

Before you start....

Have a look through the instructions and make sure that you have a good work surface and adequate lighting. These bracelets are easy to make and because of the pattern, it will create a natural curve in your bracelet making the pearls look like they almost pop out of the bracelet. You can use any clasp you wish, but the ones with a loop works the best. You can use some small 4mm closed rings if you wish to do the weave first and connect a clasp to it later.



Pulling a Needle through small beads

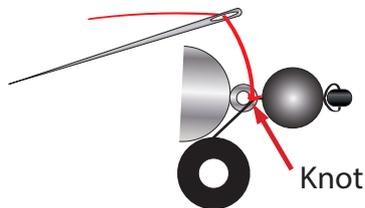
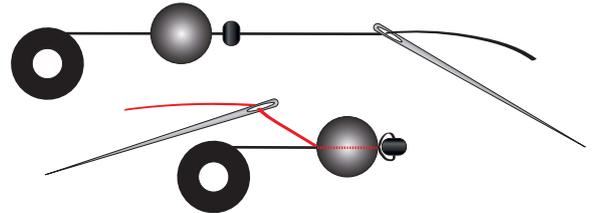
If for some reason you get stuck with the needle, you can gently pull it through with a pair of pliers or even better, use your scissors, but hold the needle between the handles of the scissors, there is a point on every pair of scissors where the 2 loops meet. This is a safer way than pliers as there is less stress on the needle to break.

Joining Threads

You can always do a basic knot (left over right and right over left) and weave the ends in. However, I find that simply weaving your thread backwards following any thread path, making your way backwards on your beadwork is a much neater finish. To attach a new thread, do the same technique, but weaving to the end then coming out from the same position, same bead you were in before working your last thread off. I like to work with a long piece of thread but never use a longer thread than you can manage as it will end up in knots, leaving you frustrated trying to undo them. I like to leave the bobbin at the tail end and not cut it off to start with so I can use it as a thread stopper and can reel off more if needed.

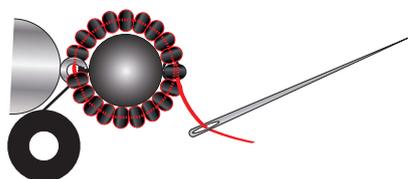
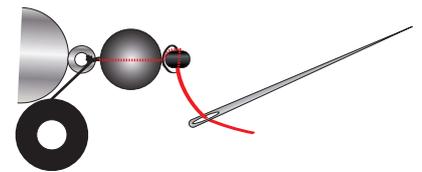
How to start

Step 1 - Take a longer piece of thread and pick up 1 x 8mm Pearl bead and 1 x size 11 Toho Seed Bead. Slide the beads down on your thread and go back through the 8mm Glass Bead, trapping the seed bead just sitting on the top of the glass bead.



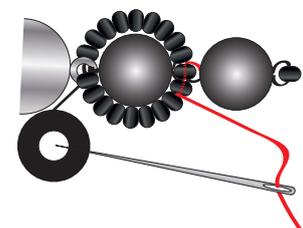
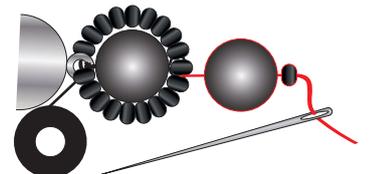
Step 2 - Take your thread through the loop on the clasp and knot your thread and tail together to form a strong base.

Step 3 - Take your thread through the loop of the clasp (this is important so the knot won't go inside the pearl bead and block it), then through the glass pearl bead and the size 11 seed bead.



Step 4 - Pick up 9 x seed beads and go through the loop of the clasp again, then pick up another 9 x seed beads and go through the top seed bead you added in step 1. Then take your thread through all of the seed beads around your glass pearl to strengthen your first loop.

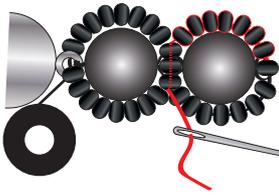
Step 5 - Make sure you are coming out of the seed bead you added in step 1. Then pick up 1 x Glass Pearl and 1 x Seed Bead.



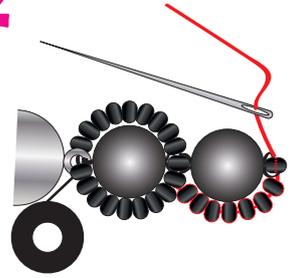
Step 6 - Go back through the glass pearl bead (leaving the size 11 sitting on top of the pearl, we will call this seed bead the middle seed bead) and take your thread through the same size 11 seed bead you came out before adding the pearl but in the opposite direction so the pearl is sewn to both side of the seed beads. Make sure you pull your thread tight so the pearl sits right on top of the seed bead. Then take your thread through one more seed bead on your previous seed bead ring.

Bead Weaving 2

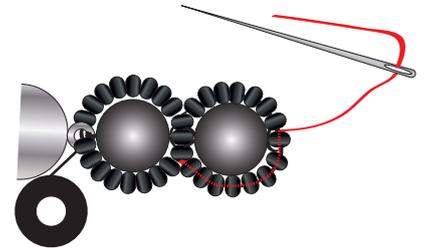
Step 7 - Pick up 7 x seed beads and go through the seed bead on the top of your pearl bead (this will be the 2nd middle seed bead).



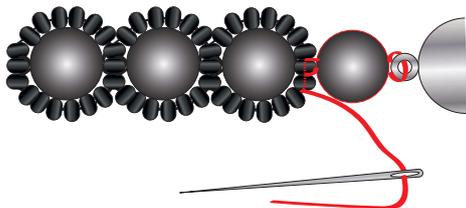
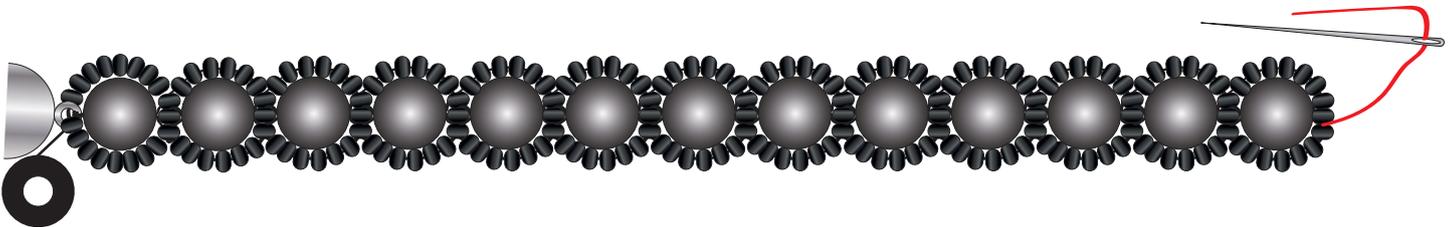
Step 8 - Pick up 7 more seed beads and take your thread through the the seed bead before the 1st middle seed bead (connected on both sides to the glass pearl) and the 1st middle seed bead.



Step 9 - Then you need to take your thread to the top so you are able to add further seed bead. So weave your thread around to the top through the seed beads and make sure you are coming out of the 2nd middle seed bead.

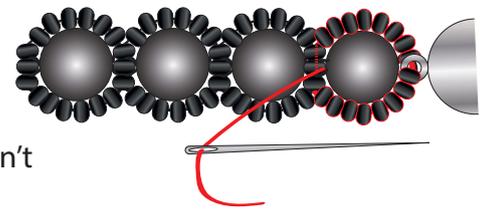


Step 10 - Repeat steps 5 to 9 until you get your desired length but stop before your last pearl bead as with that you need to add the other side of the clasp.



Step 11 - When you add your last pearl instead of picking up a seed bead go through the other loop on your clasp and back down through the pearl bead then the middle seed bead and one more seed bead on your thread path.

Step 12 - Pick up 8 x seed beads and go through the loop on your clasp, then pick up another 8 x seed beads and go through the seed bead before the middle seed bead and the middle seed bead to form your last loop. Don't worry if the seed beads go inside the loop of the clasp, just pull it tight.



Step 13 - Take your thread through the seed beads and the loop on your clasp, then come back down but stop before getting to the 3 seed beads that sit between the last pearl and the one before. From here you need to run down one side of your bacelet and come back up the other, going through only the 6 seed beads on the side of pearl beads.



Step 14 - Finish youre bracelet by securing the threads with a one thread knot technique or take your thread up and down through more beads before cutting off your tails.

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