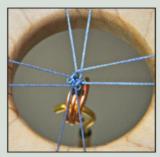




the point of the braiding

It is helpful to understand what the braid is supposed to look like as you're working it. The two sets of photos here show the point of the braid both without beads (above) and with beads (below). In both sets, the photo on the left shows what the braid looks like after movement 1 and the photo on the right shows the braid after movement 2. Look closely and you will see that in each case the cords that were just moved cross over the adjacent perpendicular cords. As you are braiding, if you ever get confused about where you are in the sequence, look at the point of the braid to see which cords are on top. Those will be the last ones you worked with and you'll know that you need to move the other set next.





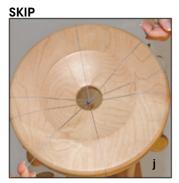
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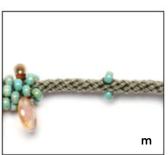


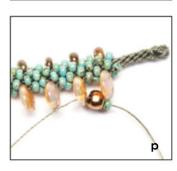
the cords, let the beads drop toward the point of the braid (photo i). Lower the cords down to touch the mirror, and "skip" the cords until the beads drop under the horizontal cords into their new positions (photo j). Watch as the beads slip under the previously braided cords all by themselves! Lift the cords slightly, and "jump" the cords into their new positions (photo k).

Continue to add beads on each move and keep braiding until you've used half the lentils that were strung on cords 3 and 7. As you braid, your cords will get shorter and you'll need to adjust them as the tama get too close to the mirror. To do so, lift the tama slightly to release the tension on the cord, and rotate the tama toward you a bit (photo I). The slipping hitch will release the cord, giving vou more cord to work with. To release more beads onto the working cord, remove the slipping hitch from the tama. Slide more beads toward the mirror, and make a new slipping hitch.

After working the last lentil into the braid, work three more pairs of movements, each time dropping one 11º on each cord (adding a total of six more 11°s). **4** Braid ½ in. (1.3 cm) with iust the cords. When cords 3 and 7 are next in the active position, drop an 11º from

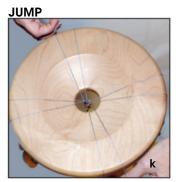






each cord, work them into the

braid, and then work another $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (1.3 cm) of braid with no beads. This will create a 1-in. (2.5 cm) unbeaded section with two 11°s in the middle of it (photo m). **5** Work as in step 3 to braid the second braid. End this braid with a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (1.3 cm) section without beads. **6** Using pliers or a hemostat, grasp the unbeaded end of the braid just under the point of braiding. While securely holding the pliers or hemostat, use your other hand to remove the counterweight. Lift the braid from the marudai, and rest the braid and the tama on your work surface. Still holding the braid with the hemostat or pliers, use a cord burner to burn off the excess cord (photo n). Keep burning the cords until







the end of the braid is sealed. **7** Fold the unbeaded section. and check to see if it fits into the clasp opening (photo o). If the 11°s in the middle of the unbeaded section are in the way, break them with pliers and remove them. If the unbraided section doesn't fit into the clasp well, burn the braids apart, melting and sealing the ends as before. 8 Remove the split ring from the beginning of the braid. Melt and seal the remaining

Join

1 On 7 ft. (2 m) of Micro cord, attach a stop bead, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Thread a Big-eye needle on the other end.

end of the first braid, burning

off the bulky starting knot.

2 Pick up a 6º seed bead, and on one braid, sew

through the open hole of the second lentil from one end, working toward the other end (photo p). Repeat this stitch to add a 6º between each pair of lentils along the entire braid. 3 Pick up an 11º, a SuperDuo, and an 11°, and sew through the open hole of the end lentil on the other braid (photo q). Working as in step 2, add a 6º between each pair of lentils on this braid.

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4 Pick up an 11º a SuperDuo, and an 11°, and sew through the end lentil on the first braid. Retrace the thread path through all the lentils and 6°s in each braid as well as the 11°s and SuperDuos at each end. Sew through the first lentil of the first braid, and adjust the tension as needed to remove most of the slack.

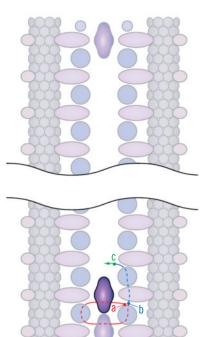


FIGURE 5

Do not pull too tight or you will inadvertently shorten your bracelet. This is especially important if you're using Czech 6°s, which are sometimes quite a bit smaller than Japanese seed beads.

Remove the stop bead, and tie the working thread and tail with a square knot. Sew through the next 6°, and gently pull the knot into the 6°. Use a cord burner to trim the tail.

5 With the cord exiting the first 6° on braid 1, pick up a SuperDuo, and sew through the corresponding 6° on braid 2, the open hole of the previous SuperDuo, and the 6° your thread just exited (figure 5, a-b). Retrace the thread path through the connection (not shown for clarity), and then sew through the next lentil and 6° (b-c). Repeat these stitches for the length of the bracelet. After exiting the last 6°, sew through the open hole of the SuperDuo at this end of the

bracelet, the end 6° on the other braid, and the last SuperDuo added. Retrace the thread path through the last stitch, make a few half-hitch knots in the beadwork, and burn off the extra cord.

Clasp

- 1 Check that the unbeaded ends of the braids fit into the appropriate openings of the clasp so that the beads butt up against the clasp. If any of the ends are too long, use the cord burner to trim.
- **2** Place half the clasp in a vise so that the opening points up.
- **3** Following the manufacturer's instructions, dispense equal amounts of two-part epoxy onto a piece of plastic or aluminum foil, and mix thoroughly. Use a toothpick to fill the opening of the clasp about halfway with a small amount of epoxy. Spread additional epoxy on one end of each braid.

sticky situation Apply the epoxy all the way up to the beads but not on or amongst them.

- 4 Insert the unbeaded portion of the braids into the opening. Hold in place while pushing the braids down into the clasp for several minutes. Set aside for one hour before gluing the other ends of the braids into the other half of the clasp.
- **5** Allow the epoxy to cure for 24 hours before wearing. ●

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Spinning beads is a huge time-saver! One caveat — you can't use a spinner on cords that require the beads be strung in a specific pattern or orientation because the beads load randomly.

During testing for this project, it took only 45 minutes total to string the beads onto all eight cords — and most of that time was spent stringing the two patterned cords (cords 3 and 7).

To quickly load your six cords with 11°s, pour your beads into the bowl of the bead spinner, filling the bowl to about one-third capacity. Thread your cord into the eye of the bead-spinner needle.

If your cord won't fit through the eye of the needle (or if the cord and the needle are too thick to pass through your beads), make a leader:

- Cut a 6-in. (15 cm) piece of 4-6 lb. Fireline, and thread it through the eye of the needle. Tie the ends together with an overhand knot.
- Now, thread your cord into the loop of Fireline.

Rotate the bowl by turning the spindle in whichever direction is most comfortable for you. As the bowl spins, dip the tip of the needle into the beads, pointing it in the opposite direction the bowl is spinning, and watch as the beads load onto the needle. You should be able to get 3-4 in. (7.6-10 cm) of beads loaded onto your needle in 30 seconds or so. Adjust the needle position as needed.





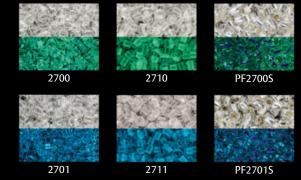


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Work several rounds of beadwork off a bezeled center for a stunning and intricate mandala-style pendant.

designed by Zsuzsanna Veres

Difficulty rating











Materials

- pendant 2 in. (5 cm)1 14 mm rivoli (Swarovski, purple haze)
- **9** 4 mm fire-polished beads (polychrome olive mauve)
- **45** 2.5 x 5 mm SuperDuo beads (pearl coat purple velvet)
- 27 8° cylinder beads (Miyuki DBL0023, metallic smoky gold iris)
- 11º cylinder beads (Miyuki)
 - **2 g** color A (DB1055, matte metallic gray dusk gold iris
 - **2 g** color B (DB0611, dyed silverlined wine)
- 1 g 15º seed beads (Toho 221, bronze)
- 1 12 x 5 mm bail (TierraCast "Legend," antique copper)
- 1 6 mm jump ring (antique copper)
- · Fireline, 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #11 or #12
- 2 pairs of chainnose, flatnose, and/or bentnose pliers
- · thread bobbin or piece of cardboard

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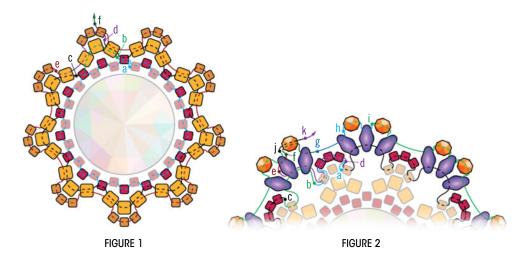
- peyote stitch: tubular, circular
- ending and adding thread
- opening and closing loops and jump rings

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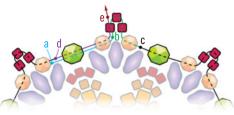


FIGURE 3

Bezel

1 On 3 yd. (2.7 m) of thread, pick up 36 color B 11° cylinder beads, and sew through the first three beads again to form a ring, leaving an 8-ft. (2.4 m) tail. These beads will shift to form rounds 1 and 2 as the next round is added. Wrap the tail on a thread bobbin or piece of cardboard.

2 Work rounds of tubular peyote stitch for the front of the bezel as follows, and step up at the end of each round: Round 3: Work a round using color A 11° cylinder beads.

Rounds 4–5: Work both rounds using 15° seed beads. End this thread. **3** Unwind the tail from the thread bobbin, and attach a needle. Flip the beadwork over, and place the rivoli face down into the beadwork. Stitching off the B cylinders in round 1, work two rounds using 15°s for the back of the bezel, using a tight tension.

4 Sew through the beadwork to exit a B cylinder in round 1 of the bezel. This is the round of cylinders nearest the 15°s on the back of the bezel.

Edge embellishment

1 Work rounds of circular peyote stitch as follows:

Round 1: Working off round 1 of the bezel, stitch a round using As **(photo)**, and step up at the end of the round.

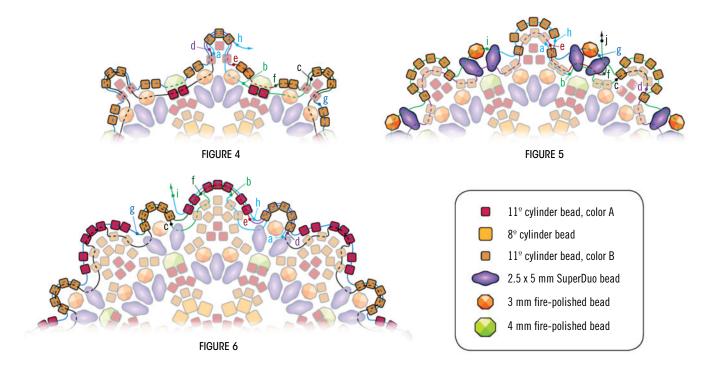
Round 2: Flip the beadwork to the front. Working off the As just added, stitch another round using As, and step up at the end of the round (figure 1, a-b). For clarity, only round 1 of "Edge embellishment" is shown in the figure.

2 Pick up three 8° cylinder beads, skip the next A in the previous round, and sew through the following A to form a picot **(b-c)**. Repeat this stitch eight times to complete the round, and sew through the first 8° added **(c-d)**.

3 Pick up three Bs, skip the center 8°, and sew through the next 8° in this picot and the first 8° in the next picot (d-e), positioning the beads in front of the center 8°. Repeat this stitch eight times to complete the round, and step up through the first B added (e-f).

4 Pick up three As, skip the center B, and sew through the next B (figure 2, α-b). Pick up three SuperDuo beads,





and sew through the first B in the next picot (b-c). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (c-d). Sew through the next six beads as shown to exit the inner hole of the center SuperDuo (d-e), and continue through the open hole of the same SuperDuo (e-f).

- **5** Pick up a 3 mm fire-polished bead, and sew through the open hole of the next SuperDuo (f-g). Skip the next picot, and continue through the open hole of the following SuperDuo (g-h). Pull the thread tight to bring together the last two SuperDuos, positioning the picot in front of the SuperDuos. Pick up a 3 mm, and sew through the open hole of the next SuperDuo (h-i). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (i-j), and sew through the first 3 mm added at the beginning of this step (j-k).
- 6 Pick up 4 mm fire-polished bead, and sew through the next 3 mm (figure 3, a-b). Pick up three As, and sew through the following 3 mm (b-c). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (c-d), and sew through the next 4 mm, the 3 mm, and the first A in the following picot (d-e).
- **7** Pick up three Bs, skip the center A, and sew down through the next A and 3 mm (figure 4, a-b). Pick up two As, cross in front of the next 4 mm, and

sew through the following 3 mm and A (b-c). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (c-d), and sew through the first three Bs added and the next A (d-e).

- **8** Pick up two Bs, and sew through the next 4 mm **(e-f)**. Pick up two Bs, and sew through the following A, three Bs, and A **(f-g)**. Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round, but only sew through the A and three Bs for the last stitch **(g-h)**.
- **9** Pick up a B, and sew through the next two Bs (figure 5, a-b). Pick up two SuperDuos, skip the next 4 mm, and sew through the following two Bs (b-c). Pick up a B, and sew through the next three Bs (c-d). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (d-e). Sew through the first B added in this round, the next two Bs, and the first two SuperDuos (e-f). Continue through the open hole of the same SuperDuo (f-g). 10 Pick up a 3 mm, sew through the open hole of the next SuperDuo, skip the next two Bs, and continue through the B added in the previous step (g-h). Pick up five Bs, skip the next three Bs, and sew through the following B added in the previous step and the open hole of the next SuperDuo (h-i). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (i-j), pulling tight as you go so the outer edge of the beadwork

curves slightly toward the back. If it is not curving, gently push the 4 mm firepolished beads from the back of the beadwork toward the front, and pull tight again.

- 11 Pick up five Bs, skip the next 3 mm, sew through the outer hole of the next SuperDuo, and continue through the first two Bs in the picot added in the previous round (figure 6, a-b). Pick up three As, skip the center B, and sew through the next two Bs in the same picot and the outer hole of the following SuperDuo (b-c). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (c-d), and sew through the first five Bs added in this round (d-e).
- 12 Pick up two As, and sew through the next set of three As added in the previous round (e-f). Pick up two As, and sew through the next set of five Bs added in the previous round (f-g). Repeat these stitches eight times to complete the round (g-h).
- 13 Sew through the next seven Bs from the last two rounds to reinforce the next three-bead picot (h-i). Open a 6 mm jump ring, slide it under the three-bead picot just reinforced and through the loop in the bail. Close the jump ring and end the thread. ●



PEYOTE STITCH

bracelet

Create a stunning peyote stitched bracelet of blooming roses in lavish hues of red and pink.

designed by Justyna Szlezak

Bracelet band

1 On a comfortable length of thread, attach a stop bead, leaving a 12-in. (30 cm) tail. Starting at the upper-right corner of the pattern (p. 48), pick up 10 color A 11º cylinder beads, one color L 11º cylinder bead, and 21 As for rows 1 and 2. **2** Following the **pattern**, work in flat even-count peyote stitch using the appropriate color beads. End and add thread as needed, but do not end the working thread or tail when you complete the band.

make it longer

Use color A cylinders to work additional rows of peyote stitch evenly on each end of the base. Ten rows adds approximately % in. (1 cm).

Difficulty rating









Materials

bracelet 7 x 15/8 in. (18 x 4.1 cm)

- 11º Delica cylinder beads (Miyuki)
 - 4 g color A (DB211, opaque alabaster luster)
 - 2 g color B (DB070, rose-lined pink AB)
 - 2 g color C (DB654, opaque maroon)
 - 3 g color D (DB856, matte light red AB)
 - 1 g color E (DB657, opaque olive)
 - 1 g color F (DB734, opaque chocolate brown)
- 1 g color G (DB206, opaque salmon)
- 1 g color H (DB909, sparkling beige-lined chartreuse)
- 1 g color I (DB723, opaque dark cranberry)
- 2 g color J (DB105, dark cranberry gold luster)
- 1 g color K (DB769, matte transparent taupe)
- 1 g color L (DB1055, matte metallic rose green AB)
- 1 g color M (DB201, pearl white)
- 1 g 11º seed beads (Miyuki 591, ivory pearl Ceylon)
- 2 8 mm magnetic clasps
- · Fireline, 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #11 or #12

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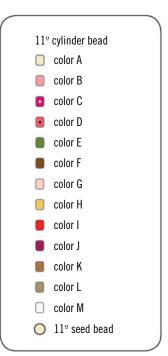
- peyote stitch: flat even-count
- · ending and adding thread
- · attaching a stop bead

Justyna Szlezak was a talented bead artist from Poland. She passed away in 2015 after a battle with cancer. We first published her "Blooming flower pendant" in June, 2015, and her "Doing donuts pendant" in April, 2016, and her family is generously allowing us to publish this pattern. Find more patterns at www.inmemoryoferidhan.etsy.com.

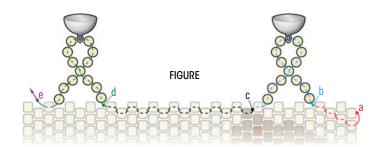
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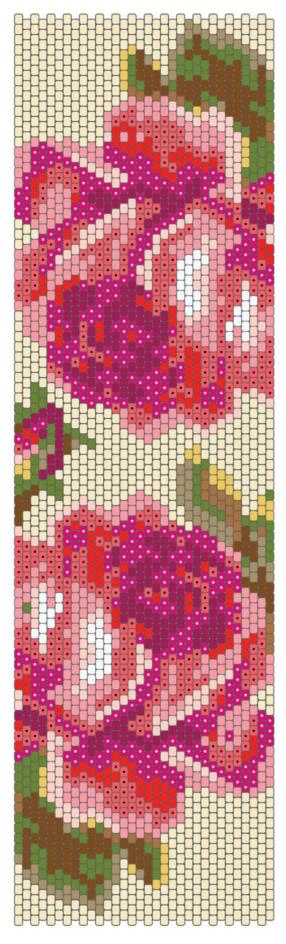
1 With the tail thread, sew through the beadwork as shown to exit the second up-bead from the edge on the end row (figure, a-b). 2 Pick up seven 11º seed beads, half of a magnetic clasp, and three 11°s, and sew back through the fourth 11º just added. This forms a loop of beads through the clasp. Pick up three 11°s, skip the next two up-beads in the end row, and sew through the following up-bead **(b-c)**. Pull the thread tight, and sew through the beadwork to retrace the clasp connection (not shown in figure for clarity). **3** Sew through the beadwork as shown to exit the seventh up-bead from where your thread just exited (c-d). Work as in step 2 to add half of a second clasp to the band (d-e). End the working thread. **4** Using the tail, work as in steps 1-3 to add the matching clasp halves to the opposite end of

the band. •

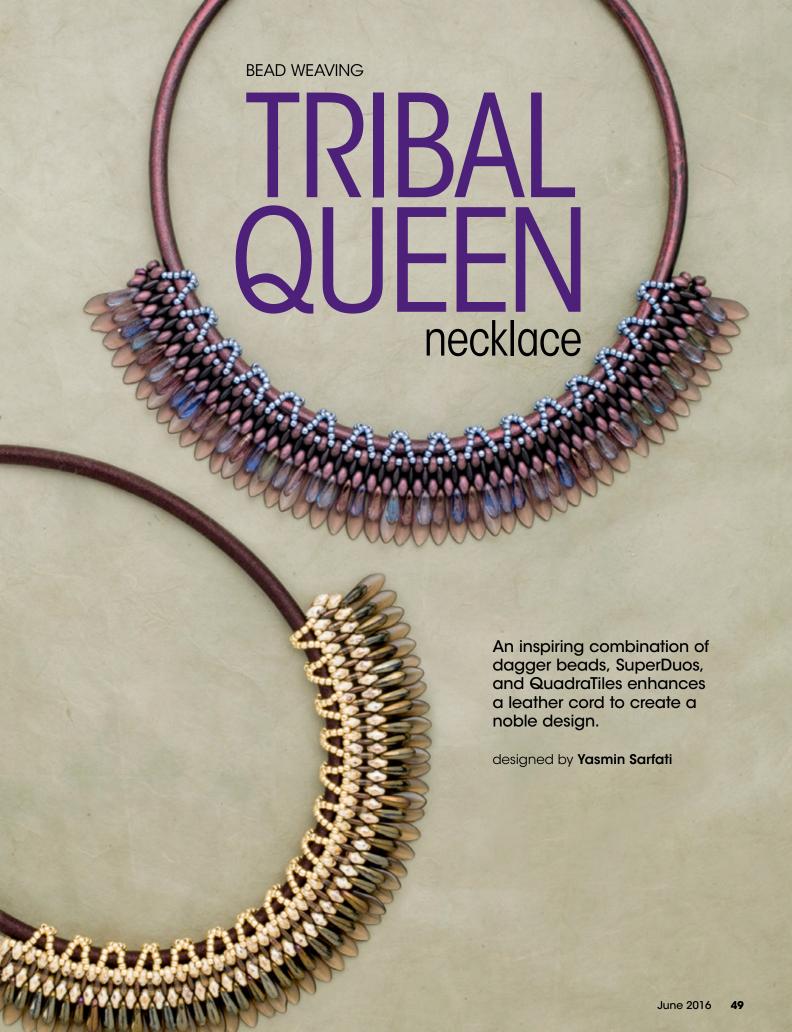


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PATTERN



Difficulty rating











- 48 6 mm CzechMates four-hole QuadraTile beads (dark bronze)
- **15 g** 2.5 x 5 mm SuperDuo beads (opaque luster Picasso)
- dagger beads (Czech)
 - **48** 5 x 16 mm (smoked topaz)
 - **48** 3 x 10 mm (iris brown)
- 5 g 11º seed beads (Toho PF557, galvanized starlight)
- 17 in. (43 cm) 5 mm round leather cord (brown, www.primitivearthbeads.com)
- 1 5 mm inner diameter round magnetic end clasp (www.primitivearthbeads.com)
- · Fireline, 6 lb, test
- beading needles, #11 or #12
- Super New Glue or 2-part epoxy

Information for the alternate colorway is listed at www. BeadAndButton.com/resources.

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- · ending and adding thread
- · attaching a stop bead

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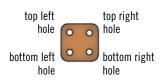
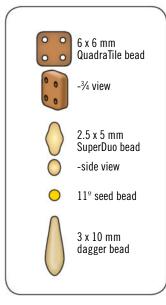


FIGURE 1





Base

For the purposes of these instructions, the holes of the QuadraTile will be referred to as top left hole (TL), top right hole (TR), bottom left hole (BL), and bottom right hole (BR) (figure 1).

1 On 5 ft. (1.5 m) of thread, attach a stop bead, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Pick up a repeating pattern of a SuperDuo and a QuadraTile (TR) 48 times (figure 2, a-b). 2 Pick up two SuperDuos, and sew through the open hole of the last SuperDuo added (b-c). The end SuperDuo will sit horizontally after the next step because it will be connected to both

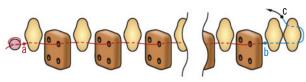


FIGURE 2

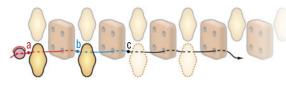


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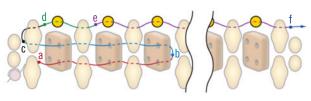


FIGURE 4

the front and back row. **3** Working in the reverse direction, pick up a Super-Duo, and sew back through the next QuadraTile (TL) (photo a). Repeat this stitch 47 times to complete the row. **4** Repeat step 2 on this end of the base, and pull the thread tight. Move the stop bead out of the way by sliding it about 1/4 in. (6 mm) away from the end SuperDuo in the front row. With the working thread, sew through the end SuperDuo (the same hole the tail with the stop

bead is exiting), with the needle facing toward the beadwork. This thread connection will make the last SuperDuo added sit horizontally. Continue through the next QuadraTile (TR), remove the stop bead, and end the working thread and tail. **5** On 2 yd. (1.8 m) of thread, attach a stop bead, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Pick up a SuperDuo, and sew through the BR hole of the first QuadraTile picked up in step 1 (figure 3, a-b). Pick

up a SuperDuo, and sew

through the next QuadraTile (BR) (b-c). Repeat this stitch 46 times to complete the front row, and then repeat

step 2 once. **6** Working in the reverse direction, pick up a Super-Duo, and sew back through the open hole of the next QuadraTile (BL). Repeat this stitch 47 times to add SuperDuos to the back row. Pull the thread tight, and then repeat step 2 once. End and add thread as needed. **7** As before, slide the stop bead ¼ in. (6 mm) away from the end SuperDuo in the front row. With the working thread, sew through the end SuperDuo in the front row (the same hole the tail with the stop bead is exiting) with the needle facing toward the beadwork (only the front of the beadwork is shown in figure for clarity) (figure 4, point a). Sew through the next five beads as shown (a-b). 8 To get into position to start adding 11° seed beads, sew through the

(TR) hole of the same

QuadraTile your thread is exiting, and continue back through the next five beads as shown **(b-c)**. Sew back through the open hole of the SuperDuo your thread is exiting (c-d).

- 9 Pick up an 11º seed bead, and sew through the open hole of the next SuperDuo (d-e). Repeat this stitch 47 times to complete the front row (e-f). Sew through the open hole of the adjacent SuperDuo in the back row. 10 Work as in step 8 to add 11°s to the top edge of the back row. After the last stitch, sew through the nearest hole of the adjacent SuperDuo in the front row with the needle facing toward the beadwork (only the front view is shown in the figure for clarity) (figure 5, point a). 11 To get into position to add the first row of 3 x 10 mm
- Sew through the next 11°, and continue back through the adjacent QuadraTile (TR) (positioned below the same 11°), with the needle facing away from the beadwork.

dagger beads:

- · Sew around the closest thread bridge, and sew back through the hole of the same QuadraTile (TR) your thread just exited (a-b).
- Sew back through the adjacent hole of the same QuadraTile (BR), and continue through the nearest hole of the next SuperDuo. Sew through the open hole of the same SuperDuo your thread is exiting (b-c). **12** Pick up a 3 x 10 mm dagger bead, and sew through the open hole of the next SuperDuo (c-d). Repeat this stitch 47 times to complete the front row (d-e).

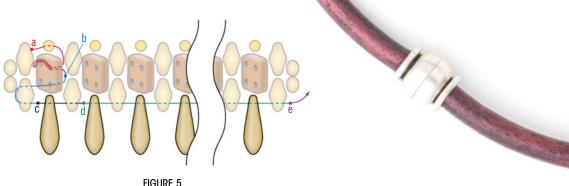


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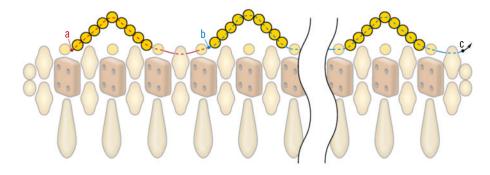
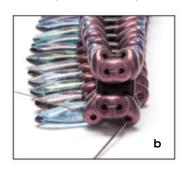


FIGURE 6

- 13 Sew through the open hole of the adjacent SuperDuo in the back row (photo b).
- **14** Working in the reverse direction, pick up a 5 x 16 mm dagger bead, and sew through the open hole of the next SuperDuo. Repeat this stitch 47 times to add daggers to the back row.
- **15** Sew through the nearest hole of the adjacent Super-Duo in the front row. Remove the stop bead, and end the working thread and tail.

Assembly

1 Add 1 yd. (.9 m) of thread to the front row of the base. with the needle exiting the first 11º (figure 6, point a). 2 Pick up nine 11°s, skip

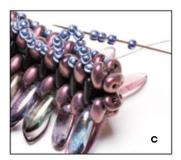


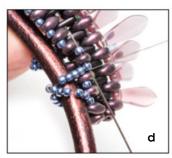
the next SuperDuo, 11º, and SuperDuo in the front row, and sew through the following 11º, SuperDuo, and 11° to create a picot (**a-b**). Repeat this stitch 15 times to complete the front row, but for the last stitch, sew through only the end 11° and Super-Duo (b-c).

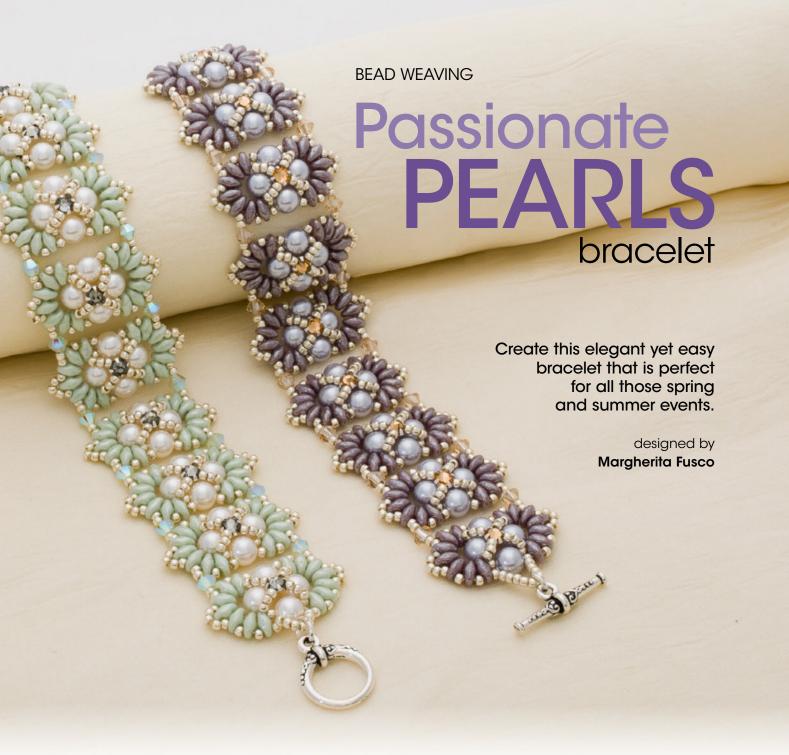
- 3 Sew through the beadwork to exit the adjacent end 11º in the back row, with the needle facina toward the beadwork.
- 4 Pick up four 11°s, sew through the center 11º in the corresponding picot on the front row (photo c). Slide the leather cord under the loop just created, center it over the beadwork, and pull the thread tight. Pick up four

11°s, skip over the leather cord and the next three beads in the back row, and sew through the following 11°, SuperDuo, and 11° to create a mirror image picot on the back row (photo d). Pull the thread tight. Repeat these two stitches 15 times, but on the last stitch, sew through only the end 11º and SuperDuo. End the working thread and tail. If necessary, re-center the leather cord over the beadwork.

5 Use Super New Glue or 2-part epoxy to glue an end cap or magnetic clasp to each end of the cord.







Components

1 On 2 ft. (61 cm) of thread, pick up a repeating pattern of a 6 mm pearl and an 11° seed bead four times, and tie the beads into a ring with a square knot, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Sew through the next pearl and 11° (figure 1). 2 Pick up three 11°s, a 4 mm rose montée, and three 11°s. Cross the center of the ring diagonally, and sew down through the opposite 11°

(figure 2, a-b). Continue through the next pearl and 11° (b-c).

3 Pick up three 11°s, and sew through the open channel of the montée. Pick up three 11°s, and sew through the adjacent 11° (c-d).

4 Pick up seven SuperDuos, skip the next pearl, and sew through the following 11° in the ring **(figure 3, a-b)**. Continue through the next pearl and 11° in the

ring (b-c). Pick up seven SuperDuos, skip the pearl, and sew through the following 11° and pearl (c-d).

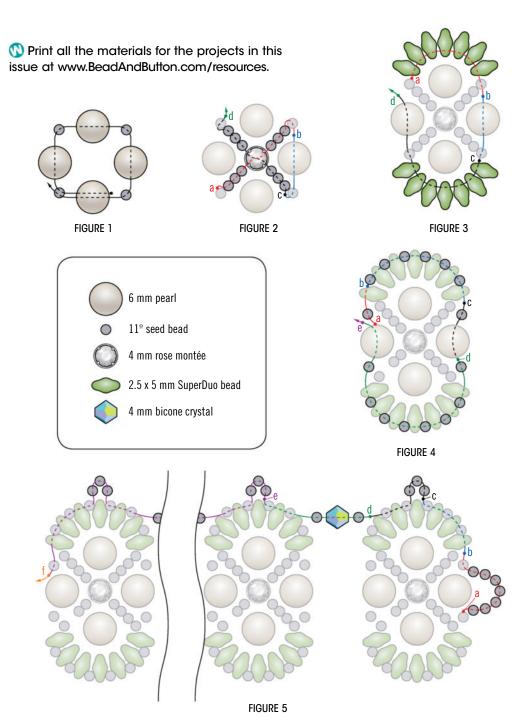
5 Pick up an 11°, and sew through the open hole of the next SuperDuo (figure 4, a-b). Repeat this stitch six times (b-c). Pick up an 11°, and sew through the following pearl (c-d). Repeat these stitches for the other side of the component (d-e). End the working

thread and tail, and set the component aside.

6 Repeat steps 1-5 to make 8 more components for a 7½ in. (19.1 cm) bracelet.

Assembly

1 Add 4 ft. (1.2 m) of thread to a component, exiting an end 11° as shown (figure 5, point a) with the needle pointing toward the other edge. Pick up seven 11°s, skip the pearl, and sew



through the corresponding 11º to form a clasp loop (a-b). Continue through the next six beads (b-c).

note You may add additional 11°s to the clasp loop if needed for length.

2 Pick up three 11°s, skip the next SuperDuo, and sew through the following three beads to form a picot (c-d).

Pick up an 11º, a 4 mm bicone crystal, and an 11°, and sew through the corresponding 11°, SuperDuo, and 11º in a new component (d-e). Repeat these stitches for the remainder of this edge. For the last component, continue through the beadwork as shown to exit the end 11º between the pearl and SuperDuo (e-f). 3 Work as in steps 1-2 to add

a clasp loop with the same

amount of 11°s as used on the opposite end, and embellish the other edge as before. Retrace the thread path of the clasp loops and edae embellishments, and end the thread.

4 Open a jump ring, and attach it to one half of the clasp and a clasp loop. Repeat on the other end. •

Difficulty rating











Materials

green bracelet 7½ x 1¼ in. (19.1 x 3.2 cm)

- 36 6 mm pearls (Swarovski,
- 9 4 mm (SS16) rose montées (Swarovski, black diamond)
- 16 4 mm bicone crystals (Swarovski, chrysolite opal AB2X)
- 9 g 2.5 x 5 mm SuperDuos (503000-14457, chalk green luster light; www.redpandabeads.com)
- 4 g 11º seed beads (Toho PF558, permanent finish galvanized aluminum)
- 1 toggle clasp
- 2 6 mm jump rings
- · Fireline, 6 lb, test
- beading needles, # 11 or #12
- 2 pairs of chainnose, flatnose, and/or bentnose pliers

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- ending and adding thread
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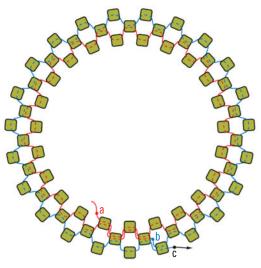
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Garden path bracelet





11° cylinder bead, color A

11° cylinder bead, color B



- 15° seed bead
- 11° seed bead
- 3 mm bicone crystal

FIGURE 1

Bezel

1 On 3 yd. (2.7 m) of thread, pick up 46 color A 11° cylinder beads, leaving a 1-yd. (.9 m) tail. Sew through the first four As picked up, going in the same direction, and pull the thread tight to form a ring. These beads will shift to form the first two rounds as the next round is added (figure 1, a-b). If desired, wrap the tail thread around a thread bobbin or piece of cardboard.

2 Work in rounds of tubular peyote stitch as follows, stepping up at the end of each round. To keep the tension even, you will alternate the threads you stitch with.

Round 3: Using the working thread, work a round using As **(b-c)**.

Round 4: Unwind the tail and using the tail, work a round using color B 11^o cylinder beads on the inside of the ring **(figure 2, a-b)**.

Round 5: Using the tail, work a round using 15°s **(b-c)**. Place the rivoli into the bezel so the front faces the 15°s just added (not shown in the figure for clarity).

Round 6: Using the thread on the back of the bezel, work a round using 15°s, but do not step up at the end of the round **(aa-bb)**. Pull the thread tight to secure the rivoli.

Round 7: Using the thread on the front of the bezel, work a round using 15°s (c-d). Retrace the thread path to cinch up the beads, and end the tail.

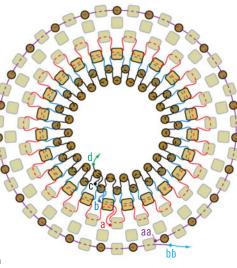


FIGURE 2

Round 8: With the thread on the back of the bezel, use a tight tension to work a round with Bs, and step up at the end of the round **(photo a)**. Since you skipped the step-up after round 6, the new Bs will sit adjacent to the 15°s.



Difficulty rating









Materials

green bracelet 7 x 13/8 in. (18 x 3.5 cm)

- 1 18 mm rivoli (purple haze)
- bicone crystals (Swarovski)
 - **23** 4 mm (purple haze)
 - **55** 3 mm (light rose)
- 14 g 8º seed beads (Miyuki 318Q, opaque olive luster gold)
- 1 g 11^o seed beads (Miyuki 318J, light olivine luster gold)
- 11º cylinder beads (Miyuki)
 - **1 g** color A (DB133, opaque rainbow luster olive)
 - $1 g 11^{\circ}$ color B (DB105, transparent gold luster dark red)
- **2 g** 15º seed beads (Miyuki F460I, olive bronze matte metallic iris)
- 1 34 mm slide-end tube clasp
- chainnose pliers
- beading needles, #11 or #12
- · Fireline, 6 lb. test
- cardboard or thread bobbin (optional)

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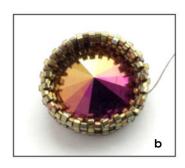
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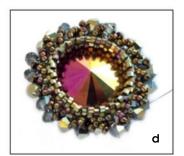
- · peyote stitch: tubular
- · ending and adding thread
- attaching a stop bead

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Rounds 9-10: Work two more rounds using As, stepping up at the end of each round **(photo b)**.

- **3** Continuing with the bezel positioned face-down, sew through the beadwork to exit the closest B in round 8 (the round of Bs that is closest to the back of the bezel). Pick up two 15°s, an 11° seed bead, a 4 mm crystal, an 11°, and two 15°s, and working in the reverse direction, sew through the previous B in the round, with the needle pointing back toward the B your thread is exiting **(photo c)**. The thread should exit above the loop.
- **4** Work as in step 3 to add a total of 23 loops around the outside of the bezel **(photo d)**. Each new loop will overlap part of the previous loop. End and add thread as needed.
- **5** Sew under the last and first loop added in order to position the thread on the front surface of the bezel. Sew through the beadwork to exit the nearest B in the round of Bs closest to the front of the rivoli **(photo e)**.

6 Pick up two 15°s, a 3 mm bicone crystal, and two 15°s, and working as before (going in the reverse direction), sew through the previous B in the same round with the needle pointing back toward the B your thread is exiting (figure 3). Pull the thread tight. The thread should be exit above the loop.
7 Work as in step 6 to add a total of 23 loops around the bezel. Each new loop will overlap part of the previous loop. Sew through the beadwork to exit an "up" A in the last round on the back of the bezel, and set the bezel aside for later.

Base

- 1 On a comfortable length of thread, string a stop bead, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Pick up 14 8° seed beads (figure 4, a-b).
- **2** To start the next row, pick up two 8°s, sew through the adjacent two 8°s in the previous row, and continue through the two 8°s just added **(b-c)**.
- **3** Pick up two 8°s, sew through the adjacent two 8°s in the previous row,

and continue through the next two 8° s in the same row. Sew through the adjacent four 8° s in the new row **(figure 5)**. Repeat this stitch five times to complete the row.

4 Work as in steps 1–3 for the desired bracelet length (less the length of the clasp). End and add thread as needed. To make a 6¼-in. (15.9 cm) base, work a total of 57 rows. Remove the stop bead, and end the working thread and tail.

Clasp

- **1** Gently slide an end row of the base within the slide-end tube clasp.
- **2** Center the beadwork within the clasp, and check the fit. If the base's width isn't wide enough to fill the tube, place a loose 8° inside the tube on each end.
- **3** Use a pair of chainnose pliers to fold the open end of the clasp flat.

Edge embellishment

1 Add a comfortable length of thread to one end row of the base (not counting the row inside the clasp), with the needle exiting an edge 8° facing away from the beadwork (figure 6, point a).

2 Sew under the nearest edge thread

bridge, pick up four 15°s, skip a row, and sew under the next edge thread bridge in the same direction to form a loop (figure 6). Repeat this stitch for the remainder of the edge. End and add thread as needed.



FIGURE 3

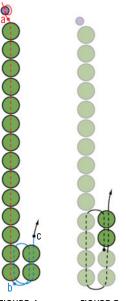


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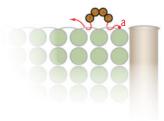


FIGURE 6



make a matching pendant!

Make a second bezel setting, and add a bail: With the working thread, sew through the beadwork to exit a B on the back of the bezel, pick up 20 11°s, and sew through the corresponding B on the front of the bezel. Retrace the thread path to reinforce the connection, and end the thread.



3 Sew through the end row of 8°s to reach the opposite edge, and work as in step 2 to add loops on this edge.

Top embellishment

1 To get into position to add the top embellishment, sew through the next 13 8°s in the second-to-last end row (figure 7, a-b).

2 Place the base horizontally on your bead mat. Pick up two 15°s, an 11°, and two 15°s, and sew through the adjacent 8° in the same row, with the needle pointing toward the 8° your thread just exited, to create a loop that is leaning toward the clasp (b-c). The loop should be positioned on the right side, and the thread should be exiting on the left side of the 8°. Repeat this stitch four times, sewing over the previous loop as each new loop is added. This will position each new loop to slightly overlap the previous loop.

3 Pick up two 15°s, a 3 mm crystal, and two 15°s, and work as in step 2, except position the loop to face away from the clasp. The loop should be leaning

toward the left, and the thread should be exiting on the right side of the loop (figure 8).

4 To complete the row, work as in step 2 to add five additional loops, except continue to position the loops and thread in the same direction as the loop with the crystal just added (figure 9, a-b). This set of five loops should be leaning to the left away from the clasp, and the thread should be exiting to the right of each loop. This will cause each embellishment row to form a slight arch (photo f).

5 Sew under the last loop added, and continue through the beadwork as shown to get into position to add the next row of embellishment **(c-d)**.

6 Work as in steps 2–5 to complete a total of 10 top embellishment rows. End and add thread as needed. Set the working thread aside.

7 With the base still positioned horizontally, add a comfortable length of thread to the opposite end of the base, with the thread exiting the end bead of the second-to-last row. Work as in steps 2-5

to add a total of 10 top embellishment rows to this end of the base. Set this working thread aside.

Assembly

1 Place the bezel on the top of the base, centered within the top embellishment rows. With the working thread from the bezel, sew through an adjacent 8° on the base, and continue through the nearest "up" A cylinder in the last round of the bezel. Repeat this stitch around the outside of the bezel to secure it to the base. End the bezel's working thread.

2 With the working thread from either top embellishment row, work as before to add additional rows of embellishment until the embellishment reaches the edge of the bezel. For the row closest to the bezel, you may want to omit the center loop with the crystal. End this working thread.

3 Work as in step 2 to add top embellishment rows to the opposite side of the base. ●





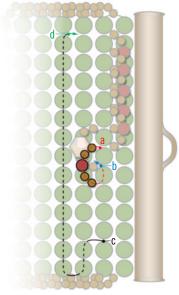


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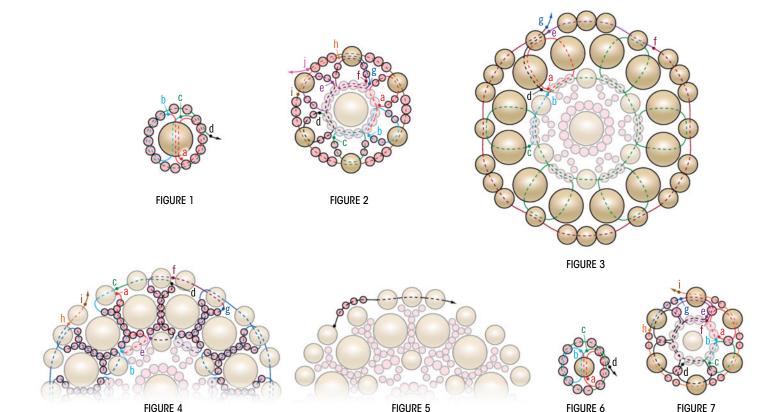
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Center component

1 On 2 yd. (1.8 m) of thread, pick up a 6 mm pearl and six 11° seed beads. Sew through the pearl again in the same direction, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail (figure 1, a-b). This forms a loop of 11°s around one side of the pearl. Pick up six 11°s, and sew through the pearl again to form a loop on the other side of the pearl (b-c). Sew through the first six 11°s. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the next six 11°s. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through all the beads in the ring around the pearl (retrace not shown in the figure for clarity). Continue through the next two 11° s (c-d). 2 Pick up two 15°s, a 4 mm pearl, and two 15°s, and sew through the two 11°s

Picot 1: Pick up the beads, and sew through the three 11°s your thread just exited and the next three 11°s in the ring **(b-c)**.

in the ring your thread just exited and

(figure 2, a-b). Work five more picots

with two 15° s, a 4 mm, and two 15° s

in each, altering the thread path

the next three 11°s to add a picot

Picot 2: Pick up the beads, and sew through the three 11°s your thread just exited and the next two 11°s in the ring (c-d).

Picot 3: Pick up the beads, and sew

through the two $11^{\circ}s$ your thread just exited and the next three $11^{\circ}s$ in the ring **(d-e)**.

Picot 4: Pick up the beads, and sew through the three 11°s your thread just exited and the next three 11°s in the ring **(e-f)**.

Picot 5: Pick up the beads, sew through the three 11°s your thread exited (f-g), and continue through the first two 15°s and pearl added in this picot (g-h).

3 Pick up three 11°s, and sew through the pearl in the next picot (h-i). Repeat this stitch five times to complete the round, and continue through the first three 11°s added in this round (i-j).

4 Pick up a 6 mm, a 4 mm, and a 6 mm, and sew through the three 11°s your thread exited at the start of this step

thread exited at the start of this step (figure 3, a-b). Retrace the thread path (not shown in the figure for clarity), and continue through the next 4 mm and three 11°s (b-c). Repeat these stitches five times to complete the round (c-d), and sew through the adjacent 6 mm and 4 mm as shown (d-e).

5 Pick up three 4 mms, and sew through the next 4 mm (e-f). Repeat this stitch five times to complete the round (f-g), and retrace the thread path using a tight tension so the beadwork begins to dome.

6 Pick up eight 15°s, skip the 6 mm, and

sew through the adjacent three 11°s (figure 4, a-b). Pick up two 15°s, skip the last two 15°s just added, and sew back through the next four 15°s. Pick up two 15°s, and sew through the 4 mm your thread exited at the start of this step (b-c). Continue through the next two 4 mms (c-d).

7 Pick up eight 15°s, skip the 6 mm, and sew through the adjacent 4 mm (**d-e**). Pick up two 15°s, skip the last two 15°s just added, and sew back through the next four 15°s. Pick up two 15°s, and sew through 4 mm pearl your thread exited at the start of this step (**e-f**). Continue through the next two 4 mms (**f-g**).

8 Repeat steps 6-7 five times to complete the round **(g-h)**, but after completing the last stitch only sew through one 4 mm **(h-i)**.

9 Pick up four 15°s, skip the next 4 mm, which sits slightly inward, and sew through the next three 4 mms (figure 5). Repeat this stitch five times to complete the round, and end the threads.

Side components

1 On 2 yd. (1.8 m) of thread, pick up a 4 mm pearl and four 11°s. Sew through the pearl again in the same direction, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail (figure 6, a-b). This forms a loop of 11°s around one side of the pearl. Pick up four 11°s,

as follows:

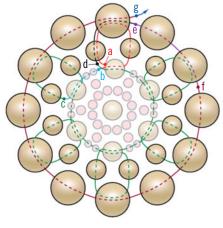


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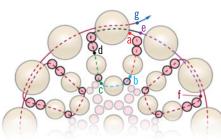
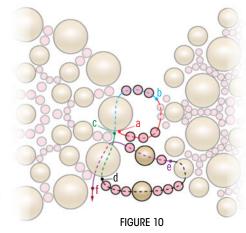


FIGURE 9



and sew through the pearl again to form a loop on the other side of the pearl (b-c). Sew through the first four 11°s. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the next four 11°s. Pick up two 11°s, and sew through all the beads in the ring around the pearl (retrace not shown in the figure for clarity), and continue through the next two 11°s (c-d).

- 2 Pick up an 11º, a 4 mm, and an 11° , and sew through the two 11° s your thread just exited to form a picot (figure 7, a-b). Continue through the next two 11°s in the ring (b-c).
- **3** Pick up an 11º and a 4 mm, and sew through the adjacent 11º in the previous picot, the two 11°s in the ring your thread just exited, and the next two 11°s (c-d). Repeat this stitch three times (d-e).
- **4** For the last stitch in the round, sew through the adjacent 11° in the first picot, pick up a 4 mm, and sew through the adjacent 11º in the last picot added and the two 11°s in the ring your thread just exited (e-f). Continue through the next 11° and pearl in this picot (f-g).
- **5** Pick up two 15°s, and sew through the next 4 mm (g-h). Repeat this stitch five times to complete the round (h-i).
- 6 Pick up a 4 mm, a 6 mm, and a 4 mm, and sew through the 4 mm your thread just exited to form a picot (figure 8, a-b). Retrace the thread path (not shown in

the figure for clarity). Continue through the next two 15° s and 4 mm **(b-c)**. Repeat these stitches five times to complete the round (c-d). Continue through the next 4 mm and 6 mm (d-e).

- **7** Pick up a 6 mm, and sew through the next 6 mm (e-f). Repeat this stitch five times to complete the round (f-g), and retrace the thread path.
- **8** Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the adjacent 4 mm in the first picot added in step 6 (figure 9, a-b). Pick up a 15°, and sew through the next 4 mm (b-c). Pick up a 15°, and sew through the following 4 mm in this picot (c-d). Pick up two 11°s, and sew through the pearl your thread exited at the start of this step (d-e). Continue through the next two 6 mms **(e-f)**. Repeat these stitches five times to complete the round (f-g). End the tail, but not the working thread. **9** Work as in steps 1–8 to make a second

Connection

side component.

1 With the working thread exiting a 6 mm on a side component, pick up three 11°s, and sew through the center two 15°s in a set of four 15°s on the outside edge of the center component (figure 10, a-b). Pick up three 11°s, and sew through the 6 mm your thread exited at the start of this step (b-c).

Difficulty rating











Materials

necklace 23 in. (58 cm)

- crystal pearls (Swarovski, white)
 - **37** 6 mm pearls
 - 72 4 mm pearls
- seed beads (Toho PF478F, permanent finish matte galvanized lavender; www.beyondbeadery.com)
- **2** g 11º
- **2** g 15^o
- 18 in. (46 cm) chain
- 1 lobster claw clasp
- 3 6 mm jump rings
- · Fireline, 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #11 or #12
- 2 pairs of chainnose, bentnose, and/or flatnose pliers

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- · ending and adding thread
- · opening and closing loops and jump rings

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6 mm pearl



11º seed bead



15º seed bead

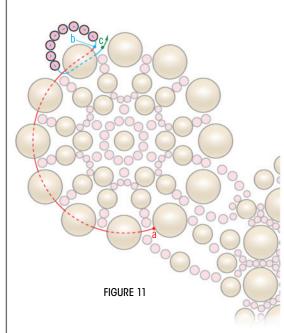


4 mm pearl









Retrace the thread path (not shown in figure for clarity), and continue through the next 6 mm in the side component (c-d).

- **2** Pick up three 11°s, a 4 mm, and three 11°s, skip the next edge 4 mm on the center component, and sew up through the following 4 mm (d-e). Pick up an 11°, a 4 mm, and an 11°, and sew down through the 6 mm your thread exited at the start of this step (e-f). Retrace the thread path.
- **3** Sew clockwise through the next six 6 mms on the bottom outside edge of the side component (figure 11, a-b). There should be four 6 mms between the connection on the top edge and the point where your thread is exiting. Pick up eight 11°s, and sew through the same 6 mm to form a loop (b-c). Retrace the thread path, and end the thread.
- **4** Open a 6 mm jump ring, slide it through the loop just added and the end of a 9-in. (23 cm) piece of chain. Close the jump ring. Use a jump ring to attach the lobster claw clasp to the other end of the chain.
- **5** With the working thread from the other side component, attach it to the center component as before, making sure there is one set of four 15°s (or seven pearls) between connection points on the top outer edge of the center component. There should be three sets of four 15°s along the bottom outer edge of the center component.
- **6** Work as in steps 3–4 to attach the other chain. ●



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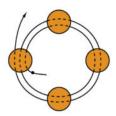


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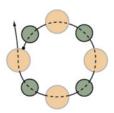


FIGURE 2

2 Pick up an 11º

seed bead, and

sew through the

next 8°. Repeat this

stitch three times to

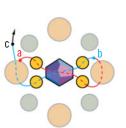


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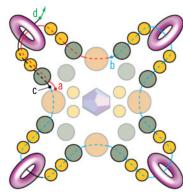


FIGURE 4

Components

1 On 2 ft. (61 cm) of thread, pick up four 8° seed beads, and sew through the beads again to form a ring, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail (figure 1). Retrace the thread path once more.

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- **3** Pick up a 15° seed bead, a 3 mm bicone crystal, and a 15°, cross over the opening diagonally, and sew through the corresponding 8°, going in the same direction (figure 3, a-b). Pick up a 15°, and sew back through the crystal. Pick up a 15°, and sew through the 8° your thread exited at the start of this step (b-c).
- **4** Pick up an 11°, two 15°s, an O-bead, two 15°s, and an 11°, skip the next 11° in the ring, and sew through the next 8° (figure 4, a-b). Repeat this stitch three times to complete the round (b-c), and continue through the following 11°, two 15°s, and O-bead (c-d). Make sure your thread is exiting the O-bead in the upper-left corner and the crystal is in a horizontal position. End the tail, but not the working thread, and set the component aside.
- **5** Repeat steps 1-4 to make 13 more components for a 7½ in. (19.1 cm) bracelet (not including the clasp length).

Difficulty rating **Materials** green/purple bracelet 7¾ in. (19.7 cm) • 14 3 mm bicone crystals (Swarovski, amethyst) • 3 g 3.8 mm O-beads (pastel bordeaux) • 2 g 8º seed beads (Miyuki 2035, matte metallic khaki iris) • 2 g 11º seed beads (Toho 512F, matte sage pewter) • 2 g 15º seed beads (Toho 221, bronze) • 1 toggle clasp · Fireline, 6 lb. test beading needles, #11 or #12 8º seed bead 11º seed bead Information for the teal colorway is listed at www.BeadAndButton.com/ 15° seed bead resources. 3 mm bicone crystal Basics, p. 78 · ending and adding thread 0-bead FIGURE 6 FIGURE 5

6 Place two components next to each other with the working threads in the top-left position. With the working thread from the right-hand component, pick up an 11°, a 15°, an O-bead, a 15°, and an 11°, and sew down through the top-right O-bead in the left component (figure 5, a-b). Pick up an 11°, and sew up through the O-bead your thread exited at the start of this step (b-c). Retrace the thread path using a tight tension, and continue through the 11°, 15°, O-bead, 15°, and 11° just added, and the next nine beads in the left-hand component to exit the lower-right O-bead (c-d). Work as before to attach the bottom corners (d-e), and end this thread. **7** Work as in step 6 to attach the remaining components, and end any remaining threads.

Clasp

1 Add 12 in. (30 cm) of thread to an end component, exiting an 11° as shown (figure 6, point a) with the needle pointing toward the top edge of the component. Pick up four 15°s, the loop of a toggle ring, and four 15°s, and sew back through the 11° your thread exited at the start of this step to form a loop (a-b). Sew through the next 8° and the following 11° (b-c). Pick up four 15°s, sew through the loop on the toggle ring, pick up four 15°s, and sew back through the 11° your thread just exited (c-d). Retrace the thread path, and end the thread.

2 Repeat step 1 to attach the toggle bar to the other end of the bracelet, but pick up six seed beads instead of four for each side of each loop. Check to make sure the toggle works properly, and adjust the number of 15°s in the loops if necessary.

FEATHERED EDGE bracelet



Picking up the two- and four-hole beads

QuadraTiles: In the position shown **(figure 1)**, the holes will be referred to as top left hole (TL), top right hole (TR), bottom left hole (BL), and bottom right hole (BR).

Tiles: With the holes running vertically, we will refer to the right hole (RH) or the left hole (LH) as needed.

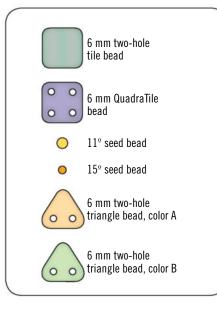
Triangles: With the point with no hole pointing away from you, pick up the bead through the right hole (RH) or the left hole (LH).

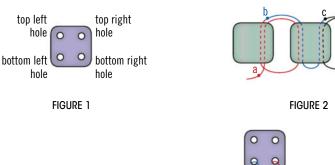
Base

1 On a comfortable length of thread, attach a stop bead, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. Pick up two tile beads, and sew through the first tile again (figure 2, a-b), positioning the tiles side-by-side. Continue through the second tile and the open hole of the same tile (b-c). 2 Pick up a tile, and sew through the previous tile (RH), the tile just added (c-d), and the open hole of the same tile (d-e). Repeat these stitches, using a tight tension, to add a total of 25 tiles for a 6¾-in. (17.1 cm) bracelet (includ-

ing ½ in./1.3 cm for the clasp). Add or omit tiles for the desired length. Remove the stop bead, and end the tail.

- **3** Repeat steps 1–2 to make another strip of the same length.
- 4 Position one strip horizontally on your bead mat with your needle exiting the right, upper hole (figure 3, point a). Pick up a QuadraTile (BR) going from top to bottom, and sew back through the tile





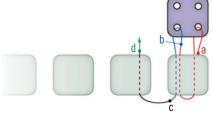


FIGURE 3

Difficulty rating











Materials

green and purple bracelet $6\frac{3}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. (17.1 x 3.2 cm)

- **50** 6 mm CzechMates two-hole tile beads (Persian turquoise moon dust)
- **25** 6 mm CzechMates four-hole QuadraTile beads (purple opaque)
- 6 mm CzechMates two-hole triangle beads
 - **50** color A (matte metallic flax)
 - **48** color B (opaque luster Picasso)
- 1 g 11º seed beads (Toho PF557F, matte galvanized starlight)
- 3 g 15º seed beads (Toho 221, bronze)
- 1 3-strand tube clasp
- · Fireline, 4 lb. test, or Nymo size B
- beading needles, #11 or #12

Information for the alternate colorways is listed at www.BeadAndButton.com/resources.

Basics, p. 78

- · ending and adding thread
- · Attaching a stop bead

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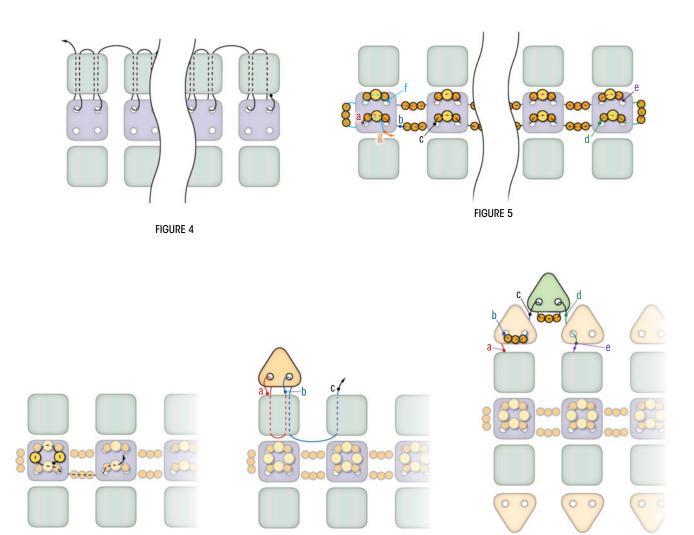


FIGURE 7

(RH) and the other hole of the same tile (LH) (a-b). Sew through the QuadraTile (BL) from top to bottom, and continue back through the same hole of the tile (LH) (b-c). Sew through the next tile (RH) (c-d).

FIGURE 6

- **5** Work as in step 4 to add the 24 remaining QuadraTiles to this strip using a tight tension. End and add thread as needed, and set this working thread aside.
- **6** Using the working thread on the other tile strip, sew through the beadwork to exit the end hole. Attach this strip as before, sewing through the open holes of the existing QuadraTile beads (figure 4). End and add thread as needed, and set this working thread aside.

Center embellishment

1 With the working thread from the

lower strip, sew through the beadwork to exit the QuadraTile (BL) going from bottom to top (figure 5, point a). Pick up a 15° seed bead, an 11° seed bead, and a 15°, and sew down through the same QuadraTile (BR) (a-b). Pick up three 15°s, and sew up through the next QuadraTile (BL) (b-c). The three 15°s will be on the backside of the base (in the figure, the tiles are spread apart so you can see the beads being added to the bottom surface, but in actuality, the tiles are close together). Repeat these stitches for the remainder of the base using a tight tension (c-d). When you reach the end QuadraTile, embellish the top as before. Pick up three 15°s, and sew up through the same QuadraTile (TR) (d-e).

2 Work as in step 1 to embellish the top holes of the QuadraTiles **(e-f)**. End

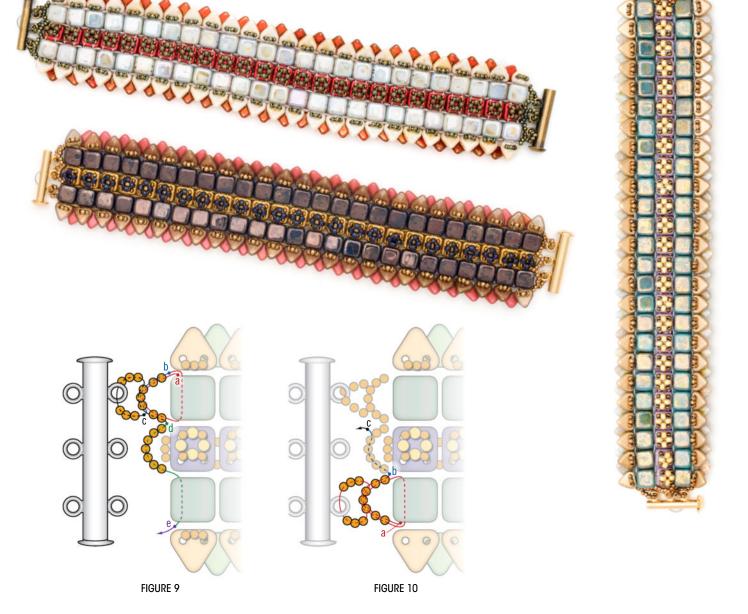
and add thread as needed. When you reach the end QuadraTile, embellish the top as before, pick up three 15°s, sew up through the same QuadraTile (BL), and continue through the next 15° and 11° (f-q).

FIGURE 8

3 Pick up an 11°, and sew through the opposite 11°. Pick up an 11°, and sew through the 11° your thread exited at the start of this step. Continue through the adjacent 15°, QuadraTile (BR), three 15°s on the bottom surface, the following QuadraTile (BL), and the next 15° and 11° (figure 6). Repeat these stitches for the remainder of the base, and end this thread.

Triangle embellishment

1 With the other working thread exiting the end hole in the top strip of tiles (figure 7, point a), pick up a color A



triangle (LH) going from top to bottom. Sew back through the same hole of the tile (LH), and continue through the other hole of the same tile (RH) (a-b). Sew through the A (RH) going from top to bottom, and continue back through the same hole of the tile (RH) and the adjacent tile (LH) (b-c). Repeat these stitches for the remainder of the top edge. Sew through the beadwork to exit the bottom edge, and add As as before to this edge. End and add thread as needed.

2 Sew through the beadwork to exit the end tile (LH) in the top strip (figure 8, point a), and sew through the adjacent A going back to front (a-b). Pick up three 15°s, and sew through the same A (RH) going from front to back (b-c). Pick up a color B triangle (LH) going from front to back, pick up three 15°s,

and sew through the same B (RH) going from back to front (c-d). Continue through the next A (LH) going from back to front (d-e). Repeat these stitches for the remainder of the top edge. When you get to the last A on this edge, add three 15°s to the top surface as before, and sew through the beadwork to the bottom edge. Work as before to add Bs to this edge. End and add thread as needed.

Clasp

1 Sew through the beadwork to exit the end tile (LH) on the top strip **(figure 9, point a)**. Pick up seven 15°s, and sew through the same tile (LH) going in the same direction to form a loop **(a-b)**. Continue through the next five 15°s **(b-c)**. Pick up three 15°s, the end ring of the clasp, and three 15°s, and sew

through the center three 15°s in the loop. Retrace the thread path of the beads just added (not shown in the figure for clarity), and continue through the next two 15°s (c-d).

- **2** Pick up seven 15°s, and sew through the end tile (LH) on the bottom strip (**d-e**).
- **3** Work as in step 1 to attach the third ring of the clasp **(figure 10, a-b)**.
- **4** Sew through the next five 15°s in the center loop (**b-c**). Pick up three 15°s, the center ring of the clasp, and three 15°s, and sew through the center three 15°s in the adjacent loop. Retrace the thread path, and end the thread.
- 5 Add 2 ft. (61 cm) of thread to the other end of the bracelet, and attach the remaining half of the clasp as before. End the thread. ●





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STRINGING Cultivated pearls necklace A perfect composition of pearls and metal beads gives a modern, yet classic, look to this strung necklace. designed by Cheryl Coxwell **Necklace** On 29 in. (74 cm) of beading wire, string one hole of a Wonky Circle bead frame, a spacer bead, a pearl, and a spacer bead. Freshwater pearls vary in size, so choose one that fits comfortably inside the bead frame with the spacers. Pass the beading wire through the other hole of the bead frame, and then string a pearl. String this pattern twice more. Position the beads so they are slightly offset on the left side of the beading wire.

On one end, in a repeating pattern, string a spacer and a pearl 23 times. On the other end, string the same pattern 11 times.

On each end, string six pearls that graduate in size from large to small.

On the end with one pearl, string two more pearls. On the other end, string three pearls.



On one end, use a jump ring to attach the lobster clasp. On the other end, attach a jump ring to the Wire Guardian. Attach five additional linked jump rings to make the necklace length adjustable. As an alternative, you can also use a 1¾ in. (4.4 cm) piece of chain in place of the linked jump rings. •

beads and a Wire Guardian. String the wire back through both crimp beads, and pull the wire tight. Crimp both crimp beads on each end, and attach a crimp cover over each crimp bead.



On a 3-in. (7.6 cm) head pin, string one hole of a Wonky Circle bead frame, a spacer bead, a pearl, and a spacer bead. Pass the head pin through the open hole of the bead frame, and make a wrapped loop. Open the loop of an ear wire, and attach it to the wrapped loop. Close the loop.

Prefer beads to a metal frame?

Use 15° and 11° seed beads to make your own bead frame for this project.

Beaded frame

1 On 1 yd. (.9 m) of thread, pick up 36 15° seed beads. Tie the beads into a ring with a square knot, leaving a 6-in. (15 cm) tail. These beads will shift to form the first two rounds as the third round is added.

2 Working in tubular peyote stitch, work a round using 15°s, and step up through the first 15° added in this round. Work three rounds using 11°s, stepping up at the end of each round.

3 Sew through the beadwork to exit a 15º "up" bead on the opposite edge, and work two rounds using 11^os.

4 Zip up the two edge rounds to form a ring, and end the threads.

5 Repeat steps 1-4 to make a total of three beaded frames for use in place of the metal bead frames. To help ease the beading wire through the beaded frame, use a Speeder Beader Needle, or gently push a thick head pin through the middle section of the ring to help form a path for the beading wire. Remove the head pin, and thread the wire through the created space, taking special care to not break the thread.

Difficulty rating





Materials







necklace 26 in. (66 cm)

- 3 20 mm Wonky Circle bead frames (gold, Impossible Things Bead Emporium; 305-294-3500)
- 57 8-9 mm pearls (freshwater,
- 40 3 x 6 mm spacer beads (gold)
- 1 lobster clasp (gold)
- **7** 10 mm jump rings
- 4 crimp beads (gold)
- 4 5 mm crimp covers
- 2 Wire Guardians
- 29 in. (74 cm) flexible beading wire, .014
- 2 pairs of chainnose, flatnose, and/or bentnose pliers
- · crimping pliers

Materials for the "Beaded frame" can be found at www.BeadAndButton.com/resources

Basics, p. 78

- peyote stitch: tubular, zipping up or joining
- · ending thread
- square knot
- crimping
- · opening and closing loops and jump rings
- · wrapped loop

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PEYOTE STITCH

Old glary bracelet

Celebrate Independence Day in festive style with this odd-count peyote stitched bracelet that features American flag motifs.

designed by Andrea Mazzenga



Base

1 On a comfortable length of thread, attach a stop bead, leaving a 10-in. (25 cm) tail. Starting at the lower-left corner of the **pattern**, pick up 13 color A 11° cylinder beads for rows 1 and 2 (figure 1, a-b).

Row 75

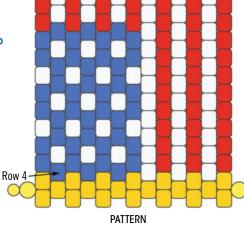
2 Work a pole embellishment stitch: Pick up an 11° seed bead and a 15° seed bead, and sew back through the 11° (b-c).

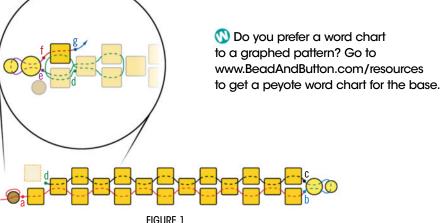
3 Work the first six stitches of row 3 in flat odd-count peyote stitch using As (c-d). Make a figure-8 turn to start the next row (d-e), work a pole embellishment stitch (e-f), and then sew through the bead added in the odd-count turn (f-g).

4 Continue following the **pattern** for rows 4–75 while working in odd-count peyote stitch. Remember to work a pole embellishment stitch where indicated on the **pattern**.

NOTE On odd-count rows that don't have a pole embellishment stitch, you can make the turn to start the next row by picking up the last bead of the row, sewing under the thread bridge between the last two edge beads, and sewing back through the last bead added.

5 To make a 6¾ in. (17.1 cm) base, repeat the entire pattern starting on row 4 once, and then repeat rows 4-39 once again for a total of five





Difficulty rating











Materials

bracelet 7 x $^{7}/_{8}$ in. (18 x 2.2 cm)

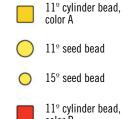
- 11º Delica cylinder beads (Miyuki)
 - **2 g** color A (DB034, light 24kt gold-plated)
 - **3** g color B (DB602, silver-lined red)
 - **3 g** color C (DB201, white pearl Ceylon)
 - **3 g** color D (DB047, silver-lined sapphire)
 - 1 g color E (DB035, galvanized silver)
- 1 g 11º seed beads (Miyuki 4203, Duracoat galvanized yellow gold)
- 1 g 15° seed beads (Miyuki 4203, Duracoat galvanized yellow gold)
- 1 2-strand tube clasp
- · Fireline, 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #11 or #12

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Basics, p. 78

- · peyote stitch: flat odd-count
- · ending and adding thread
- attaching a stop bead

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color B

11° cylinder bead,

color C

11° cylinder bead,

color D

11º cylinder bead, color E



flag motifs. End and add thread as needed.

Clasp

1 With the working thread, work two stitches using As **(figure 2, a-b)**.

2 Pick up a 15°, sew through the first loop of the clasp, continue back through the 15° just added, and sew through the next A. Work one stitch using an A (b-c).

3 Work as in step 2, but sew through the other loop of the clasp (**c-d**). Retrace the thread path of the clasp connection, and end the working thread.

4 Remove the stop bead from the tail. Sew under the thread bridge next to the edge of the nearest pole embellishment, and continue back through the A your thread was exiting at the start of this step. Repeat steps 1–3 to add the other half of the clasp to this end of the base. End the tail. ●

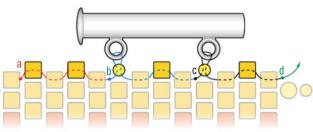


FIGURE 2

make it with seed beads

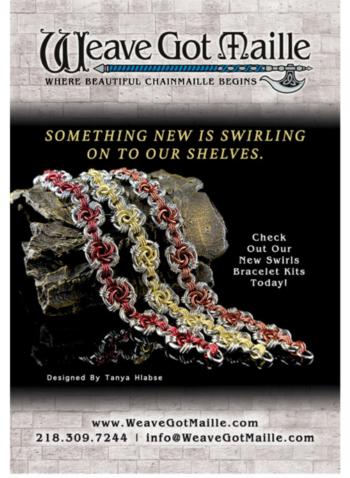
You can substitute 11º seed beads for the 11º cylinder beads. This will slightly increase the size of each flag motif. A four-flag bracelet made with seed beads will measure approximately 6¼ in. (15.9 cm) long without the clasp.

go long

To add a small amount of length, use As to work additional rows evenly on each end of the base, ending on an odd-numbered row and allowing ½ in. (1.3 cm) for the clasp.

To add an even greater length, continue repeating the pattern to make additional flag motifs.





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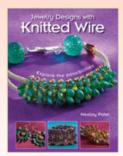


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BASICS

THREAD AND KNOTS

Conditioning thread

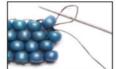
Use wax (beeswax or microcrystalline wax) or a thread conditioner (like Thread Heaven or Thread Magic), to condition nylon beading thread and Fireline. Wax smooths nylon fibers and adds tackiness that will stiffen your beadwork slightly. Conditioners add a static charge that causes the thread to repel itself, so don't use it with doubled thread. All conditioners help thread resist wear. To condition, stretch nylon thread to remove the curl (you don't need to stretch Fireline). Place the thread or Fireline on top of the conditioner, hold it in place with your thumb or finger, and pull the thread through the conditioner.

Ending and adding thread

To end a thread, sew back through the last few rows or rounds of beadwork, following the thread path of the stitch and tying two or three half-hitch knots (see "Half-hitch knot") between beads as you go. Sew through a few beads after the last knot, and trim the thread.

To add a thread, sew into the beadwork several rows or rounds prior to the point where the last bead was added, leaving a short tail. Follow the thread path of the stitch, tying a few half-hitch knots between beads as you go, and exit where the last stitch ended. Trim the short tail.





Half-hitch knot

Pass the needle under the thread bridge between two beads, and pull gently until a loop forms. Sew through the loop, and pull gently to draw the knot into the beadwork.

Square knot

1 Cross one end of the thread over and under the other end. Pull both ends to tighten the first half of the knot.

2 Cross the first end of the thread over and under the other end. Pull both ends to tighten the knot.



Overhand knot

Make a loop with the thread. Pull the tail through the loop, and tighten.



Attaching a stop bead

Use a stop bead to secure beads temporarily when you begin stitching: Pick up



the stop bead, leaving the desired length tail. Sew through the stop bead again in the same direction, making sure you don't split the thread inside the bead. If desired, sew through the bead one more time for added security.

STITCHES

LADDER STITCH

Making a ladder

1 Pick up two beads, and sew through them both again, positioning the beads side by side so that their holes are parallel (a-b).



2 Add subsequent beads by picking up one bead, sewing through the previous bead, and then sewing through the new bead

(b-c). Continue for the desired length ladder. This technique produces uneven tension, which you can



tension, which you can correct by zigzagging back through the beads in the opposite direction.

Forming a ring

With your thread exiting the last bead in the ladder, sew through the first bead of the ladder, and then sew through the last bead again.

PEYOTE STITCH

Flat even-count

1 Pick up an even number of beads, leaving the desired length tail **(a-b)**.

These beads will shift to form the first two rows as the third row is added.



- **2** To begin row 3, pick up a bead, skip the last bead added in the previous step, and sew back through the next bead, working toward the tail (b-c). For each stitch, pick up a bead, skip a bead in the previous row, and sew through the next bead until you reach the first bead picked up in step 1 (c-d). The beads added in this row are higher than the previous rows and are referred to as "up-beads."
- **3** For each stitch in subsequent rows, pick up a bead, and sew through the next upbead in the previous row (d-e). To count peyote stitch rows, add the total number of beads along both straight edges.

Two-drop

Work two-drop peyote stitch the same way as basic flat peyote, but treat pairs of beads as if they were single beads.

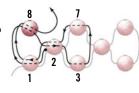
- **1** To work in even-count two-drop peyote, pick up an even number of beads that is divisible by four. For odd-count two-drop peyote, pick up an even number of beads that is divisible by two and an odd number.
- **2** To begin row 3, pick up two beads, skip the last two beads added in step 1, and sew back through the next two beads. Repeat this stitch across the row.
- **3** For subsequent rows, pick up and sew through two beads per stitch. Work each turn the same as in regular flat peyote, using the odd-count turn if you are working an odd-count pattern.

Flat odd-count

Odd-count peyote is the same as evencount peyote, except for the turn on oddnumbered rows, where the last bead of the row can't be attached in the usual way because there is no up-bead to sew through.

- **1** Begin as for flat even-count peyote, but pick up an odd number of beads. Work row 3 as in even-count, stopping before adding the last bead.
- **2** Work a figure-8 turn at the end of row 3: Sew

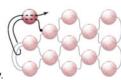
through the first bead picked up in step 1 (bead #1). Pick up the last bead of the row you're work-



ing on (bead #8), and sew through beads #2, #3, #7, #2, #1, and #8.

You can work the figure-8 turn at the end of each odd-numbered row, but this will cause this edge to be stiffer than the other. Instead, in subsequent odd-numbered rows, pick up the last bead of the row, sew under the thread bridge between the last

two edge beads, and sew back through the last bead added to begin the next row.



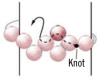
Tubular

Tubular peyote stitch follows the same stitching pattern as flat peyote, but instead of sewing back and forth, work in rounds.

1 Pick up an even number of beads, and tie them into a ring with a square knot (see

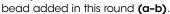
"Square knot"), leaving the desired length tail. If desired, slide the ring onto a dowel.

2 Sew through the



first bead in the ring. Pick up a bead, skip a bead in the ring, and sew through the next bead. Repeat to complete the round.

3 To step up to start the next round, sew through the first



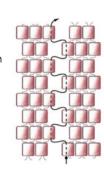
- **4** Pick up a bead, and sew through the next bead in round 3 **(b-c)**. Repeat this stitch to complete the round.
- **5** Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the desired length tube.

Circular

Circular peyote is also worked in continuous rounds like tubular peyote, but the rounds stay flat and radiate outward from the center as a result of increases or using larger beads. If the rounds do not increase, the edges will curve upward.

Zipping up or joining

To join two pieces of flat peyote invisibly, match up the two pieces so the end rows fit together. "Zip up" the pieces by zigzagging through the up-beads on both ends.



Round 4

Round 2

Round 3

Round 1

STRINGING AND WIREWORK Crimping

Use crimp beads to secure flexible beading wire. Slide the crimp bead into place, and squeeze it firmly with chainnose pliers to flatten it. Or, for a more finished look, use crimping pliers:

- 1 Position the crimp bead in the hole that is closest to the handle of the crimping pliers.
- **2** Holding the wires apart, squeeze the pliers to compress the crimp bead, making sure one wire is on each side of the dent.
- **3** Place the crimp bead in the front hole of the pliers, and position it so the dent is facing the tips of the pliers. Squeeze the pliers to fold the crimp in half.
- **4** Tug on the wires to ensure that the crimp bead is secure.







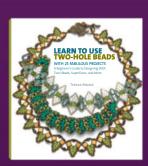
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BASICS

Opening and closing loops and jump rings

- 1 Hold a loop or a jump ring with two pairs of pliers, such as chainnose, flatnose, or bentnose pliers.
- 2 To open the loop or jump ring, bring the tips of one pair of pliers toward you, and push the tips of the other pair away from you.
- 3 Reverse step 2 to close the open loop or jump ring.





Wrapped loop

- 1 Using chainnose pliers, make a rightangle bend in the wire about 2 mm above a bead or other component or at least 114 in. (3.2 cm) from the end of a piece of wire.
- **2** Position the jaws of the roundnose pliers in the bend. The closer to the tip of the pliers that you work, the smaller the loop will be.
- 3 Curve the short end of the wire over the top jaw of the roundnose pliers.
- **4** Reposition the pliers so the lower jaw fits snugly in the loop. Curve the wire downward around the bottom jaw of the pliers. This is the first half of a wrapped loop.
- 5 To complete the wraps, grasp the top of the loop with one pair of pliers.
- **6** With another pair of pliers, wrap the wire around the stem two or three times. Trim the excess wire, and gently press the cut end close to the wraps with chainnose pliers. •



















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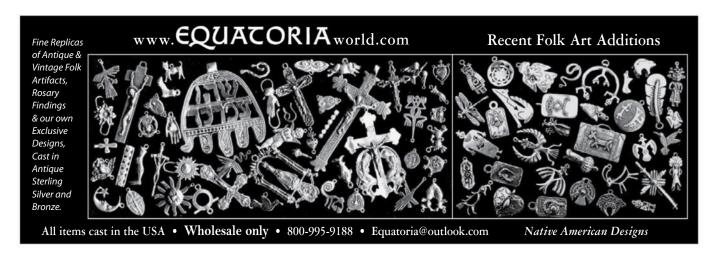
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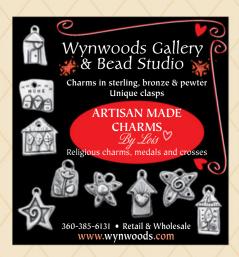
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