

# International Beading Week

Beading Lincs Pattern (makemeinbeads.uk@gmail.com)

Wrapping beads on a core gives infinite possibilities for creating something unique whilst continuing an ancient technique. We have been following the V&A Africa Costume Exhibition and decided to use this method decorating it with flowers following the IBW theme.



## Summer Haze



Here is a wrapped beaded bracelet decorated with daisies. (Daisies for British Summer flowers). It is on a thin cord - washing line and used 34 size 8 seed beads per wrap. It curves with the minimum of gaping. Your tension controls the tightness of each wrap. Work from the length of the cord cutting it at the end.

The earrings are made in the same colourway with the daisies added on a drop of 4 seed beads.

Now To Create It. Follow the instructions below to get you started.



### WHAT YOU NEED

Washing line cord or similar, Scissors, strong thread (Fireline) and needle, end caps and a clasp and a bead selection in size 8s.

You will also need glue. (E6000 not UHU)

Remember the wrapping alters the inside dimensions making it smaller, so allow for this

Measure the length before adding the second end cap and allow for the clasp.

### HOW TO WRAP THE CORE

The technique of wrapping gives a dense amount of beading quickly. Follow the photos for the process. Begin by wrapping the end of the core with thread and glue on an end cap. Let it dry over night.

1/2 Working with a really long length of thread used double, anchor your stitch in the core close to the end cap. Thread on 2 or 3 inches of beads and wrap it tightly round the core with 3 or 4 wraps. Hold it firmly. Then take your needle through the core to fix in place.

3/4 Take another anchoring stitch exiting about 3 or 4 beads from the end. Come back through the last 3 or 4 beads you added in the coil and you are ready to continue wrapping another colour.

5 Repeat to your chosen length.

6 When you get to the size required wrap thread round the end, cut and stitch to secure and glue on the end cap.

7 Add a clasp.

### DECORATING THE WRAPPED BEAD BRACELET

Decorate each end near the end caps once you have finished the bracelet. Make linked daisies into the core beads.

You will need seed beads to match your wraps. I used size 8 seed beads and Fireline

Anchor your thread through a core bead.

Pick up beads A1-5, 1 B (6) and go back through 1A. Then add 7,8 (A) and go through 5,4,3,2,1 (red line) to complete the daisy.

Pull tight and stitch round the outer beads through to 5. Stitch back through one or two seed beads in the wrap making sure it lies flat and begin again.

