

CUFF BRACELETS

Ginkgo Leaf



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Materials

John Bead Miyuki Cube Beads

1.8mm Bronze Metallic 695SB18-0457BV

1.8mm Turquoise Green Opaque 695SB18-0412V

Czech Candy Beads 12mm 2 holes

Blue Opaque Dark Travertine 27801702-56S8

Silver 27801702-27S8

Ginkgo Beads Czech Ginkgo Leaf Bead 7.5mm

Jet/Dark Bronze 27888200-32

Matte - Metallic Bronze Copper

Czech Druk Beads 4mm

Opaque Ivory Travertine 27805043-010

Miracle Bead Round 4mm Transparent Coffee 28490010-07

John Bead Miyuki Size 15/0 Seed Beads

Bronze Opaque Metallic 695SB15O-0457V

Medium Salmon Pink Opaque Duracoat 695SB15O-4462

Wire Guardian 4x4mm Antique Gold 24001018

LOBSTER CLASP 12mm NF/LF ANTIQUE GOLD 23440019

Must Have Findings - Jump Ring Round 6mm

Antique Copper 142pcs 26001401-038

Beading Thread 8lb Fireline

Size 10 or 11 Hard Beading Needles

Thread Snips

Thread Burner (optional)

Bead Mat


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Intro

This design is worked using a long strand of beading thread with a needle placed on each end. A wire guardian is strung and brought down to the middle of the strand. Each side of the bracelet is worked side by side.

In the parts list above, for each bead type, colorway 1 is the top listed and colorway 2 is the second listed.

There are other ways to style and personalize this design in addition to choosing unique colors. In step 6, two alternatives are suggested for the beaded pattern at the ends. The two variations I tried in my samples are suggested in that step. You could also try different 4mm beads. Try crystals or fire polish, or a 4mm gemstone bead! Play, try your ideas, and have fun!

Legend

Color A is a 1.8mm Miyuki Cube

Color B is a Two-Hole Candy Bead

Color C is a Two-Hole Ginkgo Bead

Color D is a Size 15/0 seed bead

Color E is a 4mm bead

Colorway 2



Colorway 1

Step 1

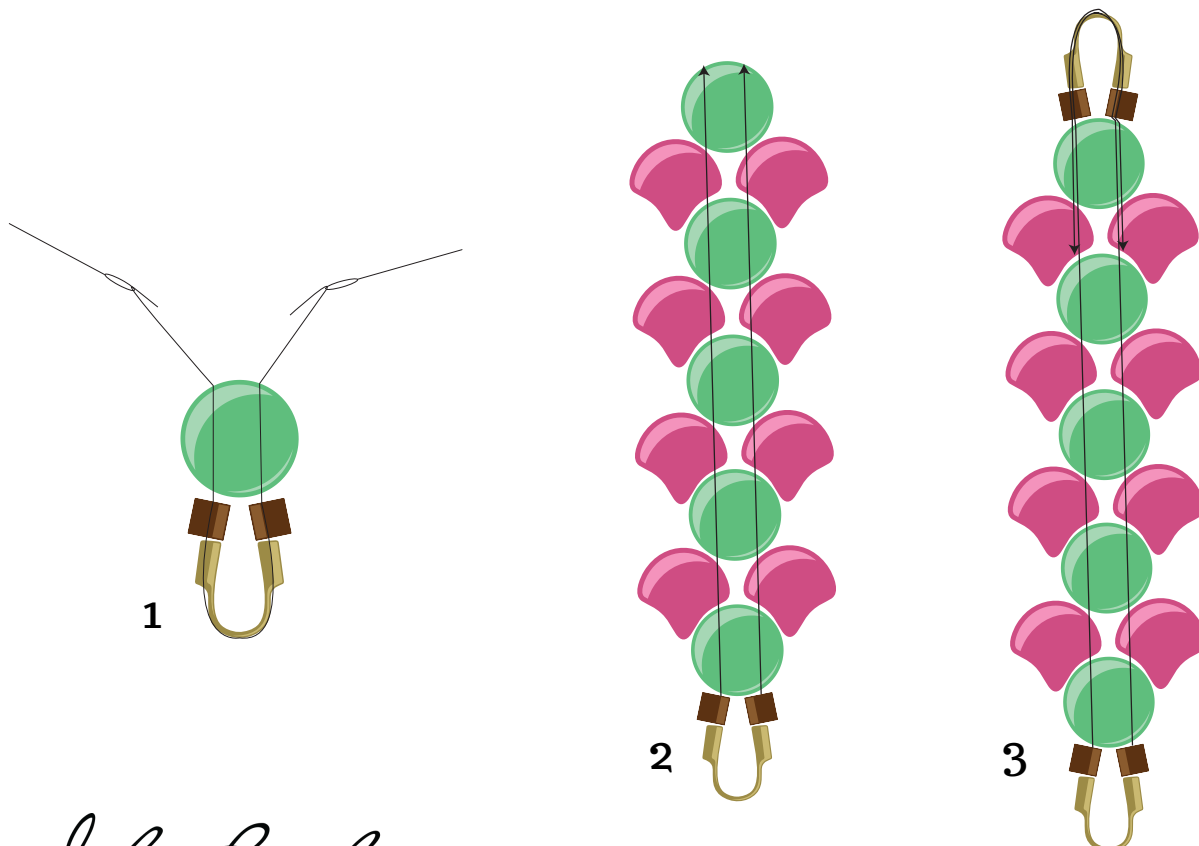
Begin with 110 inches [279 cm] of beading thread. Thread a beading needle onto each end. Bring each needle through a wire guardian, heading from the round side out. On each strand, pick up one Color A Bead. Go through a two-hole candy bead (Color B). You should now have two working strands of about 55 inches [140 cm] exiting from each hole of the Color B bead.

Step 2

[String a Color C bead onto each strand then go through a Color B bead with each strand] to desired length. Keep the round side up on the Color B beads and the Color C beads heading in the same direction as you add them.

Step 3

Exiting from the last Color B bead, pick up a Color A bead and go around a wire guardian with each strand. Continue through the Color B bead and the next Color C beads.



Step 4

On both strands [pick up a Color D, Color A, and Color D. Go through the next B] until you've reached the last B.

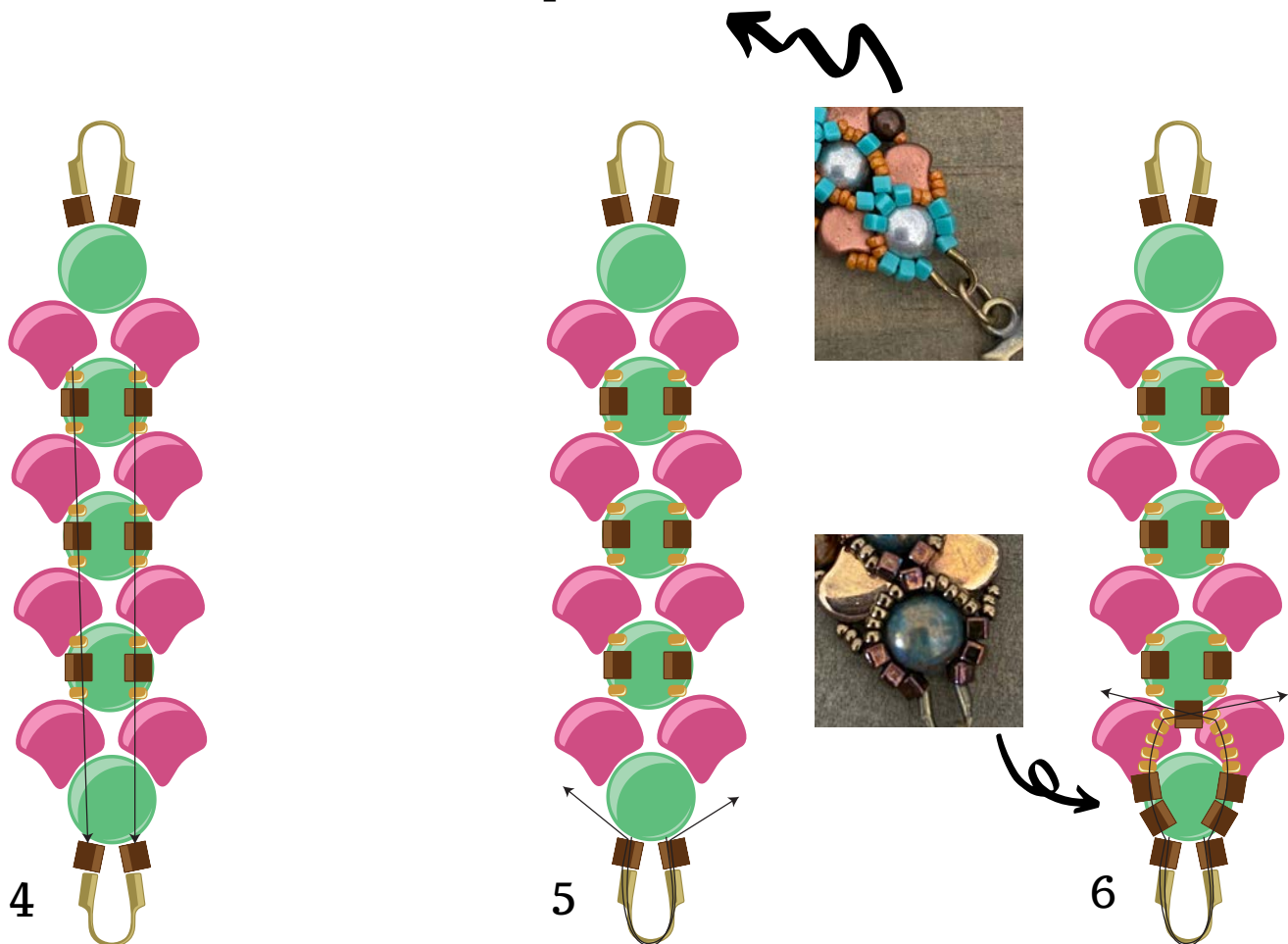
Step 5

With each strand, go through the A above and around the wire guardian. Continue back through the A beads.

Step 6 - See Variation - Opportunity to personalize

With each strand, pick up *2A and 5D*. With one strand, pick up an A bead. Next, bring the other needle through the A bead just strung on the other strand, heading in the opposite direction. Pull the strands away from each other to tighten.

Variation: You could start step 6 with *2A, 2D, and 1A* if desired.



Step 7

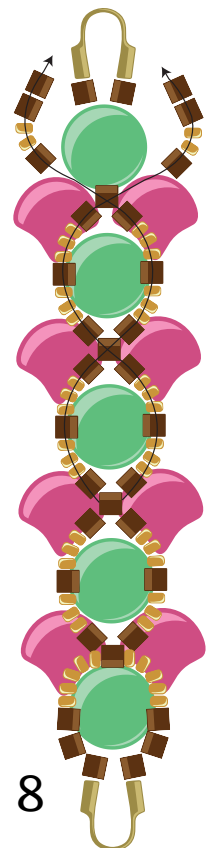
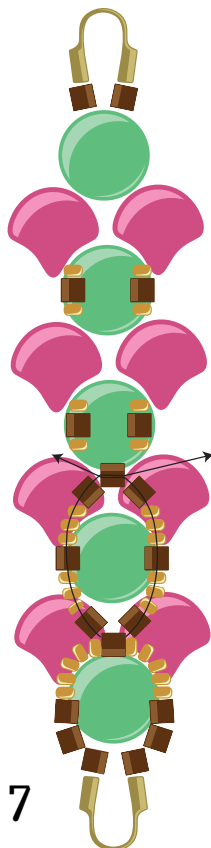
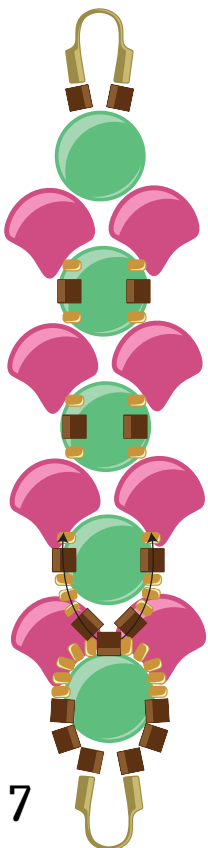
With each strand, pick up 1A and 2D. Go through the next D, A, and D beads. Pick up 2D and 1A with each strand, then pick up another A on one of the strands. Bring the other strand through that A in the opposite direction. Pull to tighten.

Repeat Step 7 until you have gone through the last sets of D, A, and D beads.

Step 8

Pick up 1A, 2D, and 2A on each strand*. Go through the A beads that sit just under the wire guardian and loop around the wire guardian with each strand. Continue back through the 3A beads on each side.

*Refer to step 6 variation, you could start this step with 5D then 2A.

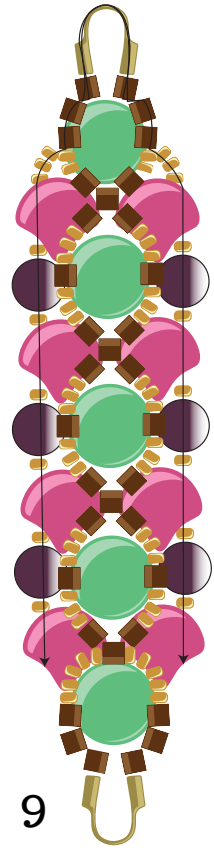
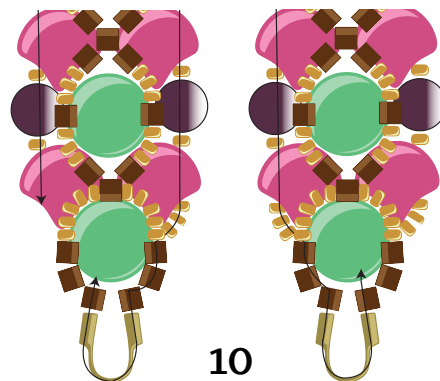


Step 9

With each strand exiting from the last A bead, pick up 3D. Go through the outside hole of the C beads. [Pick up a D bead, an E bead, and another D bead. Go through the outside hole of the next C bead] until you reach the last C beads.

Step 10

With each strand, pick up 3D and go through the 3A beads leading to the wire guardian. Loop around the wire guardian with each strand and exit from the first A.



Step 11

To weave in and tie off thread, go through the next 2A and 5D on each side. Cross each strand through the A bead. Follow the thread path through the next few sets of beads, crossing through the center A beads, a couple of times. Trim or thread burn the remaining thread.

Step 12

Open jump rings and attach the clasp of your choice to the wire guardian on each end of the bracelet.

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