Aztec Band

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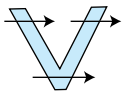
- = 11/0 seed bead
- = Color1 8/0 seed bead
- = Color2 8/0 seed bead
- = AVA bead

MATERIALS
(for a 6.75-inch band, not including clasp)

- **3 yards of 6 lb. FireLine**
- **About 150 size 11/0 seed beads**
- **20 size 8/0 Color1 seed beads**
- **38 size 8/0 Color2 seed beads**
- **20 AVA® beads**
- **clasp**

STEP 1: Thread your needle with about 3 yards of FireLine (or start with a length that you feel comfortable with and add more later).

AVA beads have three holes—a hole in the bottom of the "v" and a hole in each of the legs:



Nathan Buchman of Potomac Bead Company sent me some samples of their wonderful new AVA® beads: hand-pressed, 10x4mm, three-hole, angled beads shaped like a "v"! I had a lot of fun playing with them and designed this simple band that really highlights these cool beads.

You can purchase AVA® beads here: http://www.potomacbeads.com/AVA-Beads-s/3477.htm.

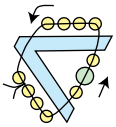
Thank you Nathan, Allie and the Potomac Bead Company staff for this design opportunity and these fun new beads!

Leaving about a 10-inch tail for attaching the clasp, string three size 11/0 seed beads and go through the bottom leg of an AVA bead.

String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go through the top leg of this same AVA bead.

String four 11/0 seed beads. Go through the hole in the center peak of this same AVA bead.

String one more 11/0 seed bead. Grab your tail thread. Tie a tight double knot:



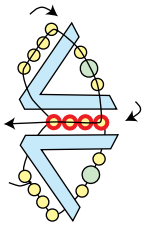
STEP 2: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:

STEP 3: Go up through the hole in the center peak of a new AVA bead.

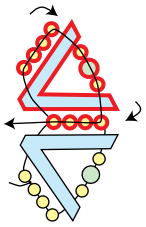
String four 11/0 seed beads. Go down through the top leg of the AVA bead that you just strung.

String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go through the bottom leg of this same AVA bead.

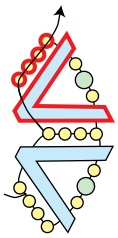
Go back across through the four 11/0 seed beads that you strung in Step 1 (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 4: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 5: Go back up through the center hole of the AVA bead and then across through the four 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:

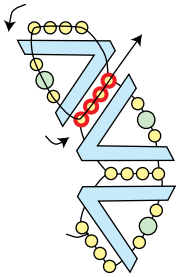


STEP 6: Go through the center hole of a new AVA bead.

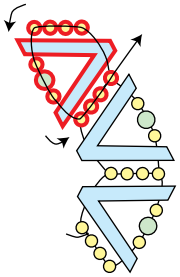
String four 11/0 seed beads. Go down through the top leg of the AVA bead that you just strung.

String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go through the bottom leg of this same AVA bead.

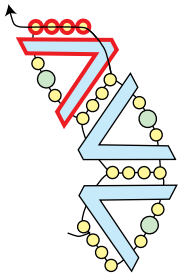
Go back across through the four 11/0 seed beads that you strung in Step 3 (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 7: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



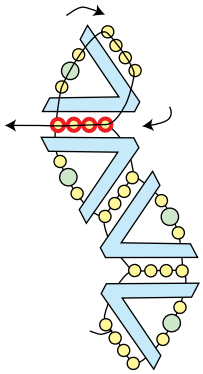
STEP 8: Go back up through the center hole of the AVA bead and then across through the four 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



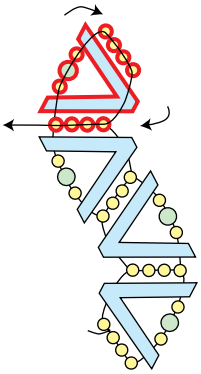
STEP 9: Go up through the bottom leg of a new AVA bead. String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go up through the top leg of this same AVA bead.

String four 11/0 seed beads. Go down through the center hole of the AVA bead that you just strung.

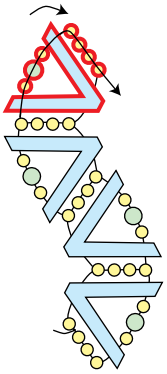
Go back across through the four 11/0 seed beads that you strung in Step 6 (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 10: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



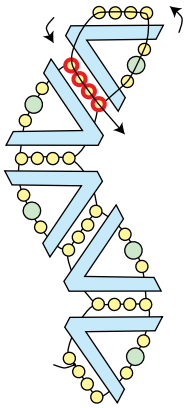
STEP 11: Go back up and around through the bottom leg of the AVA bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the Color1 8/0 seed bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the top leg of the AVA bead and the four 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



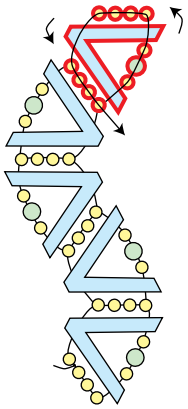
STEP 12: Go up through the bottom leg of a new AVA bead. String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go up through the top leg of this same AVA bead.

String four 11/0 seed beads. Go down through the center hole of the AVA bead that you just strung.

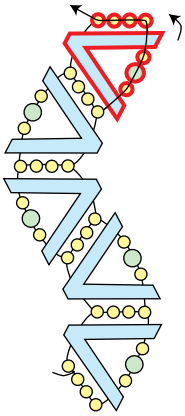
Go back across through the four 11/0 seed beads that you strung in Step 9 (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 13: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 14: Go back up and around through the bottom leg of the AVA bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the Color1 8/0 seed bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the top leg of the AVA bead and the four 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:

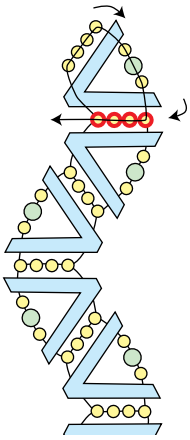


STEP 15: Go through the center hole of a new AVA bead.

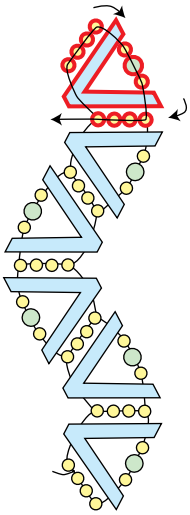
String four 11/0 seed beads. Go down through the top leg of the AVA bead that you just strung.

String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go through the bottom leg of this same AVA bead.

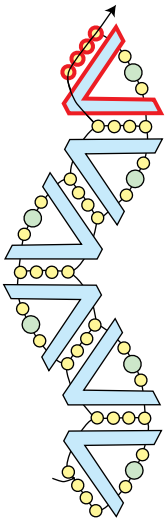
Go back across through the four 11/0 seed beads (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 16: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 17: Go back up through the center hole of the AVA bead and then across through the four 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:

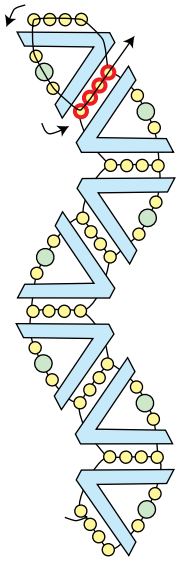


STEP 18: Go through the center hole of a new AVA bead.

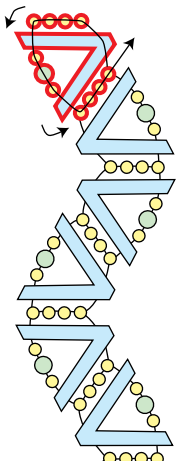
String four 11/0 seed beads. Go down through the top leg of the AVA bead that you just strung.

String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go through the bottom leg of this same AVA bead.

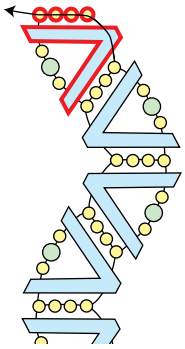
Go back across through the four 11/0 seed beads (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 19: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



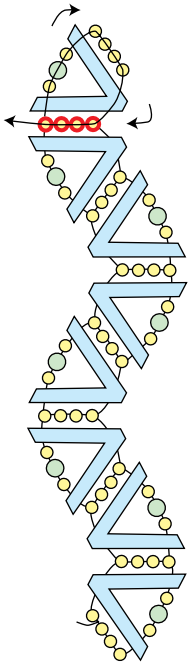
STEP 20: Go back up through the center hole of the AVA bead and then across through the four 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



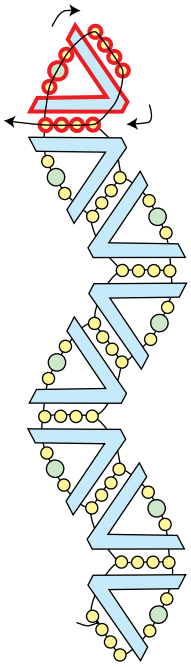
STEP 21: Go up through the bottom leg of a new AVA bead. String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and another 11/0 seed bead. Go up through the top leg of this same AVA bead.

String four 11/0 seed beads. Go down through the center hole of the AVA bead that you just strung.

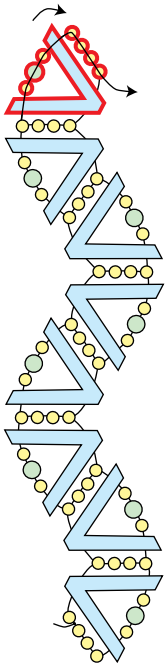
Go back across through the four 11/0 seed beads (highlighted in **RED**):



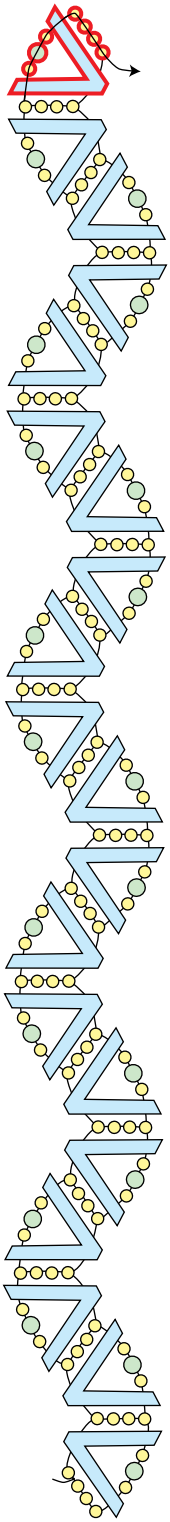
STEP 22: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 23: Go back up and around through the bottom leg of the AVA bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the Color1 8/0 seed bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the top leg of the AVA bead and the four 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:

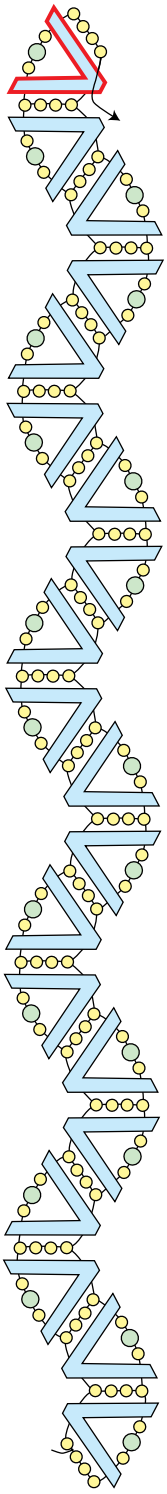


STEP 24: Repeat Step 12 to Step 23 until your band is the length you want it, *minus* about .75 inches *and* the length of your clasp. **NOTE**: You can always lengthen your band later when adding the clasp:

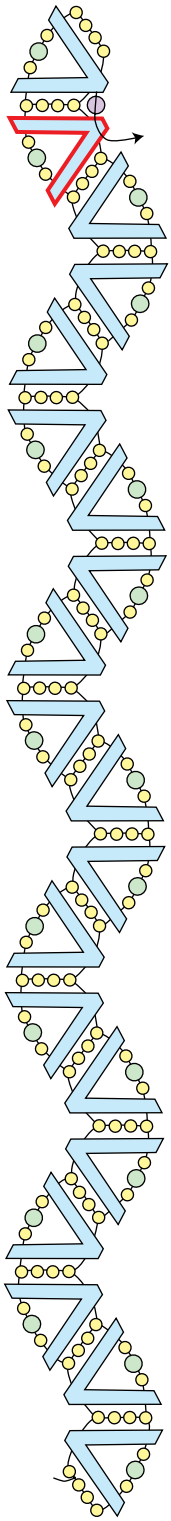


Next you will add Color2 8/0 seed beads in the gaps between the AVA beads. This will give the band some needed stability and keep it from rippling.

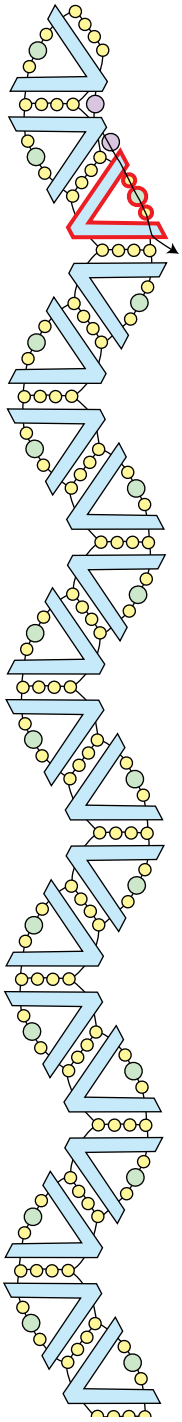
STEP 25: Go back down through the center hole in the AVA bead highlighted in **RED**:



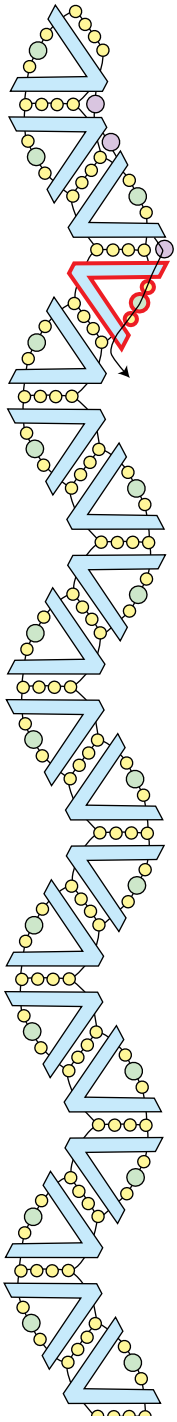
STEP 26: String a Color2 8/0 seed bead and go down through the center hole in the AVA bead highlighted in **RED**:



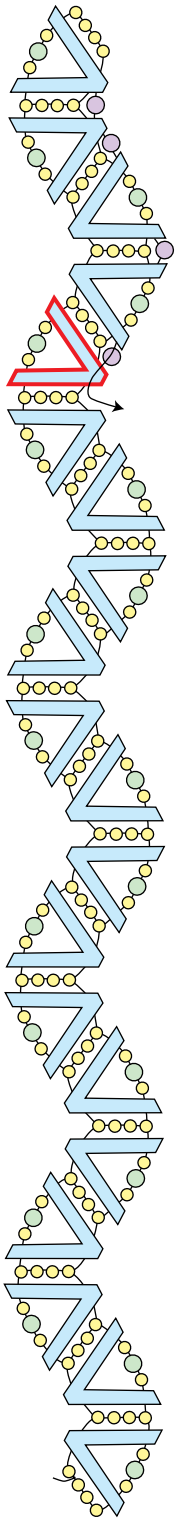
STEP 27: String a Color2 8/0 seed bead and go down through the top leg of the next AVA bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the Color1 8/0 bead, the 11/0 seed bead and the bottom leg of the same AVA bead highlighted in **RED**:



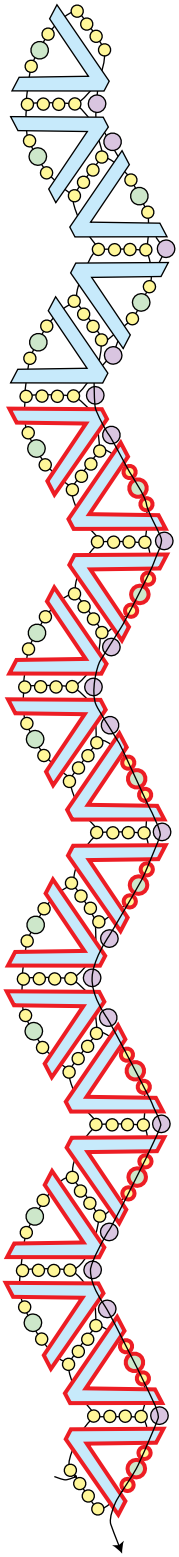
STEP 28: String a Color2 8/0 seed bead and go down through the top leg of the next AVA bead, the 11/0 seed bead, the Color1 8/0 bead, the 11/0 seed bead and the bottom leg of the same AVA bead highlighted in **RED**:



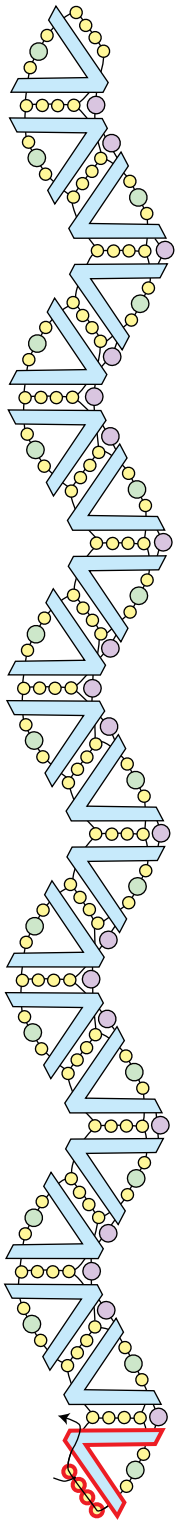
STEP 29: String a Color2 8/0 seed bead and go down through the center hole in the AVA bead highlighted in **RED**:



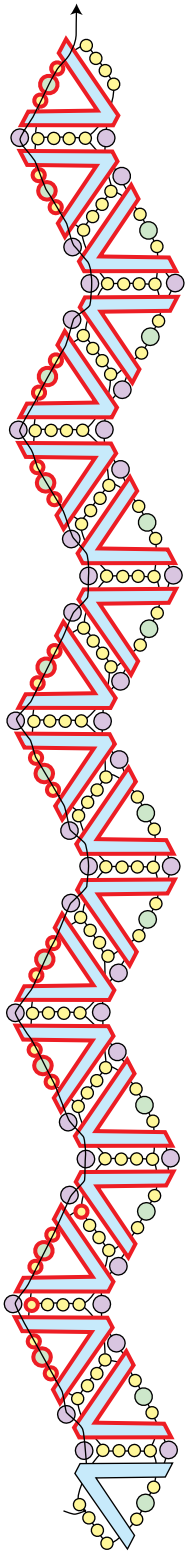
STEP 30: Repeat Step 26 to Step 29 until you come to the end of the band:



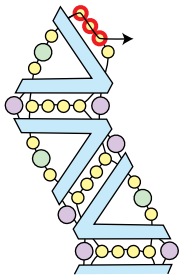
STEP 31: Go back around through the four bottom 11/0 seed beads and up through the center hole of the first AVA bead highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 32: Repeat Step 26 to Step 30 to add Color2 8/0 seed beads to the left side of your band:

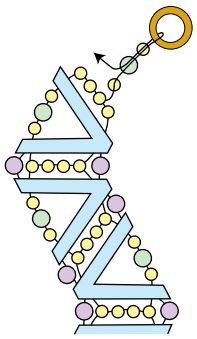


STEP 33: To attach one end of the clasp, go through the three 11/0 seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 34: String an 11/0 seed bead, a Color1 8/0 seed bead and an 11/0 seed bead.

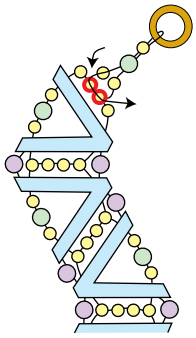
Go through the clasp and then back through the 11/0 seed bead and the Color1 8/0 seed bead that you just strung:



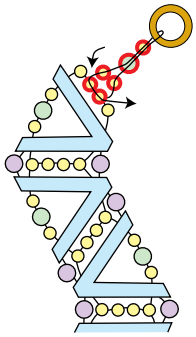
NOTE: To lengthen your band, just add more beads—or larger beads—in this step.

STEP 35: String another 11/0 seed bead.

Go across through the two seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 36: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED** and the clasp several times:



Weave back into the band, knot in several places and then cut your thread.

Thread your needle with the tail thread from Step 1 and repeat Steps 34 to 36 to add the other end of your clasp.