



Ice blossoms bracelet

Use modified right-angle weave, fringe, and stringing techniques to make an intricately designed bracelet

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What good would a fabulous necklace be without a stunning bracelet to match? Stitch this beaded beauty to match the "Ice blossoms" necklace from the December 2008 issue of *Bead & Button*.



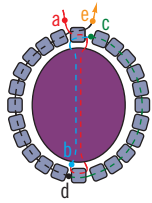


FIGURE 1

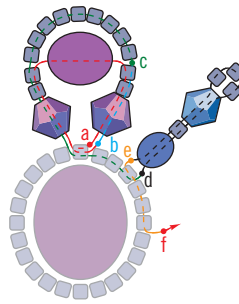


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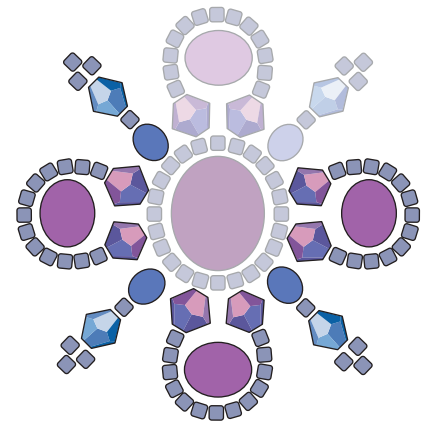


FIGURE 3

materials

bracelet 7½ in. (19.1 cm)

- 3 8 mm round fire-polished beads
- 18 6 mm round fire-polished beads
- 14 4 mm round fire-polished beads
- 44 4 mm bicone crystals
- 6 g 11° Japanese cylinder beads
- clasp
- nylon beading thread, size B, or Fireline 4 lb. test
- beading needles, #12

step by step

Components

[1] On 2 yd. (1.8 m) of thread or Fireline, pick up an 11° cylinder bead, an 8 mm round fire-polished bead, and a cylinder, leaving an 18-in. (46 cm) tail (**figure 1, a–b**). Skip the last cylinder, and sew back through the 8 mm and the first cylinder (**b–c**). To create a ring of cylinders around the 8 mm, pick up 11 cylinders, and sew through the cylinder on the opposite side of the 8 mm (**c–d**). Repeat (**d–e**).

[2] Pick up a 4 mm bicone crystal, two cylinders, a 6 mm round fire-polished bead, two cylinders, and a 4 mm bicone. Sew through the cylinder in the ring again (**figure 2, a–b**). Sew through the first 4 mm bicone and the next two cylinders again (**b–c**). Pick up nine cylinders, and sew through the other two

cylinders and 4 mm bicone, the cylinder your thread exited at the start of this step, and the next three cylinders in the ring (**c–d**).

[3] Pick up a 4 mm round fire-polished bead, a cylinder, a 4 mm bicone, and three cylinders. Sew back through the 4 mm bicone, cylinder, and 4 mm round (**d–e**), and continue through the cylinder your thread exited and the next three cylinders in the ring (**e–f**).

[4] Repeat steps 2 and 3 three times (**figure 3**).

[5] Sew through the next 4 mm bicone and 11 cylinders from step 2 (**figure 4, a–b**). Pick up three cylinders, and sew through the next 4 mm bicone, three cylinders, and back through the 4 mm bicone (**b–c**). Pick up three cylinders, and sew through the next nine cylinders from step 2 (**c–d**). Repeat three times, but in the last repeat, sew through only six cylinders from step 2 (**d–e**). Don't end the thread.

[6] With the tail, sew through the next cylinder in the original ring of cylinders, exiting the top of the component. Pick up three cylinders, skip the last cylinder, and sew back through the first two. Sew through the next cylinder in the ring. Repeat (**figure 5**) adding short fringe around the ring. For fuller fringe, work a second row of fringe between each pair of cylinders. End the thread (Online Basics).

[7] Repeat steps 1–6 to make two more components.

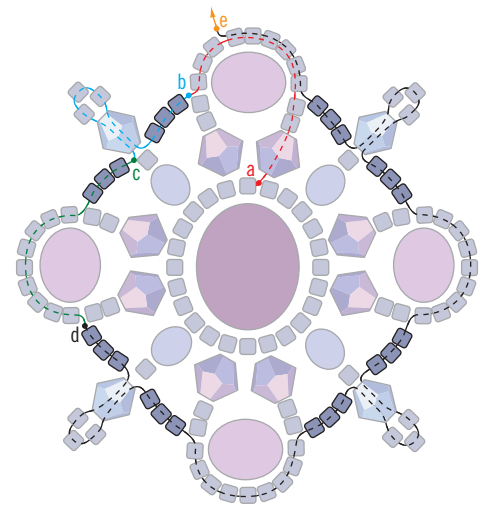


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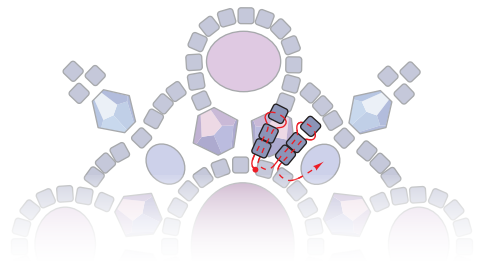


FIGURE 5

Assembly

[1] Using the remaining thread from one component, pick up three cylinders, a 6 mm, and three cylinders. Sew through three cylinders on the outer loop (**figure 6, a–b**), and the first three cylinders and 6 mm just added (**b–c**). Pick up three cylinders, and sew through three cylinders on an outer loop of a second component (**c–d**). Pick up three cylinders, and sew through the 6 mm again (**d–e**).

[2] Add crystal embellishments by picking up a 4 mm bicone and three cylinders. Skip the three cylinders, and sew back through the 4 mm bicone and the 6 mm (**e–f**). Add the second crystal embellishment (**f–g**), and end the thread.

[3] Repeat steps 1–3 to connect the second component to the third.

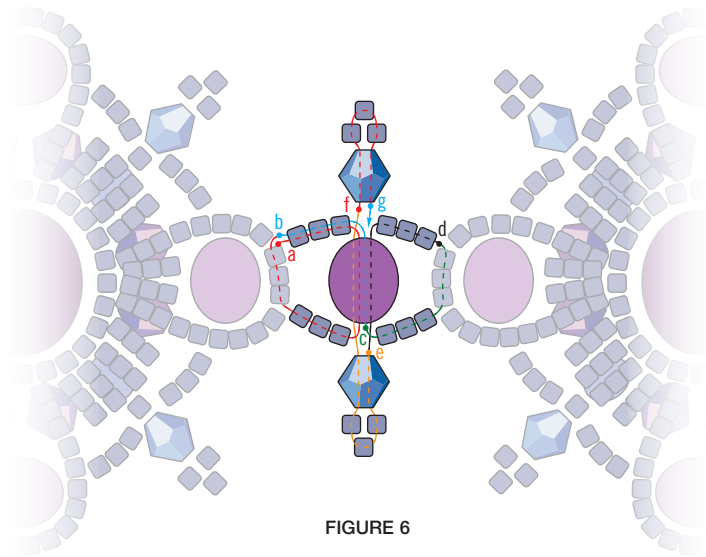


FIGURE 6

Attaching the clasp

[1] Using the remaining tail, pick up three cylinders, a 6 mm, and three cylinders. Sew through three cylinders on the outer loop (**figure 7, a–b**) and the first three cylinders just added (**b–c**).

[2] Pick up nine cylinders, and sew through the three cylinders on the other side of the 6 mm (**c–d**). Continue through the three cylinders of the outer loop, the first three cylinders added, and the 6 mm (**d–e**). Add two crystal embellishments as in step 2 of “Assembly” (**e–f**). Sew through six cylinders of the new outer loop (**f–g**).

[3] Repeat steps 1 and 2, but omit the 4 mm bicones in step 2 when adding the embellishments (**g–h**), and only sew through five cylinders instead of six.

[4] Pick up a 4 mm round, 10 cylinders, and half of the clasp. Sew back through five cylinders and the 4 mm round. Sew through the cylinder your thread exited at the start of this step in the same direction (**h–i**). Retrace the thread path several times, and end the thread.

[5] To attach the other half of the clasp, add 18 in. (46 cm) of thread or Fireline (Online Basics) on the other end of the bracelet, and repeat steps 1–4. ●

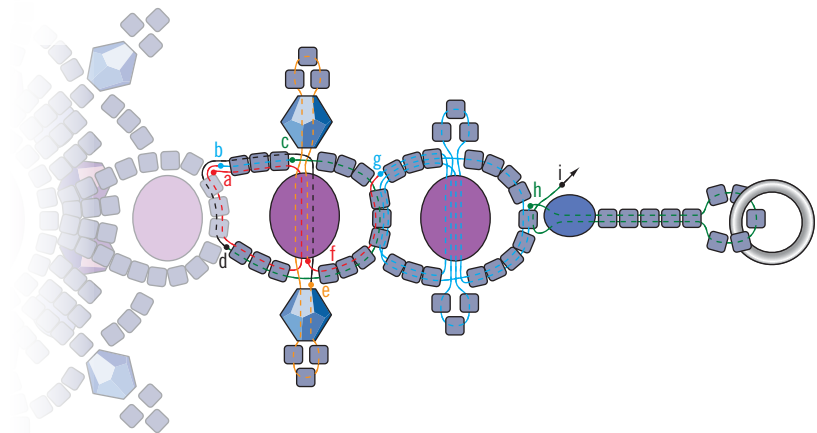


FIGURE 7



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