

Before you start

Please read through the instructions and make sure you have all the materials needed, a good work surface and plenty of lighting. These bracelets are my variation of the snake stitch, I have called this variation diamond stitch as it looks like small diamond shapes made of the seed beads with a 4mm glass pearl inside them. The stitch is really easy and you will be making a beautiful piece of jewellery in no time. Make sure you keep a good tension at all times. You could use 1, 2 or more colours of Glass Pearls alternating them at the same time to make a colourful pattern.



Pulling a Needle through small beads

If for some reason the needle gets stuck, 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.

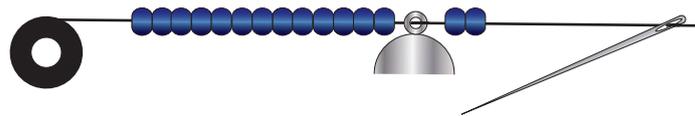
Joining Thread

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 round and round making your way backwards on your beadwork is a much neater finish. Thread a new piece of thread onto your needle, locate the the beads where the old piece of thread is coming out from and take the new thread through this bead but only about 30cm of it leaving a very long tail (you will use this tail to add further beads to your beading). Follow the thread path backwards going round and round to secure the thread. Once finished trim this tail and put your needle on the long piece of tail you have left and continue beading. After a few cm or an inch or 2 you can pause your beading and work your old thread off by bringing it further up going around following the thread path. 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 also 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.

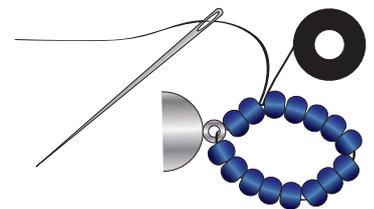
Starting your Stitch

Step 1 - Pick up 13 x size 11 seed

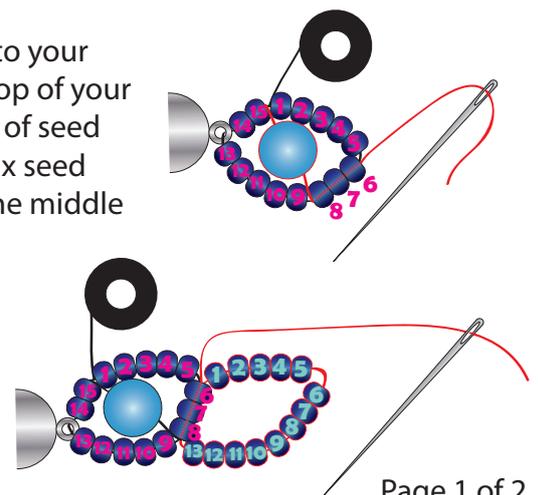
beads and take your needle through the loop on the magnetic clasp, then pick up 2 x size 11 seed beads. Take your thread through all the beads and the clasp again to form a loop and stop by the tail. At this point your beads will look like just a circle of beads but don't worry after adding the pearl the shape will change.



Step 2 - Now you need to add your 1st pearl to your loop. Add a pearl to your needle and slide it down. Make sure your thread and the tail is on the top of your beading and the clasp is on the left hand side. Looking at the base row of seed beads count back 7 beads (2 x seed beads, the loop of the clasp then 5 x seed beads). Take your needle through 3 x seed beads from the bottom to the middle of your beading (seed bead nos: 8,7 and 6).

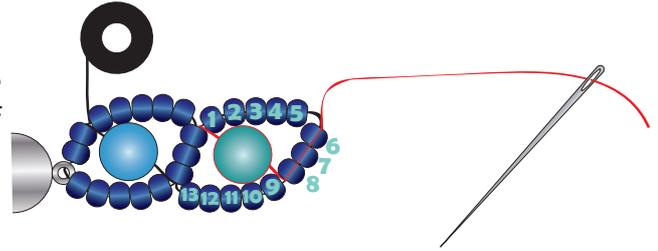


Step 3 - Pick up 13 x size 11 seed beads and take your thread through the same 3 seed beads you went through in Step 2. (seed bead nos: 8, 7 and 6)

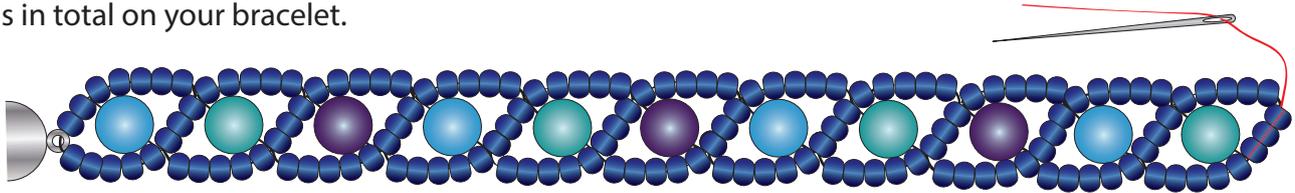


Snake Stitch

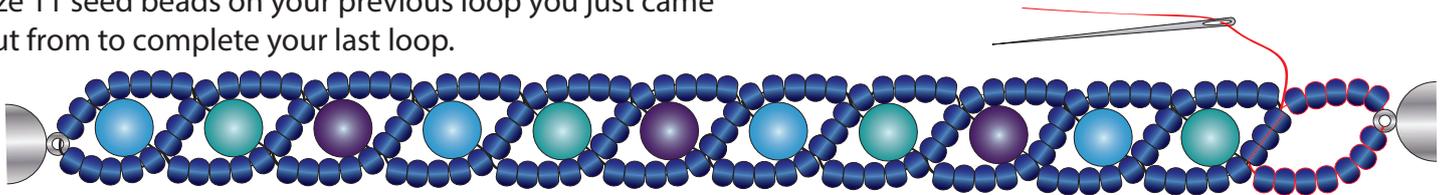
Step 4 - Pick up your 2nd pearl, this can be a different colour or the same colour as the 1st one and slide it down to the base of your thread. Then with your thread coming out of the top of your beading and the clasp is to the left side of your beading, count back 8 beads in total on your current loop and go through 3 x size 11 seed beads (seed bead Nos: 8, 7 and 6). You are making a Z shape with your thread.



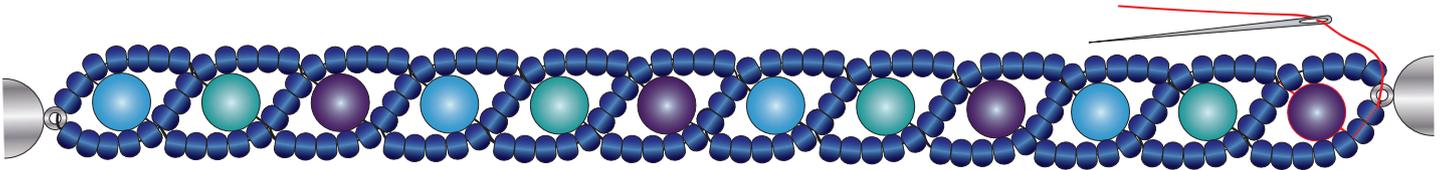
Step 5 - Repeat steps 3 and 4 until you get your desired length. However you will have to add the clasp to your bracelet on your last loop. To make a 19cm (7.5 inch) bracelet you will need 22 circles with 22 x 4mm Glass Pearl Beads in total on your bracelet.



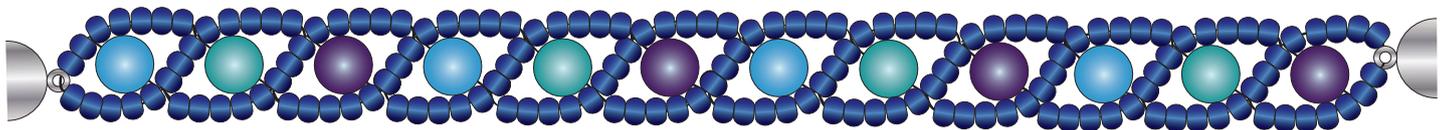
Step 6 - On your last loop you need to add the magnetic clasp. Pick up 5 x size 11 seed beads, then go through the other loop on your magnetic clasp followed by picking up 7 x size 11 seed beads. Then go through the 3 x size 11 seed beads on your previous loop you just came out from to complete your last loop.



Step 7 - Then add your last Glass Pearl Bead to your last circle by counting back 8 x size 11 seed beads, bringing your thread down and across go through the last 2 seed beads just before the loop on your magnetic clasp.



Step 8 - With the last step you have completed your bracelet. I like to go round the the last 2 circles and the loop on the clasp on both ends to strengthen the bracelet, then you can either tie a one thread knot on your bracelet or take your thread further and further through the bracelet until you run out of thread. Trim ends and enjoy.



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