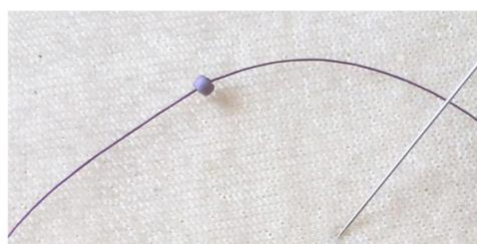


Crystal Layers Bracelet

Beads
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1. Cut approx. 2 armspans of thread and thread onto your needle. Add one size 11 seed bead and drop down, leaving a tail of 3". Thread back through this bead - this is your stopper. Position your work so that the stopper bead is on the left, and your thread is working to the right. This tutorial will be directional in places.



2. Thread on 4 firepolished beads and sew back through them all twice, exiting with your thread coming up from the bead furthest right. This begins your right angle weave which will form the base of the bracelet.



3. Add on 3 firepolished beads, and sew back through the bead you last passed through, and continue through the next two beads to form a circle - this is one round. You should be exiting the bead on the furthest right.



4. Continue adding beads just as in the last step, until you have 22 rounds (if you count the bottom row of beads, you'll be able to count your rounds).



TOP TIP - 22 rounds will produce a 7" bracelet once you have beaded the clasp. The clasp section of the bracelet will form approx. 1.5" of the bracelet. At this point, you may wish to add more rounds if you require a longer bracelet.

5. When you finish beading the length of your bracelet base, you should be exiting the bead furthest right, with your thread travelling upwards. Pick up the following beads to your thread: 4 x size 15 seeds, 1 x size 11 seed, 1 x 4mm bicone, 1 x size 11 seed, 1 x 8mm faceted round and 3 x size 15 seeds.



6. Ignoring the 3 x size 15 seeds, thread back down through the 8mm faceted round and down through the last size 11 seed bead. Pick up 4 x size 15 seeds and go back through the faceted glass bead in the bracelet base, with the thread now travelling upwards. This is one side of the clasp completed. Flip your work over so your thread is travelling downwards (pictured).

7. Pick up 3 x size 15 seeds, 1 x 4mm bicone and another 3 x size 15 seeds. Pass your thread over your work and down through the next centre faceted round to the left. Continue adding in this pattern across the entire length of the bracelet base.

8. You should be exiting the firepolished bead that is furthest left of your bracelet base, with your thread travelling downwards.

9. Pick up 4 x size 15 seeds, 1 x size 11 seed, 1 x 4mm bicone, 1 x size 11 seed and 23 x size 15 seeds. Avoid your tail thread and stopper bead.

10. Travel back down through the size 11 seed, bicone and size 11 seed. You will see a loop has formed. This is the loop that forms the other half of your clasp.

11. Pick up 4 x size 15 seeds and pass through the firepolished bead at the top of your piece, completing this section of the clasp.

12. Pick up 1 x 4mm bicone and pass through the next firepolished bead. Continue this all the way across your bracelet base, until you are exiting the last firepolished bead in the row.

13. Pick up 1 x size 11 seed bead and then thread up and down through all of the beadwork in this side of the clasp to reinforce. When you exit the final size 15 seed, pick up 1 x size 11 seed and thread straight through the firepolished bead to its left.

14. Pick up 1 x 4mm bicone and continue to add in the same manner you have done on the opposite side of the bracelet. When you reach the clasp, reinforce this section by sewing through all the beads in the same way they were added.

15. Continue threading back through your work until you're approx. half way back up the bracelet. Carefully snip your thread.

16. Remove your stopper bead and thread your needle onto the tail you left at the beginning. Thread this back through your work and knot in place, by looping onto other sections of thread in the piece.

