

BREA BEAD WORKS

TROPICAL GARDEN BRACELET



MATERIALS

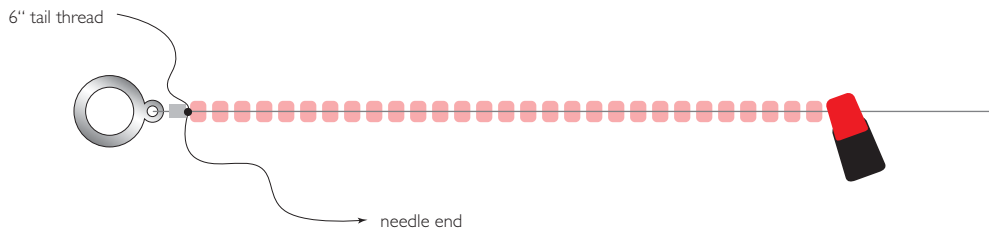
- ▷ Seed beads; 8°; for base [1 color]
- ▷ Seed beads; 11° & 15° [2 colors]
- ▷ Assorted flower & leaf beads, crystals, etc. (Recommend at least 5 varieties of 3mm and 4mm accent beads and crystals)
- ▷ Tubular crimp beads; 2x2mm [2 qty]
- ▷ Flexible beading wire; .015" dia [1 ft]
- ▷ Clasp of your choice [1 qty]
- ▷ Fireline thread; 6 lb

TOOLS

- ▷ Beading needles [size 12]
- ▷ Crimping pliers
- ▷ Wire cutters
- ▷ Clip
- ▷ Scissors

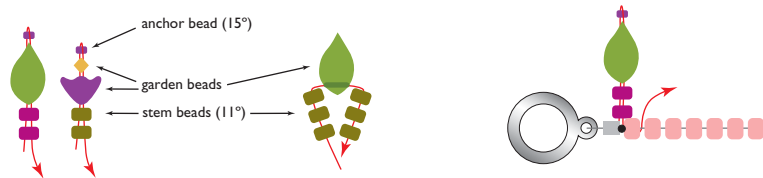


1. Cut one foot of flexible beading wire and attach to one side of clasp using a crimp bead. String on enough seed beads that is equivalent to your bracelet length. Attach a clip on beading wire at the open end of bracelet, making sure that the seed beads are snug to each other.



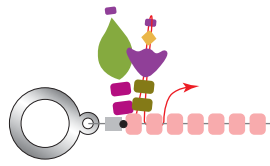
2. Cut 6 feet of Fireline thread and attach to beading wire at crimp end of bracelet between the crimp bead and the first seed bead, using a square knot. Be sure to leave about a 6" tail thread.

Attach a needle to the longer length of thread.



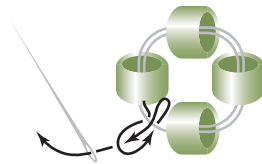
3. You are now ready to create the fringes. Fringes are intended to be random and of various lengths. The 11° seed beads are used as the "stems" and the 15° seed beads are used as the "anchor beads". All other beads are "garden beads" and can be added arbitrarily.

Create a fringe and pass thread back through all beads except the anchor bead. Pass thread through first base seed bead.



4. Continue to add fringes, making sure to create varied fringe lengths and using a variety of garden beads.

When you've reached the end of the bracelet, make a second pass for a fuller look or pass through every other base bead for a less fuller look. You may also do a third pass if you want to fill in more.

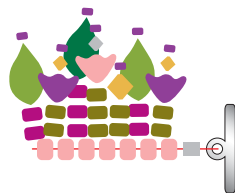


5. End thread by tying half-hitched knots over base wire in several locations and trim ends. Do the same for the tail thread.

HALF-HITCHED KNOT

Needle under thread. Pull thread to form a small thread loop and pass needle through loop. Pull knot over thread in weave, making sure you pinch your stitch so that the pulling of the knot doesn't distort you stitches.

Needle through several beads and repeat at least two more times.



6. Crimp other end of bracelet and it's ready to wear. Enjoy!