



Embellished Jewellery Set

Taking inspiration from her love of textiles and combining them with traditional beading and embroidery techniques, Steph has created a lovely tactile jewellery set that's sure to make a bold statement.

Materials

Nymo Beading thread

Size 10/12 beading needle & sewing needle

Necklace

1 x large round quick link

2 x Medium quick links

2 x Embroidery thread skeins

1g x Size 8 Czech glass seed beads

1g x Size 11 Czech glass seed beads

3 x 6mm Swarovski Elements Pearl beads

4 x 4mm Swarovski Elements Pearl beads

Step 1. Wrapping your quick links

Cut a long length of embroidery thread (approx 75cm), thread a sewing needle. Leave a tail of a 3 - 4cm, hold the thread and large quick link together in your non-dominant hand. With your dominant hand you'll make a half hitch knot; **take the needle through the link from behind, then up through the loop created, pull tight (A).** **DO NOT LET GO WITH YOUR OTHER HAND YET!** Repeat this knot again (in purple), this will keep the first knot in place (B) and you can then let go.

Repeat this knot until you have filled the link - the knots want to be snug, right up to the previous knot so that no metal is showing through - as you get toward the end of the wrapping you can wrap over the 'tail' end of thread to cover it (C) then trim off any excess thread. Once you've finished the last knot take your needle under a few strands on the back to secure, pull tight and trim off (D).

4 x 5mm jump rings

2 x fold over cord ends

1 x trigger clasp

Earrings

2 x small round quick links

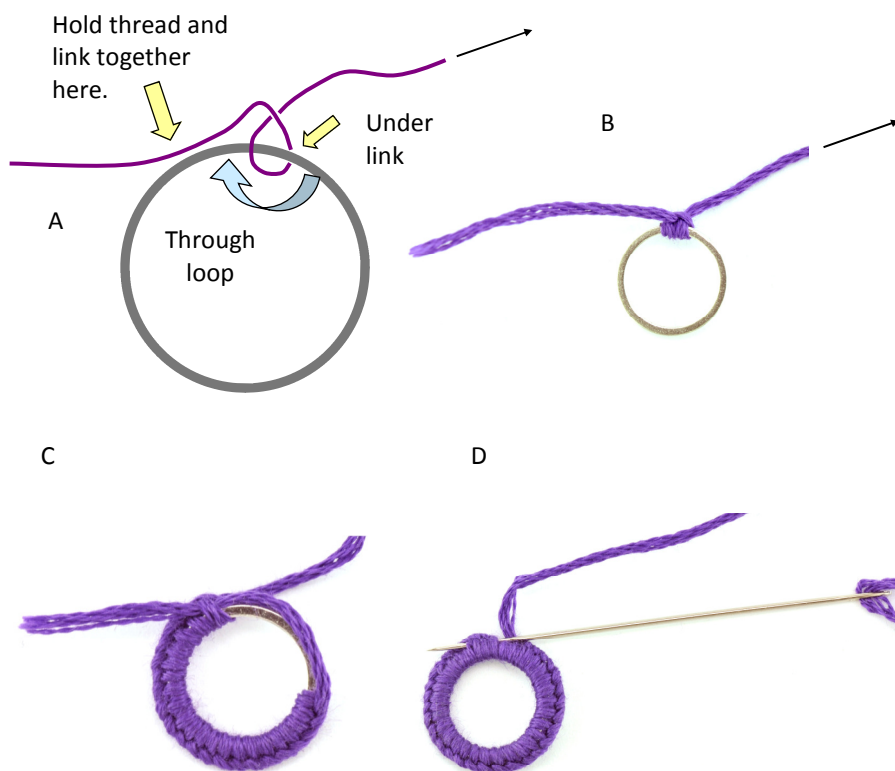
1 x Embroidery thread

1g x Size 8 Czech glass seed beads

1g x Size 11 Czech glass seed beads

6 x 4mm Swarovski Elements Pearl beads

2 x fishhooks



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Step 2. Wrapping more quick links

Repeat the process set out in step 1 for wrapping your quick links. You have 1 complete larger one, you'll also need 2 medium for the necklace. These will be in your second colour and you'll need approximately 60cm of thread.

Step 3. Beading around your links

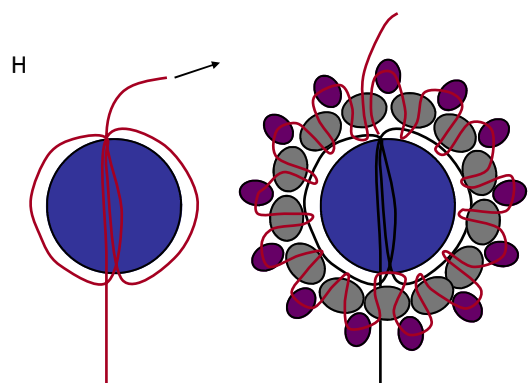
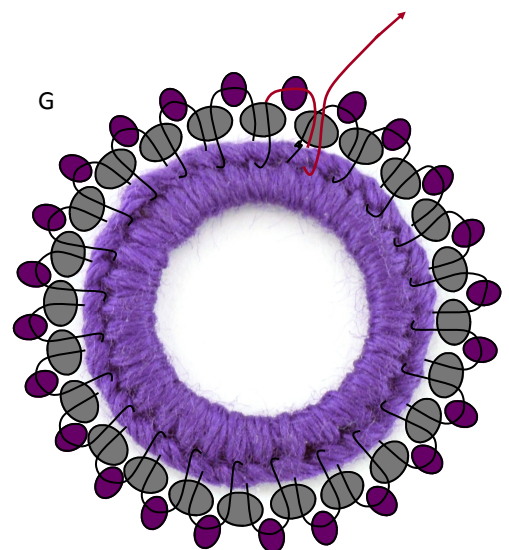
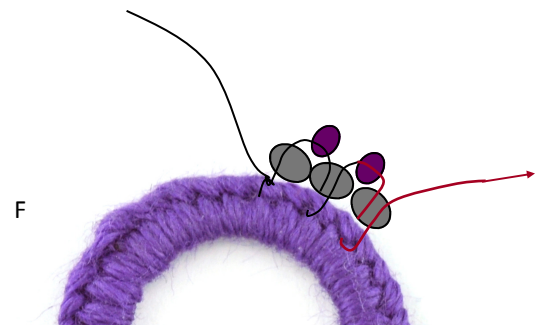
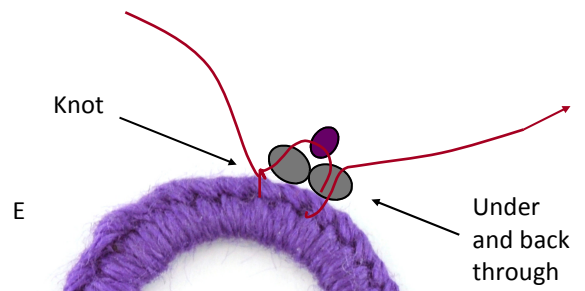
Using brick stitch and size 8 and size 11 seed beads you'll embellish the outer edge of the links; cut a length of Nymo thread and thread a size 10 beading needle. Take the needle through the embroidery thread just below the row of knots and tie the two ends of the thread together to secure. Pick up 1 size 8 seed beads followed by an 11 and another 8. Sew through the embroidery thread from the back towards the front, approximately 0.5cm from the first knot, take the thread back up through the second size 8 seed beads, so that it is sat on top of the edge of the embroidery thread (E). *TIP: if you pull the thread so that the beads are in place before going back through the seed bead it will be easier.*

Continue beading around the link; pick up just 1 size 11 seed bead followed by 1 size 8 and stitch through from the back and go up through the size 8 (F). Continue in this way until you have filled the outside of the link. *TIP: when you get close to the end you might not have the exact space require for the beads, it is best to spread them a little rather than squashing them in.*

After adding the last bead you'll need to join up the two ends and add the final size 11 seed beads; Pick up a new size 11, go down the first size 8 seed beads added at the beginning of the step, stitch through the embroidery front to back and go up the same bead to secure (G). **Do not** cut off the excess thread at this point.

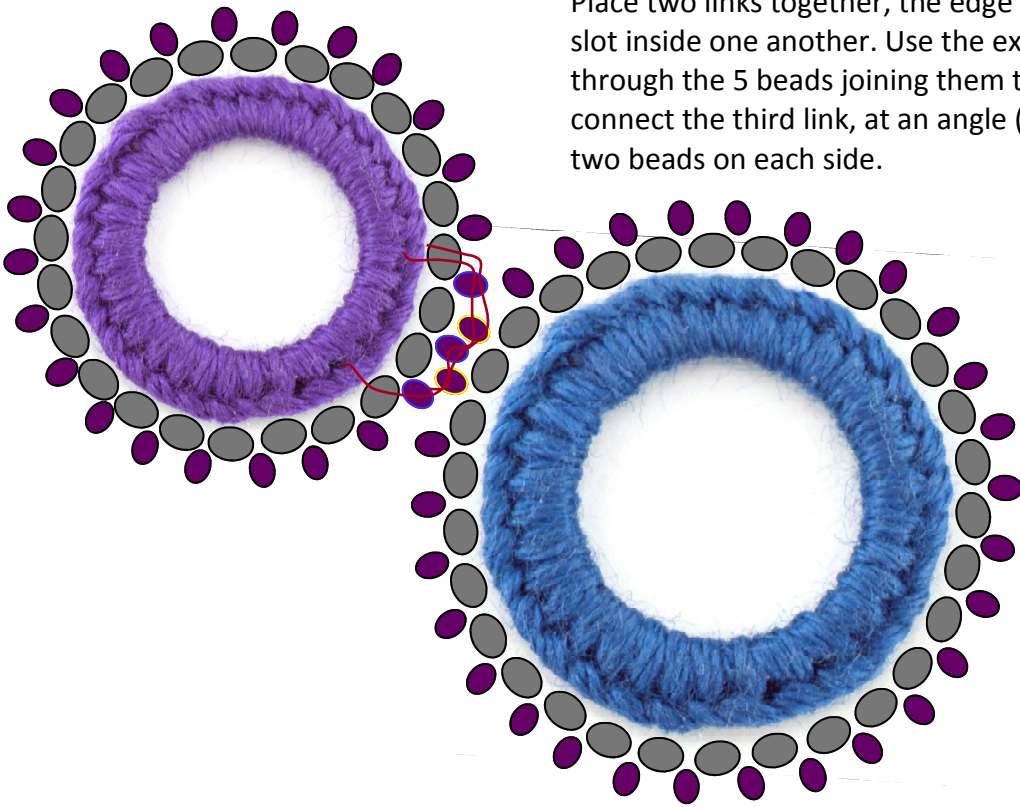
Step 4. Repeat step 3 to add beads to the other two links.

Step 5. Repeat step 3 to add beads to the outside of 2 x 6mm pearls; cut a length of Nymo thread and thread through the bead twice, leaving a thread on the outside of the bead, then again, so there is thread around both sides of the bead (H). Then add bead in the same way at step 3, except you are anchoring under the thread around the bead as oppose to through the embroidery thread.



Step 6. Joining your links

Place two links together, the edge beads, that look like teeth, will slot inside one another. Use the excess tails of thread to sew through the 5 beads joining them together. Do this again to connect the third link, at an angle (shown below). Then finally the two beads on each side.



Step 7. Adding embellishments.

Use the excess threads to attach bead in drops (if you wish) - start from the centre and work up each side alternatively to get a balance.



Step 8. Adding embellishments.

You can use cord, or chain, or what ever your preferred method is for turning your links into a complete necklace. Why not also make matching earrings, a simple pendant, or play around with different colours.

