

'1 heart – 3 ways' – Part 2

Rainbow Hearts Bracelet

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Shopping list...

2g x size 11 cylinder beads in each of the 12 IBW colours

5g x size 11 cylinder beads – white

5g x size 11 Miyuki seed beads - white

Size 10/12 needle

White KO thread or thread of choice

Clasp of choice



'One heart, 3 ways', is a three-part set of projects, designed for IBW 2023: earrings, a bracelet, and a pendant. Each of the projects use the same heart design to demonstrate how you can use the same simple component to create three different projects.



To make the hearts for this bracelet you will need to download the Mini Diamond Earrings pattern from the International Beading Week collection of free patterns at:

<https://beadworkersguild.com/new-for-2023-2/>

This project is made using a Ladder stitched base and decreasing Brick stitch for the hearts, plus modified Right Angle Weave for the bracelet. Instructions for all stitches can be downloaded for free from The Beadworkers Guild website at:

<https://beadworkersguild.com/basic-stitch-instructions/>

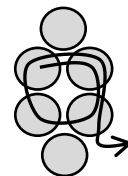
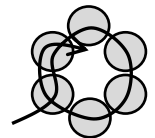
Preparing the hearts

Using the earrings pattern, make twenty-four hearts - two in each of the IBW colours, or use twelve different shades of one colour to create a 7"/17.8cm ombre effect bracelet. **N.B. You will need to adjust the quantities above to create a longer bracelet.**

Make sure to pass through the top two beads of each heart a couple of times to strengthen their connection, then weave in, secure, and trim all threads, avoiding any beads near the top of each component.

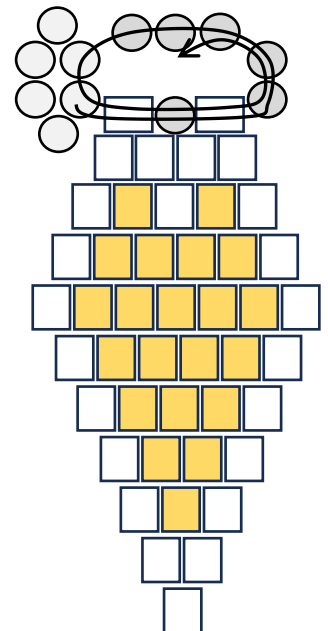
The bracelet

Step 1. Using a wingspan of stretched thread, pick up 6x seed beads, leave an approx. 15-20cm tail, then pass through the first two beads again.



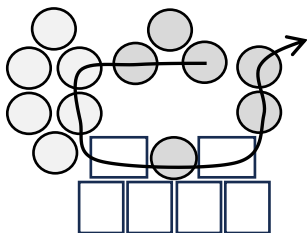
Step 2. Miss a bead and pass through the next two beads, so that the missed bead pops out. Repeat once more.

Step 3. Pass through the first cylinder bead at the top of the yellow heart, pick up 1x seed bead and pass through the second cylinder bead – *see diagram right.*

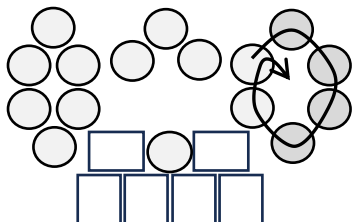


Step 4. Pick up 5x seed beads, pass through the two side beads from the previous unit and on through the next six beads – *see diagram above.*

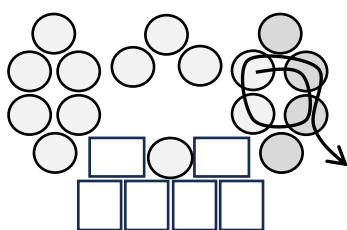
Step 5. Miss a seed bead and pass through the next eight beads, to exit the two side beads of the second unit.



Step 6. Pick up 4x seed beads and pass through the two side beads of the previous unit.



Step 7. Miss a bead and pass through the next two beads. Repeat twice more so that the missed beads pop out, exiting the two side beads of the new unit.



Step 8. Repeat Step 3, to add the orange heart, then repeat Steps 4 to 7.

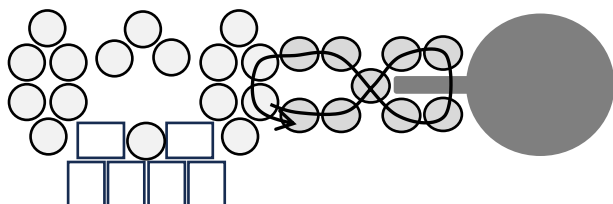
Step 9. Continue repeating Steps 6 to 8 until you have added all twenty-four hearts, using the image on page one as a colour placement guide.

N.B. Each heart will slightly overlap the previous one.

Step 10. Repeat Steps 6 & 7 to make the final unit.

Adding the clasp

Step 10. Pick up 5x seed beads, pass through the loop of the first half of the clasp – see diagram below.



Step 11. Pick up 2x seed beads and pass through the third bead picked up in Step 11 – see diagram above.

Step 12. Pick up 2x seed beads and pass through the two side beads of the last unit – see diagram below left.

Repeat the thread path for Steps 11 – 13 a couple of times to strengthen the connection, then weave in, secure, and trim the thread.

Step 13. Repeat Steps 11 – 13 to add the second half of the clasp.

and finally...

I hope you have enjoyed stitching my Rainbow Hearts Bracelet.

If you would like to make for as gifts for family or friends please do, but may I ask that you reference me as the designer.

Happy beading and I look forward to seeing your finished bracelet on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/internationalbeadingweek

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