

Bridesmaid's Crystal Cuff ©2007 Deborah Roberti

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= fire-polished bead
= glass pearl
= bicone crystal
= round bead
(or melon bead)

= seed bead

MATERIALS

(for a 7-inch bracelet, not including clasp)

- 4 yards waxed Nymo or C-Lon thread, size D, or 6 lb. FireLine
- About 350 size 11/0 seed beads
- About 46 size 4mm fire-polished beads
- About 56 size 4mm glass pearls
- About 56 size 4mm bicone crystals
- About 28 size 4mm round beads (or 5mm melon beads also work)
- clasp

NOTE: Although I specify that you use fire-polished beads, glass pearls, bicone crystals and round beads in the instructions and diagrams, you can actually used any 4mm bead type.

STEP 1: Thread your needle with 4 yards of Nymo, C-Lon or Fireline (or start with a length that you feel comfortable with and add more later).

String a seed bead, a firepolished bead, a seed bead, a glass pearl, a seed bead, a bicone crystal, a seed bead and a glass pearl.

Leaving about a 12-inch tail for attaching one end of the clasp, tie these beads in a circle with a double knot:

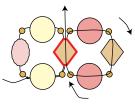


STEP 2: Go back around through the glass pearl, the seed bead and the bicone crystal that you strung in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):

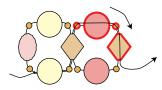


STEP 3: String a seed bead, a round bead, a seed bead, a bicone crystal, a seed bead, a round bead and a seed bead.

Go around and up through the bicone crystal that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in **RED**):

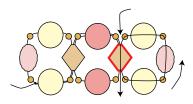


STEP 4: Continue back through the seed bead, the round bead, the seed bead and down through the bicone crystal that you strung in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):

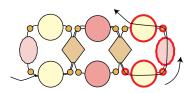


STEP 5: String a seed bead, a glass pearl, a seed bead, a fire-polished bead, a seed bead, a glass pearl and a seed bead.

Go around and back down through the bicone crystal that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



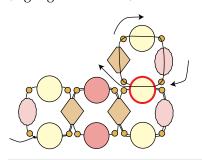
STEP 6: Continue back through the seed bead, the glass pearl, the seed bead, the fire-polished bead, the seed bead and the glass pearl that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



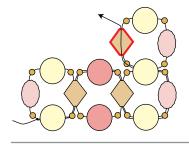
You've just finished Row 1.

STEP 7: To start Row 2, string a seed bead, a bicone crystal, a seed bead, a glass pearl, a seed bead, a fire-polished bead and a seed bead.

Go around and back across through the glass pearl that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in RED):

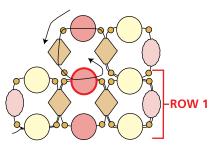


STEP 8: Continue back up through the seed bead and the bicone crystal that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 9: String a seed bead, a round bead, a seed bead, a bicone crystal and a seed bead.

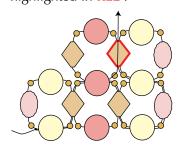
Go around and through the middle round bead in Row 1 (highlighted in RED):



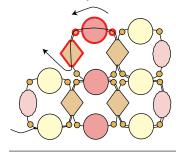
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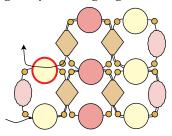
STEP 10: String a seed bead. Go up through the bicone crystal highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 11: Go back through the seed bead, the round bead, the seed bead and the bicone crystal (highlighted in **RED**) that you added in Step 9:

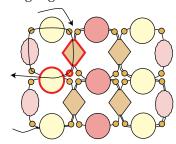


STEP 12: String a seed bead. Go across through the top left glass pearl (highlighted in **RED**):

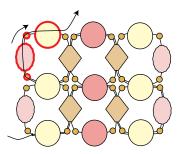


STEP 13: String a seed bead, a fire-polished bead, a seed bead, a glass pearl and a seed bead.

Go around and down through the bicone crystal, the seed bead and the glass pearl that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in **RED**):

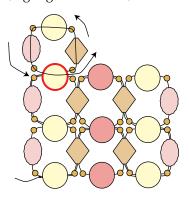


STEP 14: To finish Row 2, continue back up through the seed bead, the fire-polished bead, the seed bead and the glass pearl that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):

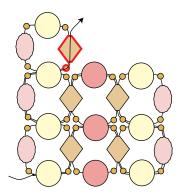


STEP 15: To start Row 3, string a seed bead, a bicone crystal, a seed bead, a glass pearl, a seed bead, a fire-polished bead and a seed bead.

Go around and back across through the glass pearl that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in RED):

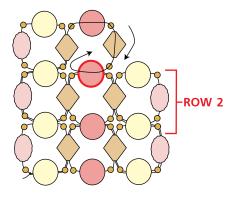


STEP 16: Continue back up through the seed bead and the bicone crystal that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):

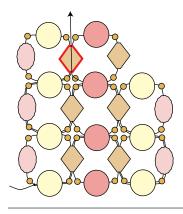


STEP 17: String a seed bead, a round bead, a seed bead, a bicone crystal and a seed bead.

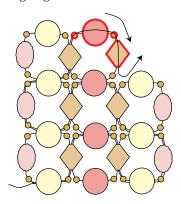
Go around and across through the round bead in Row 2 (highlighted in **RED**):



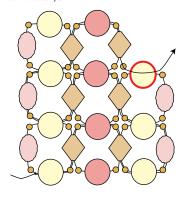
STEP 18: String a seed bead. Go up through the bicone crystal highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 19: Continue back around through the seed bead, the round bead, the seed bead and the bicone crystal (all highlighted below in **RED**):

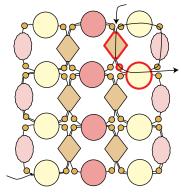


STEP 20: String a seed bead. Go across through the top right glass pearl in Row 2 (highlighted in **RED**):

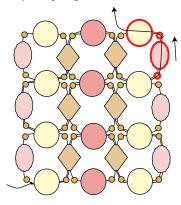


STEP 21: String a seed bead, a fire-polished bead, a seed bead, a glass pearl and a seed bead.

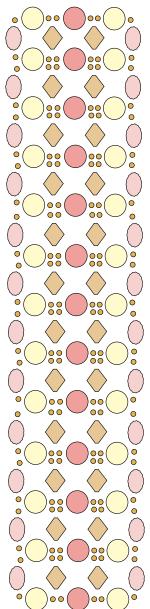
Go around and back down through the top right bicone crystal, the seed bead and across through the glass pearl that you exited at the end of the last step (all highlighted in RED):



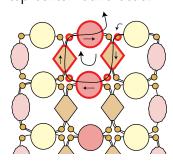
STEP 22: To finish Row 3, continue back up through the seed bead, the fire-polished bead, the seed bead and the glass pearl you strung in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



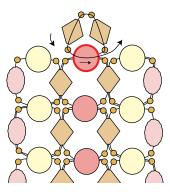
STEP 23: Repeat Steps 7-22 until your bracelet is the length you want it, *minus* about ¹/₂ inch *and* the length of your clasp.



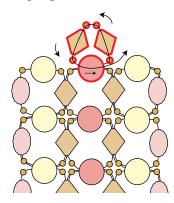
STEP 24: To attach one end of your clasp, circle around through the beads highlighted in **RED** and exit from the right side of the top-center round bead:



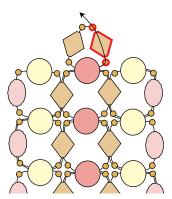
STEP 25: String a seed bead, a bicone crystal, two seed beads, a bicone crystal and a seed bead. Go around and back across through the round bead that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



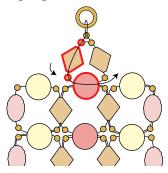
STEP 26: Go back around through the beads that you added in the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



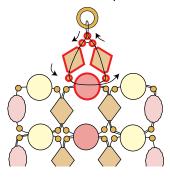
STEP 27: Go back up through the seed bead, the bicone crystal and the seed bead highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 28: String a seed bead, go through one end of the clasp and back through the seed bead that you just strung. Continue back around through the seed bead, the bicone crystal, the seed bead and the round bead highlighted in **RED**:

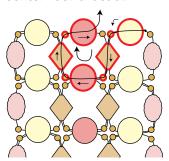


STEP 29: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED** and the clasp several times:



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

STEP 30: To attach the clasp to the other end of the bracelet, thread your needle with the tail thread from Step 1. Weave around through the beads highlighted in **RED** and exit from the right side of the topcenter round bead:



Repeat Steps 25-29.