



LADDER STITCH /
BEAD WEAVING

Bugle clusters



Stitch an easy bracelet
in one evening

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Inexpensive materials and basic techniques come together nicely in a bracelet inspired by a crochet pattern.

step by step

The following instructions call for 6° and 10° seed beads. If desired, substitute 4 mm cubes for the 6°s and 11° seed beads for the 10°s.

Bracelet

[1] On 1 yd. (.9 m) of Fireline, pick up four 6° seed beads, leaving an 8-in. (20 cm) tail. Sew through all four again, and position the beads so you have two stacks of two beads each. Picking up two 6°s per stitch, work in two-bead

ladder stitch (Online Basics) until the ladder is approximately ½ in. (1.3 cm) short of the desired bracelet length.

Make sure the number of stacks in the ladder is divisible by three. End the thread (Online Basics).

[2] On 2 yd. (1.8 m) of Fireline, repeat step 1 to make a second ladder, but don't end the thread. Position the two ladders so the working thread exiting the end stack of the second ladder is going toward the first ladder.

[3] Pick up a 10° seed bead, a 6 mm bugle bead, a 10°, a 6°, a 10°, a bugle,

materials

bracelet 6¼ in. (17.1 cm)

- 4 g 6 mm bugle beads
- 15 g 6° seed beads or 4 mm cube beads
- 4 g 10° or 11° seed beads
- 2-in. (5 cm) head pin
- Fireline 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #11
- chainnose pliers (optional)
- roundnose pliers
- wire cutters

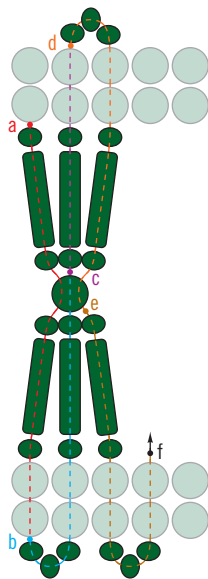


FIGURE 1

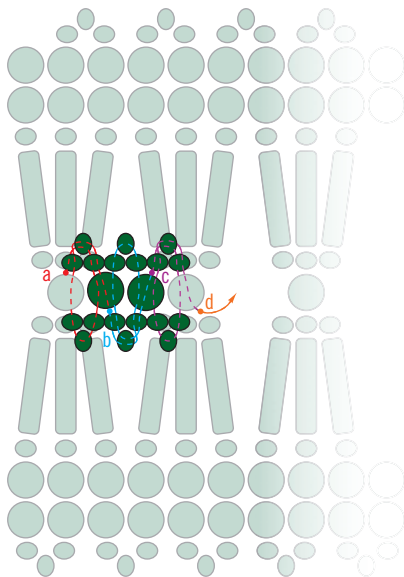


FIGURE 2

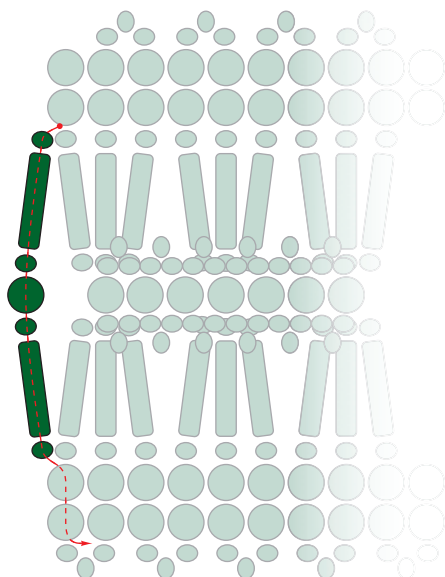
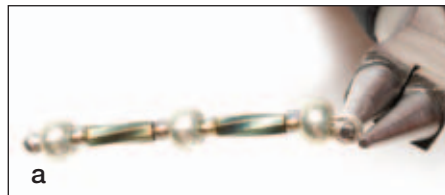


FIGURE 3



and a 10°, and sew through the two corresponding 6°s in the opposite ladder (figure 1, a–b).

[4] Pick up three 10°s, and sew through the next two 6°s in the ladder. Pick up a 10°, a bugle, and a 10°, and sew through the 6° picked up in the previous step (b–c). Pick up a 10°, a bugle, and a 10°, and sew through the corresponding 6°s in the other ladder (c–d).

[5] Pick up three 10°s, and sew through the next two 6°s in the ladder. Pick up a 10°, a bugle, and a 10°, and sew through the center 6° you sewed through in the previous step (d–e). Pick up a 10°, a bugle, and a 10°, and sew through the corresponding 6°s in the opposite ladder. Pick up three 10°s, and sew through the next two 6°s in the ladder (e–f).

[6] Repeat steps 3–5 for the length of the bracelet, ending and adding thread (Online Basics) as needed.

[7] To add the embellishment along the center, sew through the beadwork to exit the end center 6° (figure 2, point a).

[8] Pick up three 10°s, a 6°, and three 10°s, sew through the 6° your thread exited at the start of this step, and continue through the first three 10°s and the 6° just added (a–b). Repeat, sewing through the 6° added in the previous stitch (b–c). Repeat again, but instead of picking up a 6°, sew through the next 6° in the center of the bracelet (c–d).

[9] Repeat step 8 for the length of the bracelet. Don't end the thread.

Clasp

[1] To make the toggle loop, sew through the beadwork so your thread is exiting an end stack, going toward the center of the bracelet. Pick up a 10°, a bugle, a 10°, a 6°, a 10°, a bugle, and a 10°. Sew through the corresponding two 6°s in the opposite ladder (figure 3). Retrace the thread path a few times, then end the thread.

[2] To make the toggle bar, string a 6°, a 10°, a bugle, a 10°, a 6°, a 10°, a bugle, a 10°, and a 6° on the head pin. Trim



EDITOR'S NOTE: This bracelet looks cute even without the center embellishment, so if desired, stop at step 6, then add the clasp. – Julia

the head pin about ¼ in. (6 mm) past the last 6°, and make a small loop with roundnose pliers (photo a). With chainnose pliers, bend the loop so it is flush with the end 6°, if desired.

[3] With the remaining tail at the end opposite the toggle loop, sew through the beadwork to exit the center 6°. Pick up six 10°s, and sew through the center 6° on the toggle bar. Pick up two 10°s, and sew back through the middle two of the six 10°s just picked up (photo b). Pick up two 10°s, and sew through the 6° your thread exited at the start of this step (photo c). Retrace the thread path to reinforce the connection, and end the thread. ●

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