

## Flat Festival of Lights Bracelet

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### Supply List

- Size 11 seed beads, 4 grams
- Size 15 seed beads, 1.5 grams
- 4mm crystal bicones, 40-60, depending on length
- SuperDuos, 4-5 grams
- 6mm jump rings, 2
- Clasp of your choice (I used a Ball & Socket)
- Fireline, 6lb
- Size 10 or 11 beading needles

This is a YouTube video, and you can find the entire video here:

<https://youtu.be/gzMC-eHxIY>



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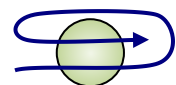
Every time I make a Festival of Lights bracelet, I think how pretty it is at various stages before I get to the end. So I decided to make a flat version that celebrates the path along the way!

### Step 1 – getting ready

Be sure to check both holes of your SuperDuos as you work, or before you start working with them so you don't get stuck halfway through the project, only to find a blocked hole!

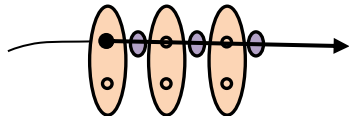
Using about 3 yards of Fireline, attach a temporary stopper bead. A stopper bead is added to keep beads from falling off the end of your thread as you get started. This bead is temporary and is removed after you get going and no longer need it. You can use any bead you have laying around, or use one of the beads from the bracelet.

Pick up your stopper bead, and move it down to about 6 inches from the end of your thread. Staring at the tail end, pass back through the bead. You'll have thread showing on the outside of the bead, and this is what you want.



## Step 2 – first pass of the base

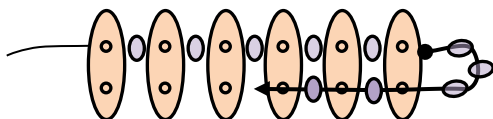
Pick up 1 SuperDuo and 1 size 11 seed bead (11°). Repeat picking these two beads up until you have the length you desire.



## Step 3 – second pass of the base

At the end of your first pass from Step 2, pick up three 11°, and pass through the second hole of the SuperDuo you were exiting from.

Now add a size 11° seed bead between each of the second holes of the SuperDuo beads until you reach the beginning SuperDuo again.



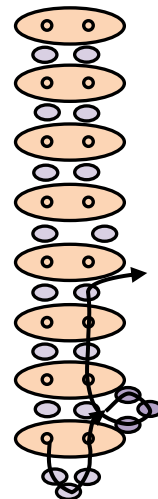
## Step 4 – add the picots

At the end of your second pass from Step 3, again pick up three 11°, and pass through the opposite hole of the SuperDuo you were exiting from.

Pass through the first seed bead on this side. Now we'll start adding a set of picots on every other size 11° seed bead.

Pick up three more 11°, pass through the same 11° originally exited, and then move forward so you're exiting the third 11° in the base. This puts you in position to add the next picot.

After you've added picots all along one edge, move to the opposite side and add picots all along that edge too. Make sure you add them so that they match up with the picots on the first edge. They should be right across from each other – not staggered



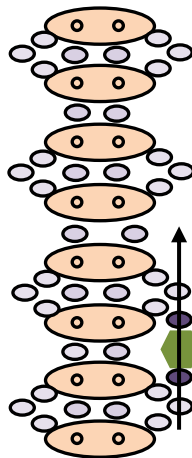
You'll need to factor in the size of your clasp and jump rings to determine how long the SuperDuo section of your bracelet should be. In my case, that area measured 7/8ths of an inch. I knew I wanted my bracelet to be around 8 inches, so I made the SuperDuo section just over 7 inches.

## Step 5 – add the crystals

This is where things really start to be different from the bangle version. We will add crystals between the tips of the picots on both sides of the base instead of pulling the two sides together above the base.

With your thread exiting the middle seed bead of the tip of a picot, pick up a size 15° seed bead, a 4mm bicone, and a 15° seed bead. Pass through the tip of the next picot. Repeat all the way down this side of the bracelet.

When you get to the end of the side, pass through the beads at the tip to get to the other side of the bracelet, and do the same thing along the second side.



### Important note!

Spacing can be tricky on this part! Depending on the coating on your SuperDuos, what brand seed beads you use, etc., after adding a few bicones, you can start to see a bit of a wave as the side of the bracelet doesn't want to sit flat because there's not quite enough space for them.

So I watch this carefully as I go along, and periodically I skip adding a 15° on one side of a bicone as I go. I promise you'll never see it when the bracelet is finished! I know it SEEMS so wrong! LOL!

End off your threads (I use a few half-hitch knots as I weave through the beads – video demonstration here: <https://youtu.be/qzMC-eHxiiY?t=1849> )

## Step 6 – attach the clasp

Now all that's left is to use some flat nose pliers to open up those jump rings, and attach your clasp through the little loop of seed beads we created on each end. Enjoy wearing your new Flat Festival of Lights bracelet!

## Important Links

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