



MIX IT UP BRACELET
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Cymbal Elements and faceted microspacers turn up the “wow” factor of this easy bracelet!

MATERIALS

- 0.25g size 15° seed beads
- 4-6g size 10 Delicas or Matubo cylinders
- 40+ Faceted microspacers
- 2 SOROS II Cymbal™ bead endings
- 1 partially finished bracelet ending
- 2-4 size 5mm jump rings
- 2 charms (optional)
- 6lb. S-Lon Fire or D weight beading thread
- Size 11 beading needle
- Scissors/Thread zapper
- Pliers for working jump rings

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Technique: 3-drop Square stitch

Finished length: varies by wrist size



TIPS:

- Be careful not to skip any beads or split the thread when retracing a thread path.
- The beadwork can be stitched from either the right or left, whichever direction is most comfortable.
- This project uses a lot of thread, use the technique you are comfortable with to end and add thread.

FIGURE 1

Step 1. Attach a needle to two yards of thread and add a stop bead (**red dot**) leaving a six-inch tail.

Step 2 (black thread). String one SOROS II ending through one leg from the outside in. String three Delicas and sew out through the second SOROS leg.

Step 3 (blue thread). String three Delicas and square stitch them to the SOROS leg. String three Delicas and square stitch them to three Delicas of Step 2. String three Delicas and square stitch them to the second SOROS leg. Lock the row by sewing back through the SOROS and the Delicas. Reverse direction and sew through the row just added (not shown in the illustrations).

Step 4. Work in three-drop square stitch for desired length, ending with an odd number of beads only rows before continuing with the next step. **NOTE:** When using a partially finished bracelet end, the beadwork length should be span from wrist bone to wrist bone to allow enough ease to slide the bracelet on. My bracelet, including the endings, measures approximately 3 5/8”.

FIGURE 2

Step 5. String the second SOROS ending through one leg from the outside in and square stitch to three Delicas of the last row. String three Delicas and square stitch them to the next three Delicas of the last row. Sew through the second leg of the SOROS and square stitch it to the last three Delicas of the last row. Lock the row.

Step 6. Weave in and secure the working thread along existing thread paths with several half-hitch knots and trim excess. Remove the stop bead from the tail thread, string on a needle and secure the tail in the beadwork as done with the working thread.

EDGE EMBELLISHMENT

FIGURE 3

Step 7. Secure a new one-yard length of thread within the bracelet and exit the side of the first complete row of just beads.

Step 8 (black thread). String one faceted microspacer and one 15°. Sew back through the microspacer and down through four Delicas of the next row. Reverse direction and sew up through four Delicas of the next row.

Step 9. Repeat Step 8 across the entire edge of the bracelet. After adding the last microspacer and sewing into the last row, make at least one half-hitch knot before continuing out the other side of this row.

Step 10 (red thread). Repeat Steps 8 and 9 on the other edge of the bracelet. Secure the thread within the bracelet and trim the excess.

BRACELET ASSEMBLY

Step 11. Use jump rings to attach each leg of the partially finished bracelet end to each of the SOROS loops. Add charms or dangles to the bracelet ends for some extra flare.



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(Illustrations are abbreviated for length and clarity.)

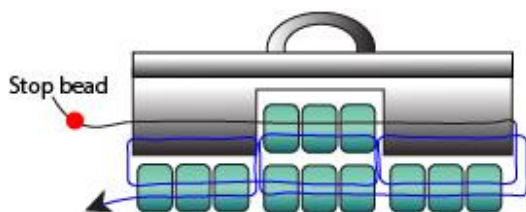


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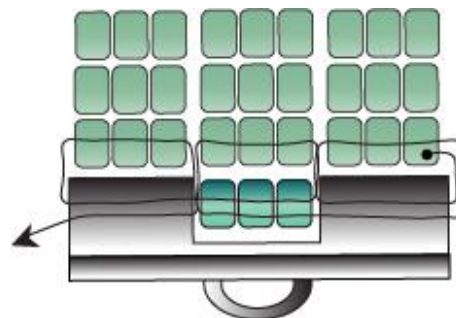


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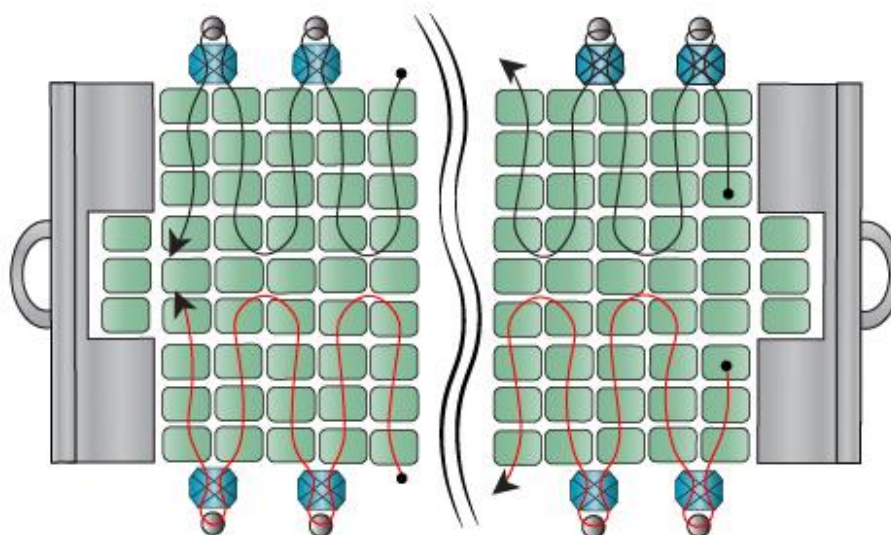


FIGURE 3

MIX IT UP BRACELET COLOR COMBOS

Antique brass – SOROS II endings
Lagoon mix – size 10 Delicas
Polychrome denim blue – faceted microspacers
Duracoat galvanized champagne – size 15°s
Antique brass – partially finished bracelet end

Antique silver – SOROS II endings
Crystal violet rainbow – size 10 Matubo cylinders
Full labrador – faceted microspacers
Duracoat galvanized gold – size 15°s
Antique silver – partially finished bracelet end

24kt gold plate – SOROS II endings
Picasso finish mix – size 10 Delicas
Light metallic bronze – faceted microspacers
Duracoat galvanized silver – size 15°s
Gold plate – partially finished bracelet end

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