New Wave Bracelet

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Materials:

15 gms 6mm bugles. 5 gms size 11 seed beads. Nymo beading thread. Long beading needle

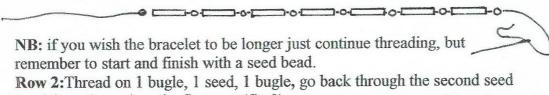


Order of work:

Thread up beading needle using 1.5m of thread.

Row 1: Thread on 1 size 11 seed bead and move the bead down to within 10cm of the end of the thread, take the needle back through the bead from the end of the thread up towards the top, this is called a stop bead.

Continue to thread on 1 bugle, 1 seed bead, 1 bugle, until you have an 18 cm length (fig 1).



bead from the end on the first row (fig 2). o-

NB: you will start to notice that the bracelet is forming into a curve, this is quite normal, just keep pulling on the stop bead to tighten the top line of

Row 3:To start the third row you will need to work the thread around the beads so that you are in the correct starting position, (fig 3) will guide you around.

Row 3: Thread on 1 bugle, 1 seed, 1 bugle, take the needle through the seed

bead at the tip of the next triangle along from row 2 (fig 4). Carry on along the row.

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Row 4: Thread on 1 bugle, 1 seed, 1 bugle, 1 seed, 1 bugle, thread through the first seed bead on from the last row, continue along the row adding 1 bugle, 1 seed, 1 bugle forming diamonds until you reach the end of the row (fig 5).

Row 5: add another diamond row as above.

NB: you will find the bracelet is now very curved at this point!

Row 6: Thread on 1 bugle, 1 seed, 1 bugle, take the needle through the seed bead sitting at the base of the first diamond from row 5, this will make a little triangle, continue along the row just adding 1 bugle between each diamond, keep pulling up as you work (fig 6).

NB: When the end of the row is reached, double knot the thread but do not cut off. You will now see that the bracelet is all bumpy and looks a mess, don't worry we shall now sort it out!

Finishing: Lay both long edges together and press flat on the table, you will find that the two edges start to spiral together slightly, let them!

To set the undulations in place: Moving your needle and thread along one side of the edges, when you come to a seed bead aline it up with a seed on the other edge and thread around them stitching them together, do this with every other pair of seed beads along the edge.

Magnetic clasp: Work the thread to the end of the bracelet, bring the needle out from an end bead, pass through the loop on the clasp then back down through a bead next to the bead you originally came up from, do this several times until the clasp feels secure.

NB: You can make your bracelet spiral even more by giving it a few extra twists before you put it on your wrist, they look great when you wear two together!

If you find that the bracelet is a little short when completed, you can always add on one or two more triangle shapes to the end.