

Materials needed for this project

- Size 8 toho seed beads
- 4mm czech fire polished beads
- Needle & Thread
- 6mm pearls OR glass beads
- Toggle Clasp

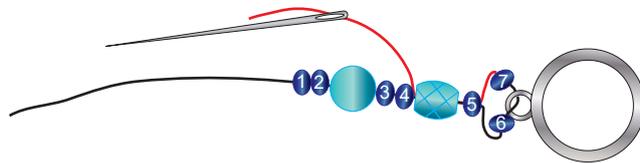
Joining Threads

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, going up and down making your way to the left of your beadwork is a much neater finish. You need to make sure you weave your thread up and down at least 6 times. To attach a new thread do the same technique, but weaving to the right then coming out from the same position 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.

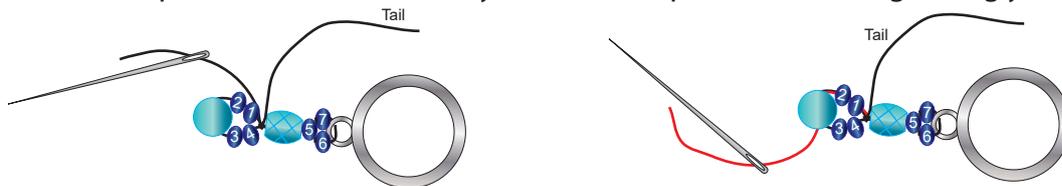
Step 1 - Pick up 2 x seed beads, 1 x pearl, 2 x seed beads, 1 x fire polished bead, 2 x seed beads and one side of the toggle clasp (go through the little loop on the clasp) followed by 1 x seed bead. All together, not counting the other beads, just the seed beads - you should have 7 of them.



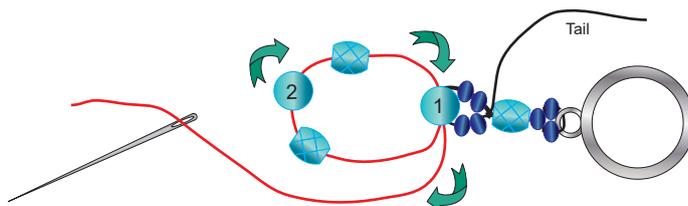
Take your needle through seed bead no.5, but in the opposite direction you did it before, then continue taking your needle down the fire polished bead as well.



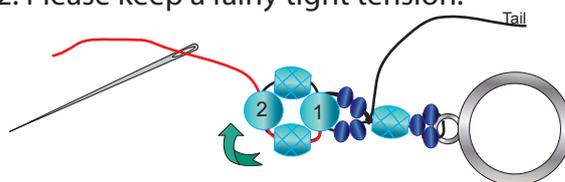
Now, knot your tail and thread together to form a firm base for your beadwork. Go through seed bead nos. 1 and 2, and the pearl bead as well. Now you are in the position to start growing your beads.



Step 2 - Pick up 1 x fire polished bead, 1 x pearl, 1 x fire polished bead and go through the pearl no.1, the same pearl you just came out from before adding the beads to your needle.

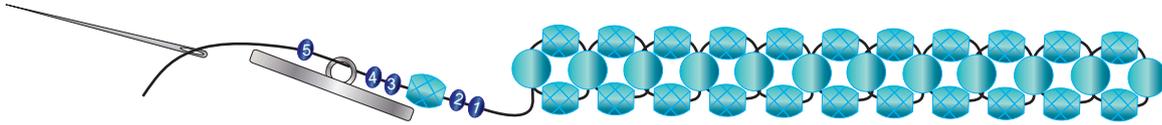


Pull your thread tight and you can see that you have completed the first little cluster of beads. Go through the fire polished bead and pearl no.2. Please keep a fairly tight tension.

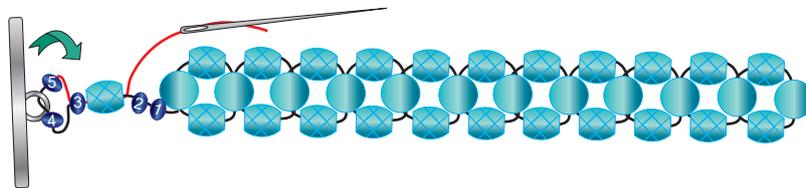


Step 3 - Repeat Step 2 until you reach your desired length. A standard length bracelet is 7.5" / 19cm, you will need 24 pearls with this design to create the standard length. If you require a longer or shorter bracelet, adjust the amount of pearls you use - each pearl adds about 1/4" / 7mm to the length of your bracelet. Your thread tension will affect the length of your bracelet too, if your tension is tight your bracelet will be shorter, looser tension creating a longer bracelet. To create a longer bracelet, you can add extra seed beads at the end of your bracelet, by the clasp.

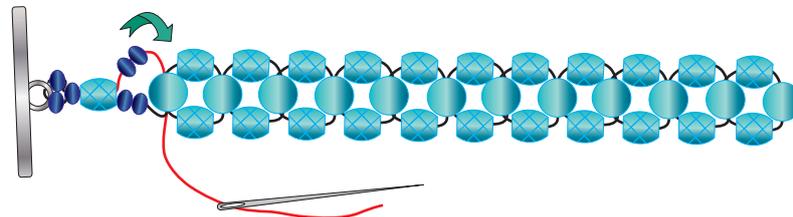
Step 4 - Pick up 2 x seed beads, 1 firepolished bead, 2 x seed beads and the other side of your toggle clasp, again through the small loop on the end of it, following by 1 more seed bead.



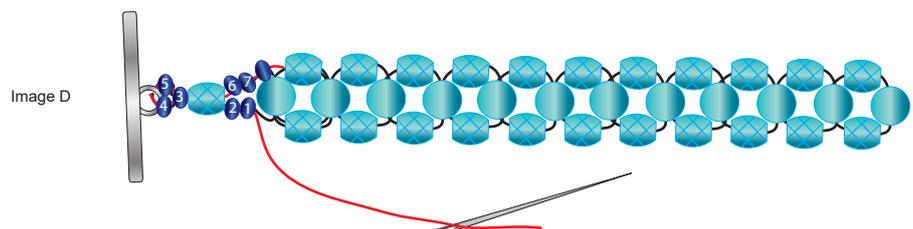
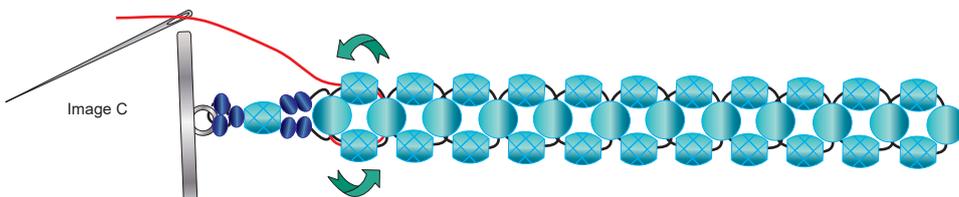
Counting only the seed beads again, go through seed bead no.3, but in the opposite direction as you did before. Then continue going through the fire polished bead as well, but only the fire polished bead.



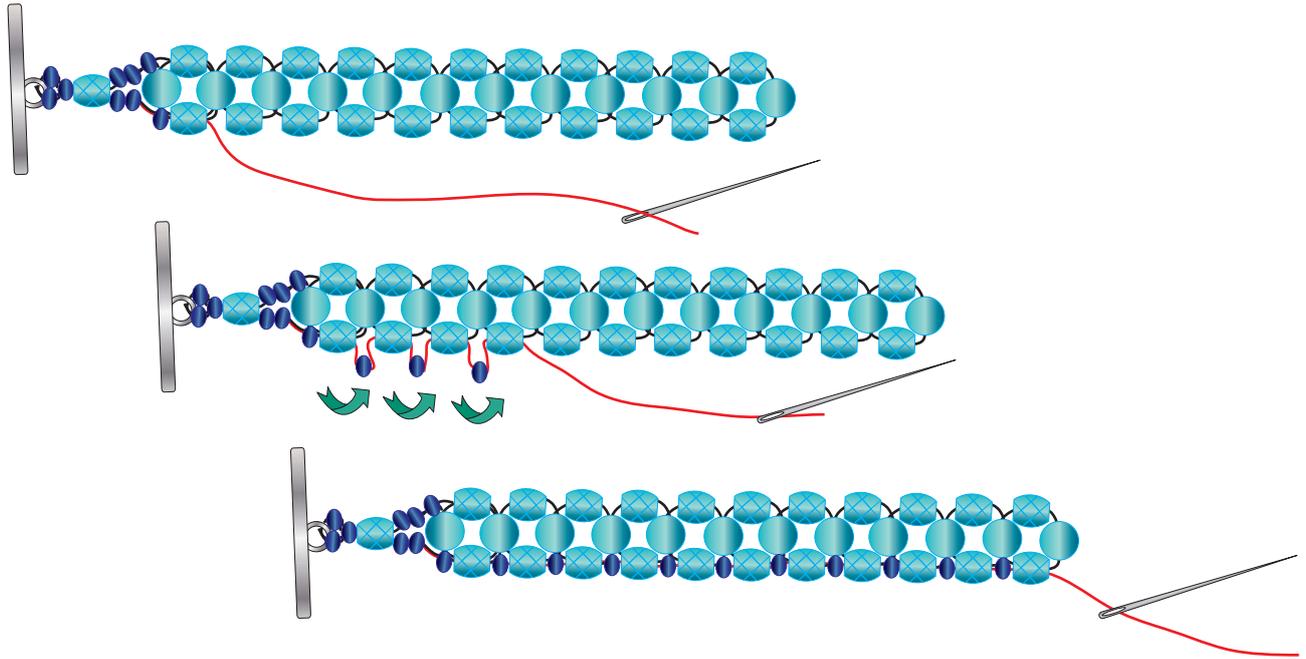
Step 5 - Now pick up 2 more seed beads and go through the last pearl bead you have added to your bracelet.



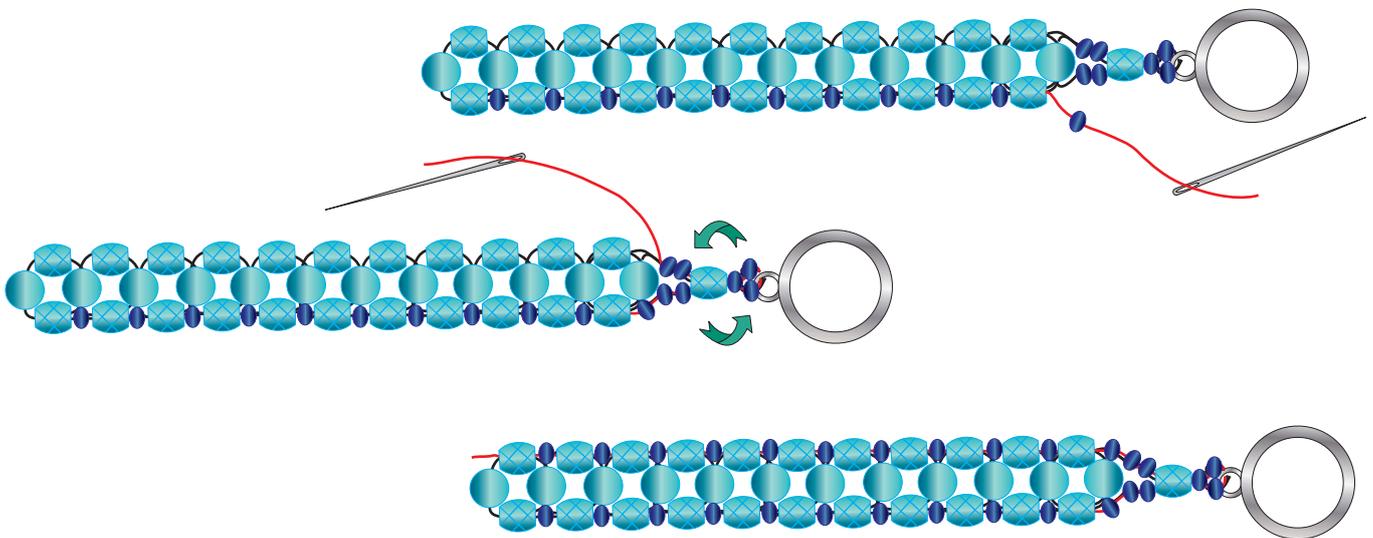
Step 6 - Go through the fire polished bead, up the pearl and through the fire polished bead towards the clasp you have added last. Now you need to pick up 1 x seed bead and go through seed bead nos. 7 and 6 then work your way up to the clasp, go through the loop and come back down so you are coming out of seed bead no.1



Step 7 - Pick up 1 x seed bead and go through the first fire polished bead in your row. Then pick up another seed bead and go through the next fire polished bead. Continue this all the way down to the other end of your bracelet. Please keep a medium tension here as if you do it too tight your bracelet will shrink a little bit and will be stiff.



Step 8 - When you get to the other end and you are coming out of the last fire polished bead, then pick up 1 x seed bead and work your way up to the clasp and down the other side. Add a seed bead and go through the fire polished bead, continue with this adding a seed bead each time as you go down the other side of your bracelet.



Step 9 - Once you have completed adding all the beads you need then work your thread off by weaving them up and down any thread path. To make the bracelet stronger, you can take your thread all the way across to the left and to the right again including the loops on the toggle clasp.

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