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Creating a Base for Embellished Bracelets



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What You'll Need

Size 8/0 Czech Seed Beads, Crystal, SKU 10549080

Size 11/0 Toho Ceylon Purple Seed Beads, SKU 10269949

Wildfire Beading Thread, SKU 10104818

Size 11 Beading Needle, SKU 10720246

Scissors, SKU 10591717

Optional: Bead Loom, any type

Beginner Bead Weaving 1-Hour

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Introduction

In today's class we will demo two methods for creating a blank canvas of beadwork that can be used as a base for artistic embellishment. This class is Part 1 in a Series. A top embellishment will be added in Part 2. In today's class, we will show off-loom (square stitch) and bead loom options for creating the base. We will also demo weaving in and creating a seed bead link for jump ring and clasp attachment.



Using any color desired, create a base that is 8 beads wide to your desired number of rows.

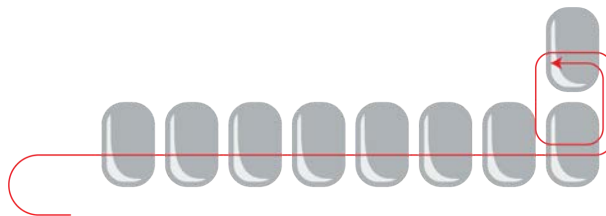
S8A - Transparent Crystal Czech 8/0 Seed Bead

S11A - Ceylon Purple Toho 11/0 Seed Bead

Step 1 - Square Stitch Base

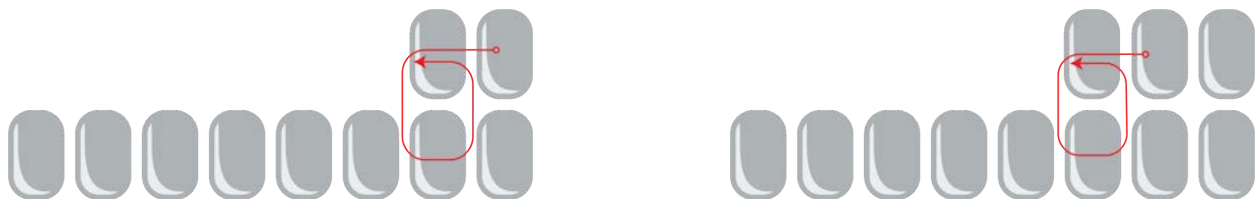
Cut a length of beading thread a wingspan long, plus about 10 inches. Leaving a 10-inch tail, string (9)S8A.

Loop back through the 8th and 9th beads.



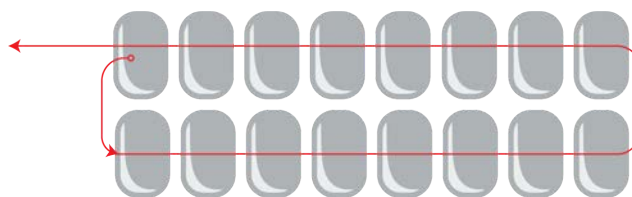
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String (1)S8A. Loop back through the next bead in the row below and the new bead. Repeat this step to the end of the row.



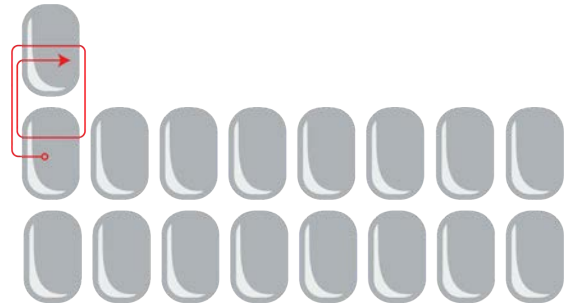
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Go back through the first and then second rows to reinforce.



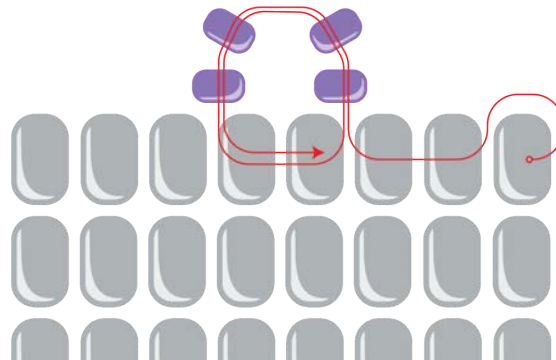
Step 4

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 to desired length.



Step 5

Using the leftover working thread on one end, and the tail thread on the other, create a loop of S11A exiting from the center, two S8A. Weave in remaining thread and trim.



Loom Method

Set up your loom with 9 warp threads. Create rows of (8)S8A to desired length. Remove from the loom. Pull in or weave in excess warp and weft threads, leaving two to create the Step 5 loops on each end. You might also keep long leftover thread for Part 2, Embellishing. We will do a refresher loom demo in class.

