

PINWHEEL BRACELET AND EARRINGS

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Add a dash of color to SuperDuo Duets for a fun and flirty jewelry combo.

Skill level: Beginner and up

Techniques to know: circular peyote, square stitch, opening/closing jump rings

Measurement: Each link measures approximately a half inch

Materials:

- 20 grams SuperDuo Duets
- 4 grams size 8/0 seed beads
- 4 Kolympo Cymbal endings
- Clasp of choice
- 2 size 5mm jump rings
- Pair of ear wires
- 6lb. / D weight thread to match the size 8/0
- Size 10 beading needle

Other tools needed to complete the project: scissor; pliers for opening and closing jump rings and ear wires.

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TIPS

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

When stitching with the SuperDuo Duets, match the light half with light half, and the dark half with the dark half.

BRACELET**Starting link**

Step 1. On 2 yards of thread string eight SuperDuos (like sides facing). Sew through all the beads again, and tie a knot forming a circle, leaving a 3-inch tail. Sew through one SuperDuo away from the knot and step up through the open hole. (Figure 1)

Rethread tail, weave in, and trim.

Step 2. String one 8/0 and sew through the next SuperDuo. Repeat six more times. Pick up a Kolympos ending and sew through the last SuperDuo. Sew through all the beads again, plus the next three sets of 8/0s and SuperDuos. Exit the 8/0 directly opposite the Kolympos ending. (Figure 2)

Step 3. String one 8/0 and sew back through the previous 8/0 [square stitch]. Repeat thread path once more. (Figure 3)

Connecting links

Step 4. String one SuperDuo and one 8/0 seven times. String one more SuperDuo and sew through the first 8/0. Sew through all the beads again and sew through the open (inner) hole of the first SuperDuo added in this step. (Figure 4)

Step 5. Sew through all the inner holes of the SuperDuos. Continue through to exit the 8/0 directly opposite the connected 8/0s from Step 3. (Figure 5)

Repeat Steps 3 through 5 until the bracelet measurement is approximately 1½" shorter than your wrist.

Ending link

Step 6. String one SuperDuo and one 8/0 three times. String one SuperDuo, one Kolympos ending and one SuperDuo. String one 8/0 and one SuperDuo three times. Sew through all the beads again and through the open hole of the first SuperDuo added in this step. (Figure 6)

Step 7. Position the SuperDuos so that the open holes face the center of the link. Sew through all the beads twice. (Figure 7) Secure thread with several half-hitch knots and trim excess.

Use pliers to open a jump ring and attach to the ending and one half of the clasp. Close the jump ring. Repeat for the other side of the bracelet. Viola your bracelet is complete!

EARRINGS

On 25-inches of thread follow Steps 1 through 5 of the bracelet instructions for starting and connecting the links.

Use pliers to open the ear wire and connect to ending. Repeat for the second earring.

There are some many color combinations to try with SuperDuo Duets or with other SuperDuo finishes.

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PINWHEEL BRACELET ILLUSTRATIONS

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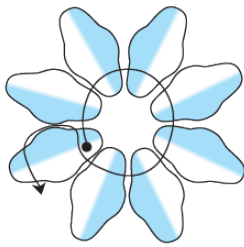


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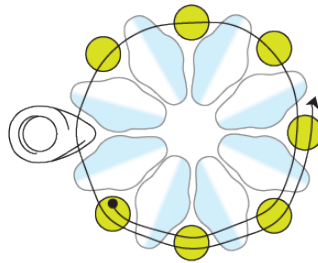


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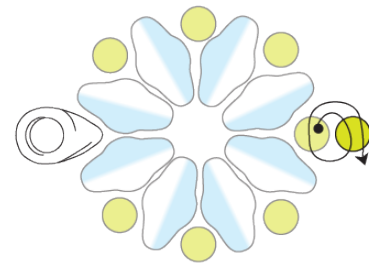


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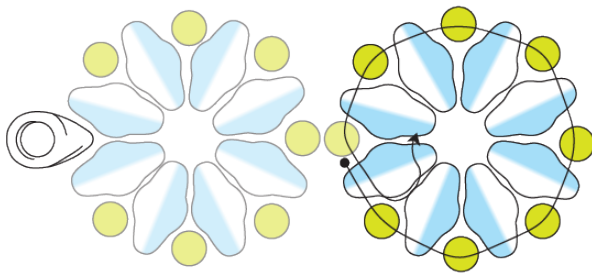


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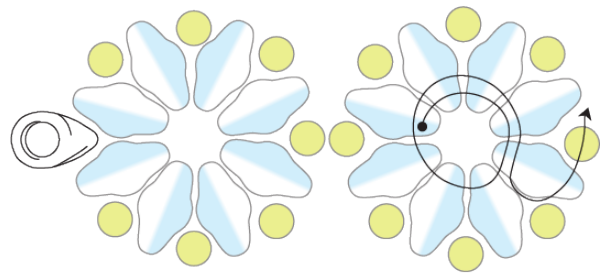


Figure 5

For clarity, only a portion of the whole piece shown in Figures 6 and 7.

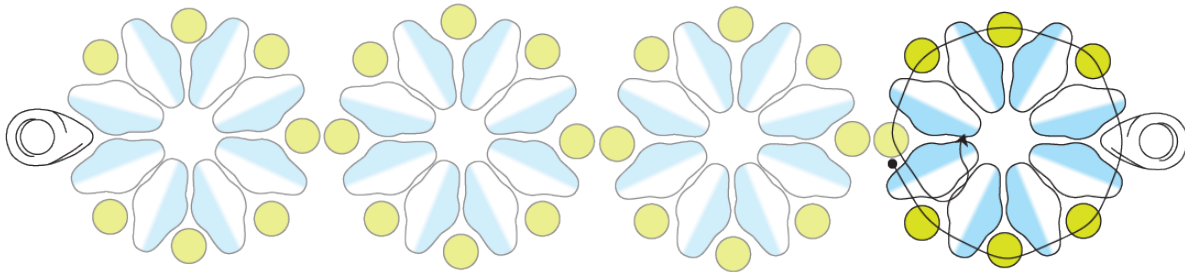


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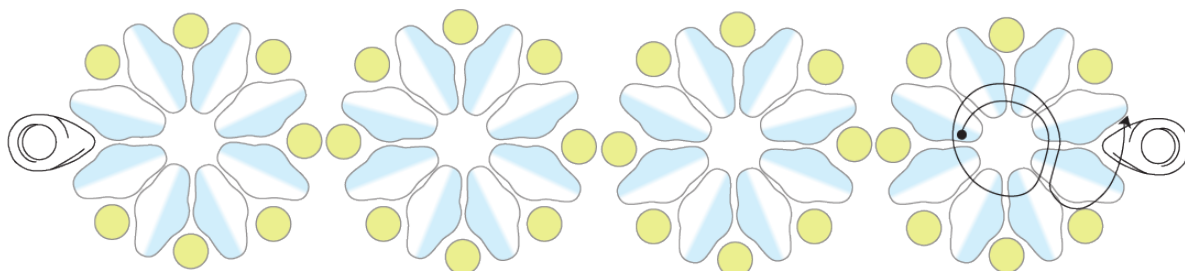


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