



**Stepping Stones – GemDuo Bracelet  
by Leslie A Pope**



The combination of backlit and matte backlit GemDuos is reminiscent of wet paving stones on a garden path.

**Skill level:** Advanced beginner

**Materials for a bracelet that measures 6 to 8” in length:**

- 4g GemDuos (color A)
- 4g GemDuos (color B)
- 2g size 15 seed beads
- 2 size 4mm soldered jump rings
- 2 size 5mm jump rings
- Lobster claw clasp
- 6lb Fireline™ or D weight beading thread
- size 12 beading needle

Other tools needed to complete the project: scissors and chain nose pliers.

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**Designer Notes:**

When working with multi-hole beads, always check to make sure all of the bead holes are open before you begin stitching.

Each component measures 1-inch. Make five components to complete a 7-inch bracelet including the clasp and jump rings.

It can be helpful to lay the beads on your board in the orientation of how the beads will be stitched.

**Make the components**

**Figure 1.** Cut and thread a 20-inch (51cm) length of Fireline. String six color A GemDuos, tie a knot to form a ring, leaving a 4-inch tail. Sew through one GemDuo past the knot and step up through the top hole of the GemDuo.

Thread tail on a needle, weave in and trim.

**Figure 2.** With GemDuo holes positioned horizontally, sew through the right-side hole of a color B GemDuo. Pick up five 15/0s, sew down through the left-side hole and the top hole of the GemDuo in Figure 1. Repeat five more times and exit the right-side hole of the first GemDuo added in this step.

**Figure 3.** Pick up one 15/0 and one color B GemDuo (horizontally) left-side hole. Pick up five 15/0s and sew down through right-side hole of the same GemDuo. Pick up one 15/0 and sew through the left-side hole of the first GemDuo added in Figure 2. Sew through the top hole of the last GemDuo strung in Figure 1 (going from right to left). Sew out through the right-side hole of the next GemDuo added in Figure 2. Sew through all the beads (including the 15/0s) to exit the left-side hole of the fifth GemDuo added in Figure 2.

Pick up one 15/0 and one color B GemDuo (horizontally) right-side hole. Pick up five 15/0s and sew in through the-other hole of the same GemDuo. Pick up one 15/0 and sew through the GemDuo from Figure 2. Weave in and tie off thread within the component, then trim excess.

**Figure 4.** Repeat steps in Figures 1-3 to make a second component. **Do not trim thread.** Follow existing thread paths to exit the third (middle) 15/0 around the bottom color B GemDuo.

You will now attach the two components.

**Connect the components**

**Figure 5.** Align the two components. Using the remaining thread from your second component, pick up one 15/0, sew through the third 15/0 on the second component. Pick up one 15/0 and sew through the third 15/0 of the first component. Retrace this thread path at least twice. Weave in and tie off excess thread, then trim.

Repeat steps and connect components until bracelet is desired length.

**Attach the clasp**

**Figure 6.** Cut a new 10-inch (25.4cm) length of Fireline, secure it within one end of the bracelet and sew through existing thread paths to exit the third (middle) 15/0 over the end GemDuo added in Figure 3.

Pick up one 15/0 and one closed jump ring. Sew back through the 15/0 just added and through the third 15/0 (middle) over the GemDuo. Repeat thread path at least two more times. Weave in, tie off and trim excess thread.

Repeat steps in Figure 6 for the other end of the bracelet.

Place an open jump ring on one closed jump ring. Place an open jump ring and lobster claw on the other jump ring.

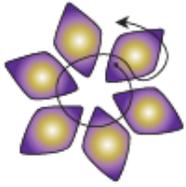


Figure 1

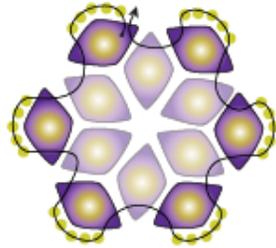


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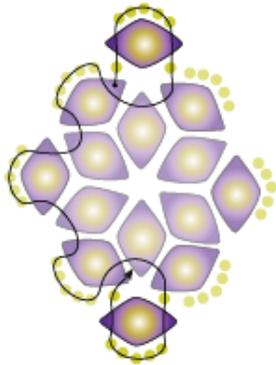


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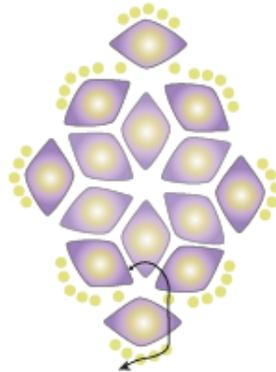


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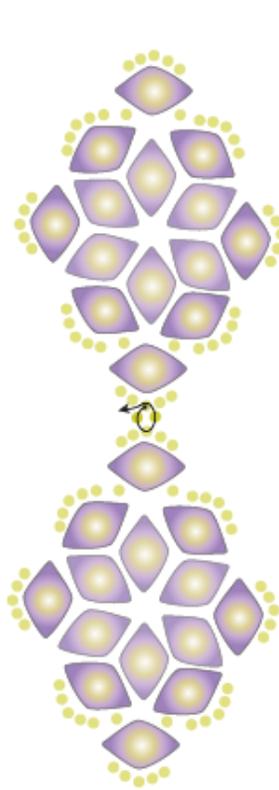


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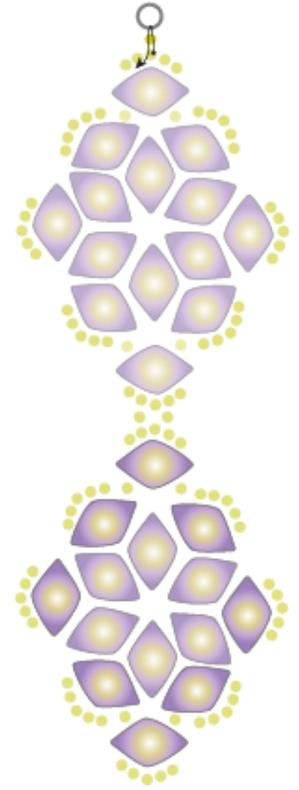


Figure 6

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