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Bangle Bracelets



John Bead
ESTABLISHED 1954

Materials

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 8/0
Select One Color, SKU 10549084

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 11/0
Select One Color, SKU 10627237

John Bead Czech Glass Seed Beads in Size 6/0
Select One Color, SKU 10627220

Gold Colorway SKU 10549094, 10627236, 10627175

Wildfire Thread .006 Black, SKU 10470337

Tools

Size 10 Beading Needles, SKU 10332394

Precision Scissors, SKU 10591717

Chain Noise Pliers, SKU 10121794

Bent Nose Pliers, SKU 10121795

Bead Mat, SKU 10348546

Time: 1 hour

Level: Intermediate

Create stackable bangles that look like cup chain using only seed beads and beading thread! Tie a stack of them together with ribbon and they're gift-ready!

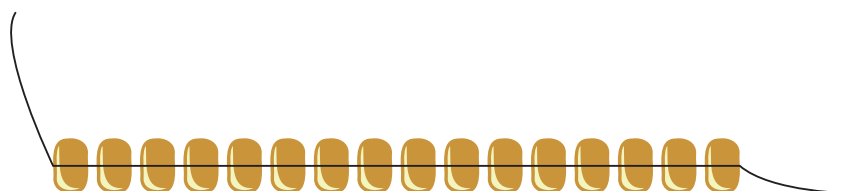
This design can also be created with a clasp, or as a hoop earring.



Step 1

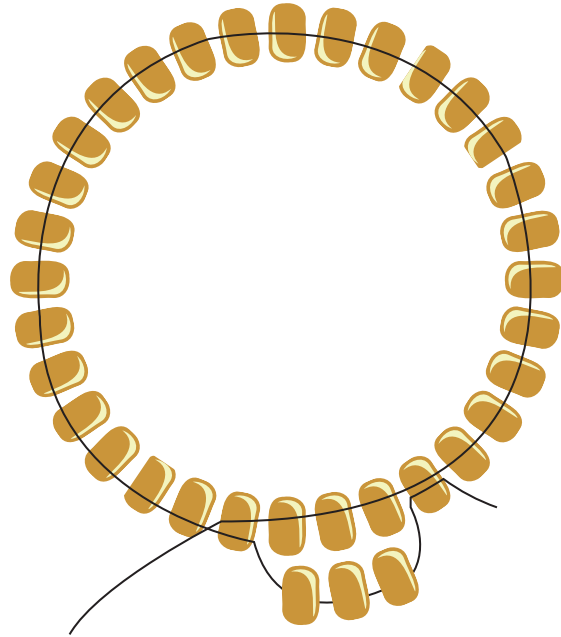
Cut a length of beading thread 40" [102 cm] and thread a size 10 hard beading needle. Leave a 7" [18 cm] tail.

String size 8/0 beads to desired length in multiples of four. It can help to add a stop bead at the beginning, but this is optional. Remember that a bangle bracelet is best made an inch [2.5 cm] larger than the wrist, so it can fit over the base of the hand. My samples are made just under 8" [10 cm] around and use 104 (26 repeats of four) beads to start.

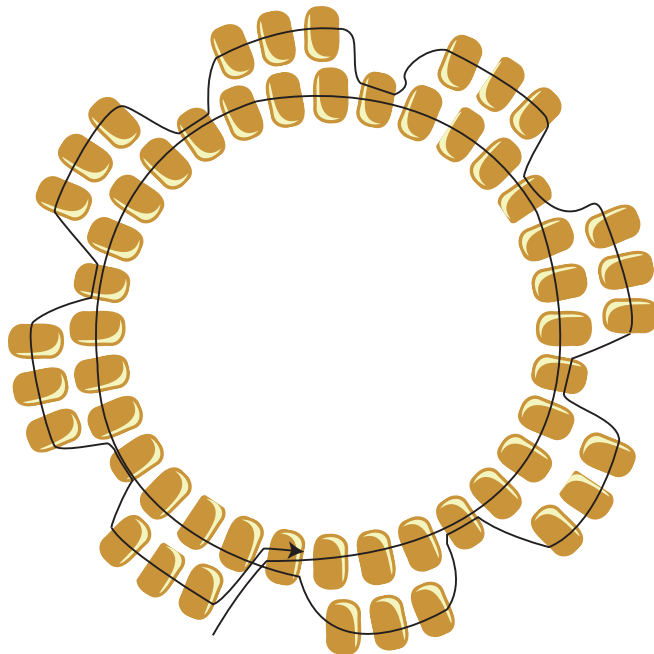


Step 2

Go through the first bead added. Pick up three size 8/0 beads, skip three beads, go through the next bead.



Repeat this step around the bracelet until you reach the first bead added. Maintain firm tension around.



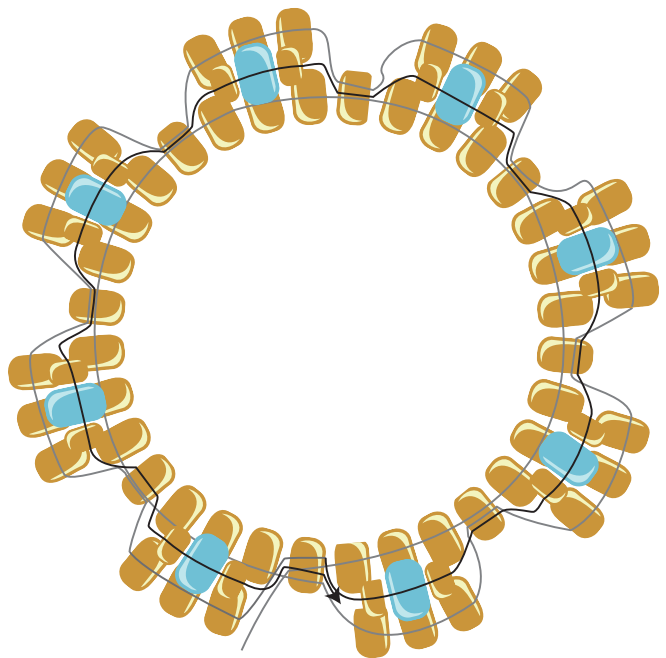
Step 3

With your thread exiting from the first bead added in Step 1, pick up a size 11/0, a size 6/0, and a size 11/0 bead. Skip the three 8/0 beads (on both sides) and go through the fourth 8/0 bead. The 11-6-11 combo you added will sit on top of the 8/0 beads.



[Pick up an 11/0 bead, a 6/0 bead, and an 11/0 bead.

Skip three 8/0 beads. Go through the next 8/0 bead] repeat until you reach the first 8/0 bead added. Go through the bead.



Step 4

Weave the thread into the bangle through a few loops around the 8/o beads. Trim thread. Repeat weaving in with the tail thread.

Variations

To create an earring version, follow the steps above, but add two extra extra beads to the count in Step 1. Go through those beads when you pass through the first bead in Steps 2 and 3. Use this extra length of beads to attach a jump ring. Attach a second jump ring to connect the ear wire.

Tip: If you accidentally miscount in Step 1, go through the extra bead or beads as described above for the earring version and simply use that section to attach a charm to your bangle, or tie a ribbon or tassel.

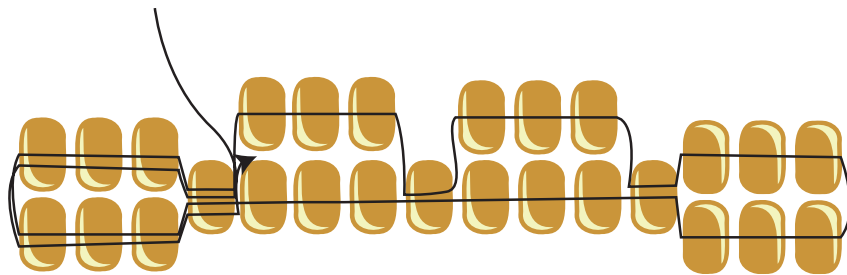
To create a version with a clasp follow these steps:

Step 1 - Clasp version

Use the same thread measurements as Step 1.

Pick up seven size 8/0 beads. Go through the first bead added, heading in the direction of the tail thread.

String to desired length in multiples of four. Then pick up six 8/0 beads, turn and go through the last fourth bead added. [Pick up three size 8/0 beads, skip three beads, and go through the next bead] until you reach the first bead in your bracelet. Go through the six beads in the loop to reinforce and then continue through the first bead.



[Pick up a size 11/0 bead, a 6/0 bead, and an 11/0 bead. Skip three beads and go through the next bead] to the end of the bracelet. Loop around the six beads at that end to reinforce. Weave in working and tail threads and trim. Use jump rings to attach a clasp.

