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Seaweed Bracelet





You will need:

- 8 x 6mm Fire Polish crystals
- Approx. 20 x 3mm small crystals
- Approx 1 g x size 11/0 seed beads same colour as crystals (C)
- Approx 12 q x size 11/0 seed beads main colour (A)
- Approx 8g x size 11/O seed beads matching / toning colour (B)
- A small pinch of size 15/0 seed beads same colour as crystals
- Beading thread of your choice
- Size 10 Beading needle
- 1 x 12mm button

Base row



- Take off as long a thread as you are comfortable working with you will work this as a single thread
- Thread on a stop bead leaving enough of a tail to attach your button
- Pick up $5 \times A$ these 5 beads are going to be the neck of your button attachment.
- Now pick up the following sequence of beads as this is going to be the first loop in the bracelet :

• Ignoring the 5 x A which are going to be the neck for the button, pass your needle through the next $2 \times A - 1 \times C - 5 \times A - 1 \times 6mm - 5 \times A - 1 \times C - 2 \times A - 1 \times C$ again and pull the beads into a circle



- 1. Pick up $5 \times A 1 \times 6$ mm $5 \times A 1 \times C 2 \times A 1 \times C 14 \times A$ and pass your needle up through the $1 \times C 2 \times A 1 \times C$ on the side of the previous loop
- 2. Continue passing your needle around the beads in this new loop until it passes through the $1 \times C 2 \times A 1 \times C$ you added in this loop
- Following the above 2 steps, continue to add loops until you have 8 completed loops

To finish the base row...

 With your thread coming out of one of the Cs on the side of the last loop, pick up 20 x A and pass your needle through the other C on the end of that loop then the 2 x A & C where you first started this final loop – this will be the loop for your button





Row 1

You are now going to work around the loop and then along the bracelet heading back towards the button end adding picots of $3 \times B$

You are going to start by working your way round the button loop:

- With your thread exiting out of the C, pick up $3 \times B$, skip over the next $2 \times A$ in the loop and pass your needle through the next A
- Continue around the button loop adding 3 x B, skipping 2 x A and passing through the next A
- On the last one in that loop you will find you are passing your needle through the other C in the
- loop
- Pick up 3 x B and pass your needle through the C where you first started the round
- Continue along the bracelet adding 3-bead picots along the strand of 14 x A on the next loop, then one 3-bead picot in between the two C beads to work over to the 14 x A on the other side of the next loop

NOTE Make sure that you don't turn the bracelet over as the picots between the 2 C beads all need to be on the same side so that the back of the bracelet is lies flat against your wrist with all the 'frill' on top



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• When you get to the point where you are adding the last 3-bead picot to the first loop, instead of passing your needle through the C as you usually would, pass your needle through the 5th A on the button stem (this is the one beside the loop)



Continue to pass your needle through the next 2 x
A on the stem – as this is how you are going to move your thread around to come back along the bracelet working towards the button loop



• Pick up $3 \times B$ and pass your needle through the same $2 \times A$ again, in the same direction as before, then up through the first $2 \times B$ in the picot. This means you are now ready to add the next row

Row 2

You are now going to work along the 3-bead picots adding picots of 5 x A. The lime green beads in the picture show how these 5-bead picots will look



- Pick up $5 \times A$ beads and pass your needle through the middle B of the next set of $3 \times B$ added in the previous row
- Repeat along the row adding 5 x A in between each of the middle Bs in the 3-bead picot, and when you reach the button loop at the other end, continue around the loop.





- The last 5 x A will join the last 3-bead picot to the 3-bead picot sitting between the 2 x C so you will end up with your needle coming out of the middle B in the last 3-bead picot in the loop
- Continue to you to pass your needle through the 3^{rd} B in that 3-bead picot then along through the C 2 x A C

You are now going to move your needle into position for the next row

• Pass your needle through the first 2 B in the 3-bead picot between the 2 Cs and continue through the first 3 x A of the 5-bead picot (red arrow shows thread path from the first C)

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Row 3

You are now going to work back along the 5-bead picots adding $7 \times B$ between the middle As in the 5-bead picots

The pink beads in the picture below show how this row will look

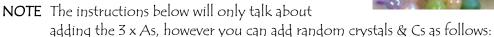


- Pick up $7 \times B$ and pass your needle through the middle A of the first 5-bead picot in the previous row
- Pick up $7 \times B$ and pass your needle through the middle A of the next 5-bead picot in that row
- Continue along the row adding 7 \times B in between the middle As of the 5-bead picots until you have added the last set of 7 \times B and your needle is coming out of the middle A in the last 5-bead picot
- Pass your needle down the 4th & 5th A in that last 5-bead picot as you will now turn your thread so that you can work back along the sets of 7 beads just added

Row 4

You are now going to work your way back along the bracelet towards the button loop end, adding 3-bead picots of As, as well as some C beads and 3mm crystals

The lilac beads in the picture show these 3 bead picots



To add in the Cs: simply substitute one C bead for A bead every so often along this row

To add a 3mm crystal: Pick up $1 \times a - 1 \times 3mm - 1 \times 15/0$

Pass your needle down through the 3mm so that the 15/O sits as a

stop bead on the top

Pick up 1 x A and pass your needle through the next B it is due to go

through

- Pick up $3 \times A$ and pass your needle through the middle A of the last 5-bead picot where your last set of $7 \times (B)$ beads finished
- Continue through 1st B of the 7-bead picot
- ***Pick up $3 \times A$ and skipping over $1 \times B$, pass your needle through the 3^{rd} B of the 7-bead picot
- Pick up $3 \times A$ and skipping over $1 \times B$, pass your needle through the 5^{th} B of the 7-bead picot
- Pick up $3 \times A$ and skipping over $1 \times B$, pass your needle through the 7^{th} B of the 7-bead picot



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• Now pass your needle through the middle A of the 5-bead picot from row 2 and then the 1st B in the next 7-bead picot ///

• Repeat from *** to /// along the row until you have added the last set of $3 \times A$ to the last 7-bead picot

NOTE Remember to add in Cs and crystals randomly along the edge

You are now going to work around the button loop to firm up the shape.

- Weave your thread through the beads in the loop so that your needle is coming out of the first 2 As in the first 5-bead picot around the edge of the loop
- Skip the middle (3^{rd}) A and pass your needle through the 4^{th} & 5^{th} As of that picot pull gently and the 3^{rd} A will 'pop' out to make the picot triangular in shape
- Pass your needle through the B bead from the previous round and then through the first 2 As of the next 5-bead picot and repeat as before to encourage the middle A to 'pop' out
- Work your way around the loop 'popping' the middle As on each of the 5-bead picots, and when you have completed the round, weave your thread through the beads so it is in position to work along the set of $5 \times A$ before the 6 mm

Row 5

You are now going to work back along the bracelet adding 2 x picots of 3 x A either side of the 6mm

- Pass your needle through the 1^{st} A of the set and pick up $3 \times A$
- Pass your needle through the 3^{rd} A of the set and pick up $3 \times A$
- Pass your needle through the 5^{th} A 6mm 1^{st} A on the other side
- Pick up 3 x A & pass your needle through the 3^{rd} A of the set, pick up 3 x A and pass your needle through the 5^{th} bead of the set
- Work your needle through to the beads in the base row so you needle is coming out before the set of $5 \times As$ on the other side of the bracelet and add picots as before
- Continue along the bracelet until you have added 2 x picots on either side of all the 6mms, then weave in and secure your thread with a couple of knots

To complete

- Remove the stop bead, thread up the tail and add the button
- Weave your thread through the beads so you can go through the button several times to make this secure
- Finish by weaving in the tail and securing with a couple of knots