

STACK A RAINBOW

A free design from Heather Kingsley-Heath to celebrate National Beading Week July 30th - August 7th 2016

Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet, one for each day!



You will need

- 5g size 15 seed beads main colour (A)
 - 2g size 15 seed beads silver (B)
 - 4g size 11 seed beads main colour (C)
 - 3g size 8 seed beads main colour (D)
- Beading thread and needle
clasp (bracelet version).

How it works

Make the start row the length you want the bracelet to be, not including the clasp. (See page 2 for the Bangle version).

Top tip

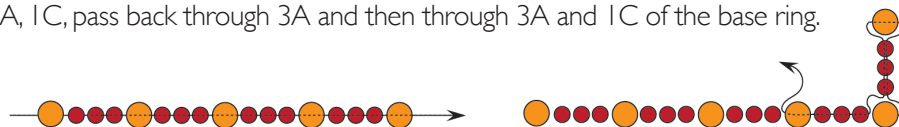
Step five will look wobbly and weird as you work it, but all the beads will fall neatly into place when you add step ten.

We used silver line A beads and matt or opaque C and D beads. The design will work with any brand of seed bead, but make sure all bead sizes are from the same brand.

Bracelet

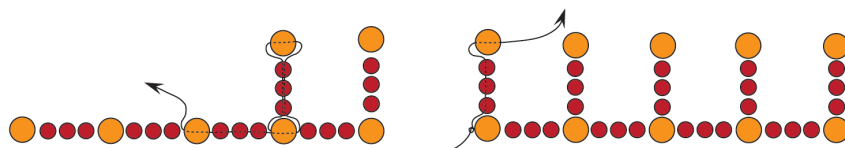
Step one Use a stop bead, pick up 1C, 3A, 1C, 3A, repeat until you have the required length. End with 1C.

Step two Pick up 3A, 1C, pass back through 3A and then through 3A and 1C of the base ring.

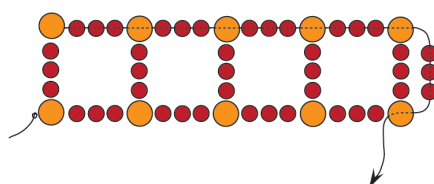


Step three Pick up 3A, 1C, pass back through 3A. Pass back through the 1C started from. Pass through 3A, 1C of the base.

Step four Repeat step three to place a stitch over each of the C beads of the base row. At the end of the row, work the last stitch, then remove the stop bead. Step up through the beads of the last stitch to exit the 1C at the top.

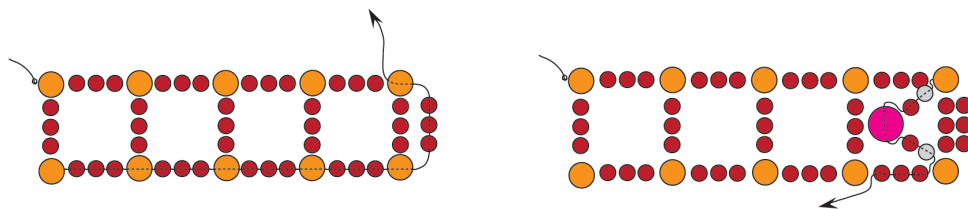


Step five pick up 3A, pass through the next tip bead. Repeat to link each 1C tip with 3A. At the end of the row, exit the last 1C, pick up 3A, and pass through the 1C at the end of the base row.



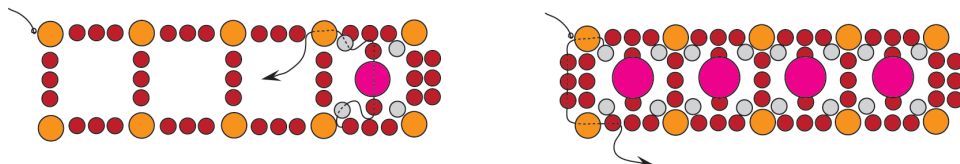
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Step six Turn your work over so the needle is at the top. Pick up 1B, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1B. Pass through the 3A at the bottom.



Step seven Pick up 1B, pass through 1A, 1D, 1A. Pick up 1B, then pass through the next 1C at the top. Repeat steps six and seven to decorate each square aperture of the bracelet base.

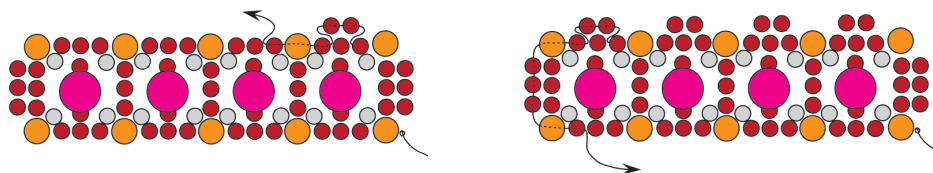
Step eight At the end of the row, exit the end 1C, pick up 3A and pass through the end 1C at the bottom.



Step nine Turn your work over so the needle is at the top, pass through 1A of the first set of 3A.

Pick up 2A, pass through the 3rd 1A of the first set, 1C, and the first 1A of the next set of 3A.

Repeat along one side of the bracelet, then turn through the end beads to repeat along the second side.



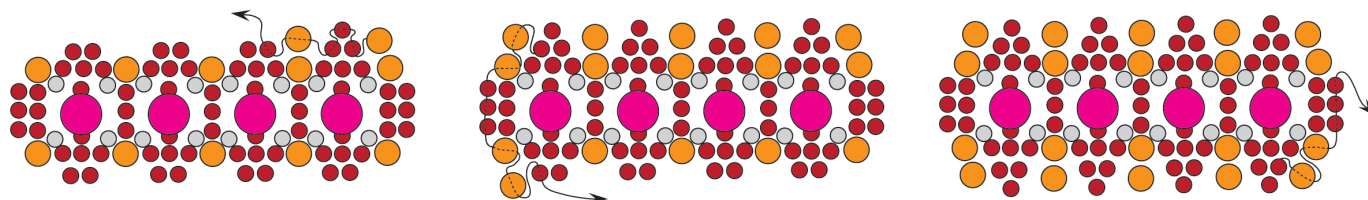
Turn at the end through 3A, 1C, then turn the your work over so the needle is at the top again.

Step ten Pick up 1C, pass through 1A of the 2A. Pick up 1A, pass through the second 1A of the 2A.

Pick up 1C, pass through the first 1A of the next set of 2A. Repeat all the way along one side.

Step eleven To turn at the end, exit the last 1A, pick up 1C, then pass through 1C, 3A, 1C end beads. Repeat step ten.

At the end of the row, exit the last 1A, pick up 1C, then pass through 1C and 3A end beads.



Step twelve Attach the clasp of your choice to the 3A at the each end of the bracelet.

Bangle version

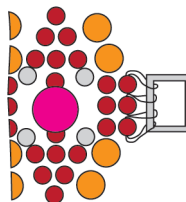
Make the start row the length you want the Bangle to be, end with 3A.

Secure the beads in a ring

Check that the ring of beads will slide over your hand easily.

Exit 1C. then follow the instructions from step three onwards.

At the end of each round, pass through either 3A already in place, or the embellishment beads added in steps six and seven to change sides each time you need to.



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