

CARRY ON!

A Carrier Bead Bracelet

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It doesn't get much easier than this! A basic "figure 8" odd count peyote sewing path is employed to stitch and zip up colorful peyote strips to adorn sleek glass carrier beads. Design our four-color bracelet or use any of the TEN charted patterns provided!!

Skill Level: All

Techniques to know: odd count peyote (instructions shown) and zip up, stringing, crimping

MATERIALS for up to an 8.5-inch cuff

Size 11 Delicas in 4 colors (one matches carrier)
15 carrier beads
35 size 4mm fire polished rounds
Fireline 6lb
Flexible beading wire .018
2 size 4mm closed jump rings
2 size 6mm open jump rings

Clasp
crimps
Fireline 6lb
Size 12 beading needles
Thread zap or snips
Crimp pliers, wire snips
Pliers for jump rings
Hypo Cem

PEYOTE STITCH STRIPS

TIP: Keep stitch tension as snug as possible.

FIGURE 1: String beads 1-4. Sew through bead 2 and 1. String bead 5. Sew through beads 2 and 3. Note how beads 1 and 5, and 3 and 4, sit side by side.

FIGURE 2: Sew through bead 4. String bead 6 and sew through bead 5.

FIGURE 3: String bead 7. Sew through beads 6 and 4.

FIGURE 4: Exiting bead 4, string bead 8. Sew through beads 6, 5, and 7.

FIGURE 5: String bead 9. Sew through bead 8.

FIGURE 6: String bead 10. Sew through beads 9 and 7. String bead 11.

FIGURE 7: String bead 12. Sew through bead 10.

Continue, repeating Figures 3 to 7, for a total of 24 middle column beads. Make sure one end of your strip has a middle “outie” bead and one end has a middle “innie” bead.

Dot Hypo-Cement in one spot on one long side and lay a strip down the middle of that side so one end of the strip hangs over the end of the carrier by about two rows. Let glue dry.

WHY GLUE THE STRIP THIS WAY? Keeping the ends of the beadwork near the tapered ends of the carrier makes it easier to stitch the ends together.

FIGURE 8: Bring the unglued length of the strip around to meet the end of the glued side. ZIP UP the ends in a FIG-8 thread path: exiting bead 10, sew through bead 3, in the first row you stitched in FIG 1. Sew through bead 12 (the last “outie” bead) and bead 11. Sew through bead 1, 12, and 10. Weave the thread following thread paths, trim. Repeat this FIG 8 thread path with the tail through beads on the other side of the zip-up.

Our design repeats three peyote patterns in three color combos with the matching carrier bead color.



ODD COUNT PEYOTE 3 BEADS ACROSS FOR CARRIER STRIPS

FIGURE 1

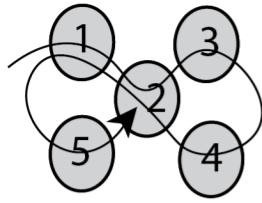


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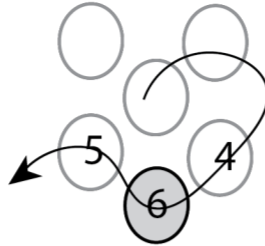


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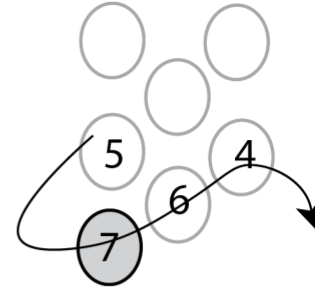


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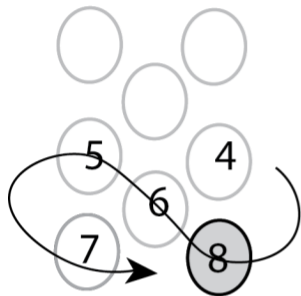


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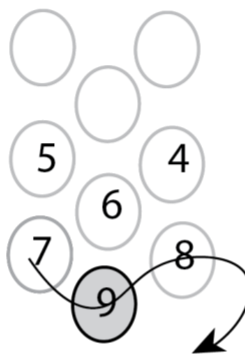


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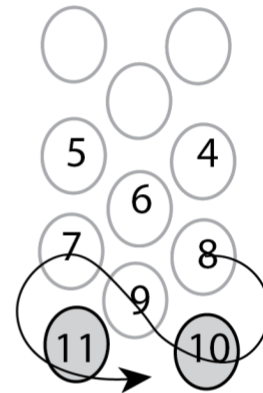


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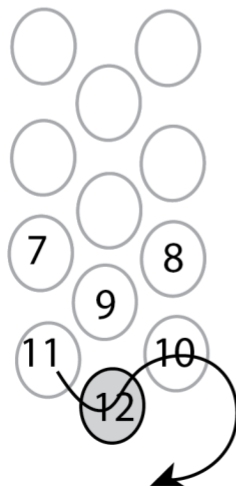
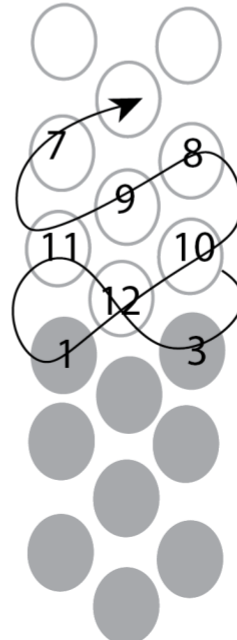


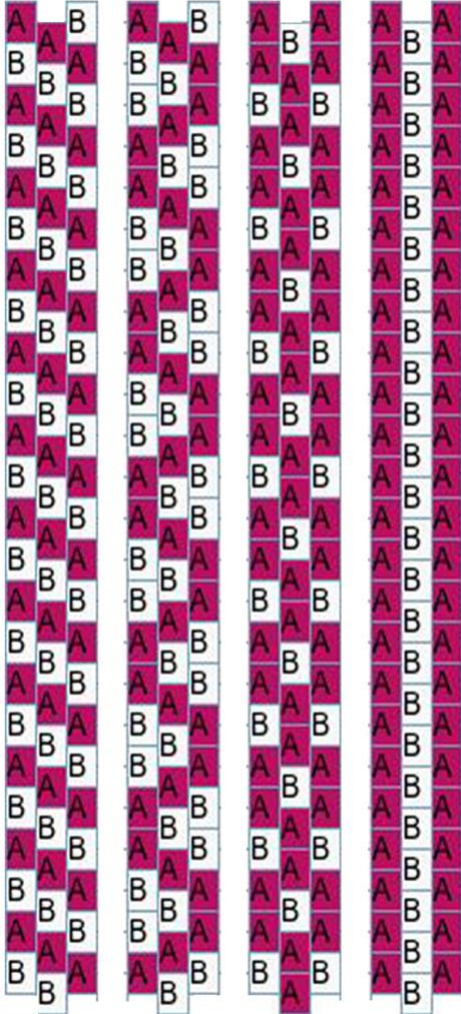
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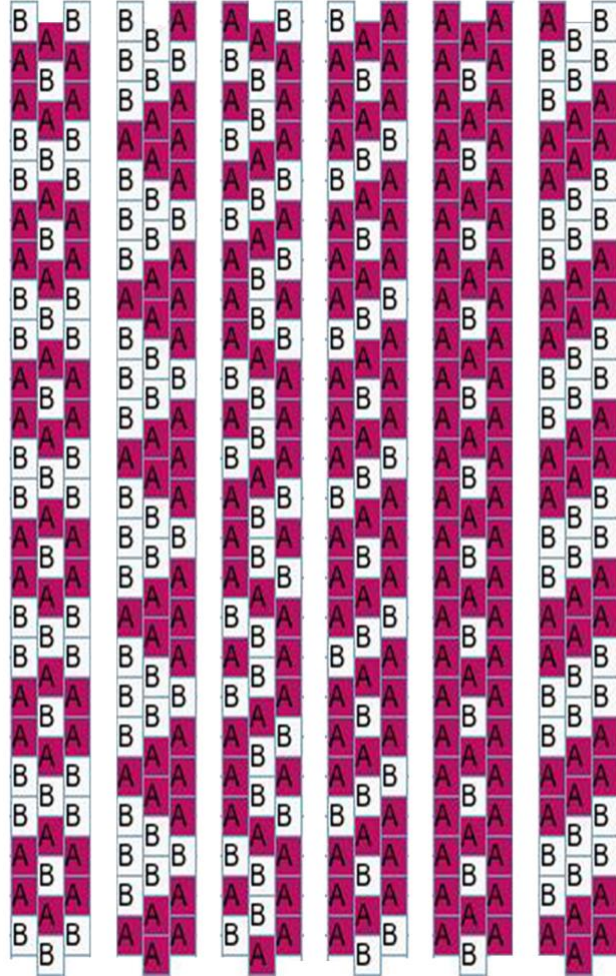
PATTERNS FOR CARRIER BEAD BRACELET

Only two colors are shown in the charts. Refer to photos for our colors or use your own!

Our bracelet design patterns



BONUS patterns!



STRINGING

Our 7.5-inch bracelet uses eleven carriers.

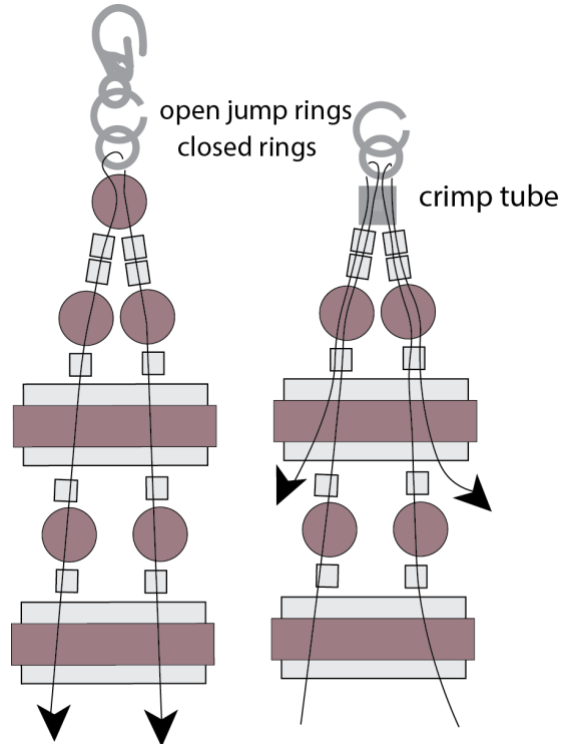
Add a set of Delica-4mm-Delica carrier-Delica-4mm-Delica for each desired additional 7/8-inch.

To lengthen slightly, use additional jump rings.

Cut a piece of wire twice your desired finished length plus 6-inches. String a closed ring to the middle of the wire. String both wire ends through a 4mm bead. String on each wire: two Delicas (match color of carrier bead), a 4mm, and one Delica.

Line up your beaded carriers as you wish or refer to ours. Our design repeats three peyote patterns in three color combos with the matching carrier bead color

String each wire through the carrier, one wire per hole. String a Delica-4mm-Delica on each wire. Repeat to string carriers with Delica-4mm-Delica on each wire between the carriers.



After your final carrier string on each wire a Delica, a 4mm, and two Delicas. String one crimp tube over BOTH wires. Feed one wire through a closed ring, back through the crimp tube, and through the Delicas, 4mm, Delica and carrier bead. Repeat with the other wire.

Pull the wires so the beads all snug together to the jump rings with no exposed wire between beads. Take your time. CRIMP CAREFULLY. Trim wire tails.

Attach clasp to one closed ring using an open ring. Attach other open ring to use with closure.

**HAPPY BEADING!**

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