

The Crisscross Bracelet

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A delicate, versatile weave made from half-tilas, size 11 seed beads and size 15 seed beads.



To make a bracelet like the one shown you will need a 3-ring sliding clasp, approximately 150 half-tila beads, about 50 size 11 beads in 3 different colours and about 300 size 15 beads all in the same colour. Mo used slightly more as she has large wrists, Cate needs less as she has slim wrists.

You could even make the weave as a single strand and just use a lobster clasp and ring type fastener, or make a necklace with varying length strands so it forms a nice drape Lots of possibilities!

Important!

The instructions will use the terms vertical and horizontal to describe the placement of the half-tilas as shown in the diagram below:

Vertical half-tila

Horizontal half-tila



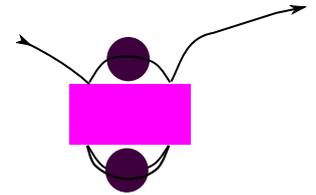
Size 11 seed bead

Size 15 seed bead

Thread your needle with a comfortable length of whatever beading thread you prefer, bearing in mind that you will be making passes through size 15 seed beads and a smaller needle and finer thread would be best. (We used a size 12 needle and 4lb Fireline).

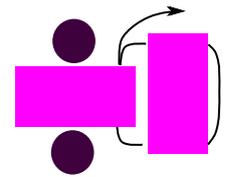
Step 1

Thread through one side of a half-tila leaving about a 15cm tail to use for attaching to the clasp, add a size 11 bead, thread through the opposite side of the half-tila, add another size 11, go back down the first side again, through the first 11 bead added and then up the second side of the half-tila. This will be a horizontal half-tila.



Step 2

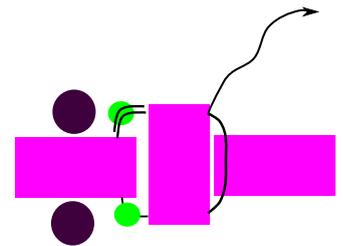
Thread through one side of a new half-tila then back through the second side of this half-tila, then up through the second side of the previous (horizontal) half-tila. This adds a vertical half-tila.



Note: It is important to do this step before adding the size 15 beads that are added in the next step as it makes the half-tilas snuggle together more closely and securely. If you try to do Step 2 and Step 3 all in one go, the bracelet will not be as neat!

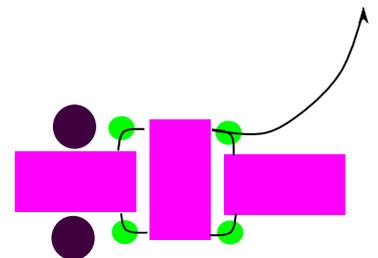
Step 3

Add a size 15 bead and thread through the top of the vertical half-tila. Now go through one side of another half-tila and then back through the lower side of the vertical half-tila. Add another 15 and thread up through the 1st half-tila, through the first 15 bead and then through the top of the second half-tila.



Step 4

Add a 15 bead, thread down through the horizontal half-tila, add another 15 bead and thread back through the previous vertical half-tila, then through the 15 bead, up through the 1st half-tila and then the second 15 bead. Now thread through the top of the vertical half-tila and the 15 bead.



Repeat steps 1 to 4 as many times as you need, then repeat step 1 to finish off. Leave a tail for attaching the clasp.

Repeat the process twice more until you have 3 strands of the crisscross weave.

Adding the clasp:

For each end of each strand add 4 size 15 seed beads, go through a loop on the clasp, go back through the 4th bead just added, add 3 more size 15 seed beads and thread through the half-tila. Threads through again for security then tie off your thread as normal.

