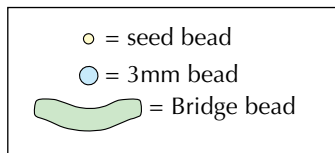




Winding Road Bracelet

Bead up this simple band using Miyuki 11/0 rocaille seed beads, 3mm round or fire-polished beads and Bridge beads—three-hole 3x12mm Czech beads with a lovely curve.



MATERIALS

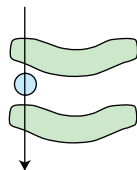
(for a 7-inch bracelet, not including clasp)

- About 4 yards of 6 lb. FireLine
- About 250 size 11/0 Miyuki rocaille seed beads
- About 53 size 3mm beads (fire-polished or round)
- About 22 size 3x12mm Czech Bridge beads
- clasp

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STEP 1: Thread your needle with a length of FireLine that you feel comfortable working with and add more as you need it.

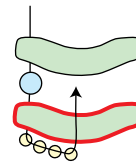
Leaving a 12-inch tail for attaching your clasp, string a Bridge bead, a 3mm bead and a Bridge bead:



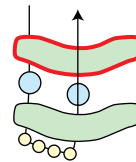
NOTE: You will not be making a knot until Step 4 so keep the tension tight and hold onto this tail thread for now.

Also, make sure the Bridge beads are positioned the way they appear in my illustrations (crescent-side up or down) as you add them.

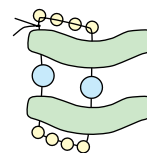
STEP 2: String four seed beads. Go around and up through the middle hole of the bottom Bridge bead that you just exited (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 3: String a 3mm bead. Go up through the middle hole of the top Bridge bead (highlighted in **RED**):



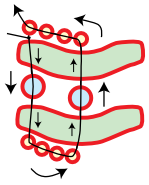
STEP 4: String four seed beads. Grab your tail thread and tie a tight double knot:



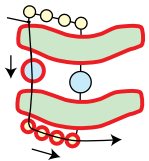
You can find more pictures and info on exact beads used at the end of the pattern page on my website here:

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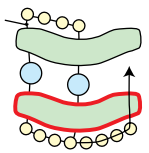
STEP 5: Go back down and around through the beads highlighted in **RED** so that you are once again exiting from the top left seed bead:



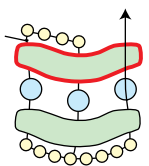
STEP 6: Go back down and around through the Bridge beads, the 3mm bead and the seed beads highlighted in **RED**:



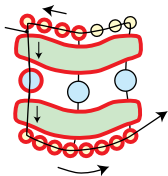
STEP 7: String four seed beads. Go around and up through the right hole of the bottom Bridge bead (highlighted in **RED**):



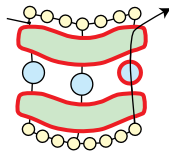
STEP 8: String a 3mm bead. Go up through the right hole of the top Bridge bead (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 9: String three seed beads. Go around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 10: Go back up through the beads highlighted in **RED**:

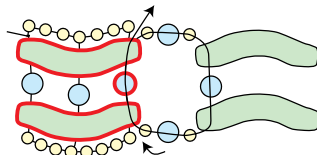


You just finished the first Winding Road "stack" of Bridge beads, 3mm beads and seed beads. Note that you will end up with eight seed beads along the crescent of the bottom Bridge bead and only seven along the top Bridge bead because there is less space in the dip of the Bridge bead than there is around the crescent edge. Next, you will add another "stack" but you will flip the Bridge beads so that the crescent side is facing up instead of down to create the "winding" effect.

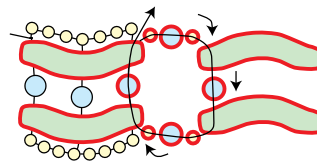
STEP 11: String a seed bead, a 3mm bead, a seed bead, a Bridge bead, a 3mm bead, a Bridge bead, a seed bead, a 3mm bead and a seed bead.

NOTE: Position the new Bridge beads so that the crescent is facing up like in the illustration below.

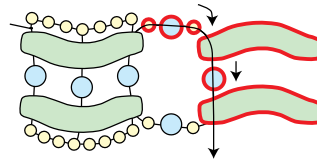
Go around and up through the bottom Bridge bead, the 3mm bead and the top Bridge bead in the first "stack" (highlighted in **RED**):



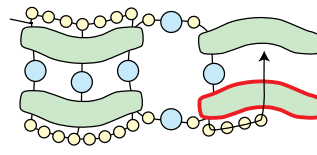
STEP 12: Circle back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



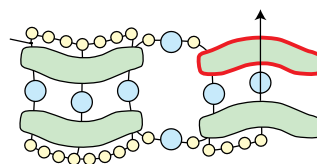
STEP 13: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



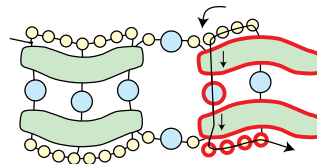
STEP 14: String four seed beads. Go around and up through the middle hole of the bottom Bridge bead that you just exited (highlighted in **RED**):



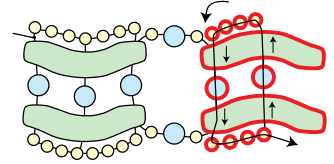
STEP 15: String a 3mm bead. Go up through the middle hole of the top Bridge bead in the new "stack" (highlighted in **RED**):



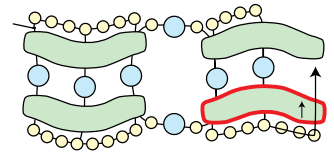
STEP 16: String four seed beads. Go around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



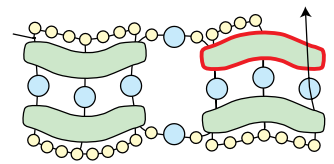
STEP 17: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**. Keep the tension tight so that the seed beads align along the Bridge beads. Press the seed beads against the Bridge beads with your fingers if you need to:



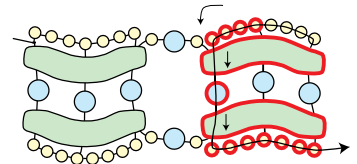
STEP 18: String three seed beads. Go up through the right hole of the bottom Bridge bead (highlighted in **RED**):



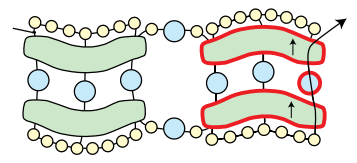
STEP 19: String a 3mm bead. Go up through the right hole of the top Bridge bead (highlighted in **RED**):



STEP 20: String four seed beads. Go around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



STEP 21: Go back up through the beads highlighted in **RED**:

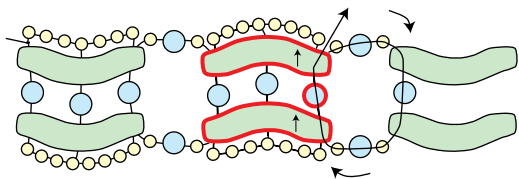


You just finished the second Winding Road "stack" of Bridge beads, 3mm beads and seed beads. Next, you will add another "stack" but again, you will flip the Bridge beads so that the crescent sides are facing downward in the new stack you will create.

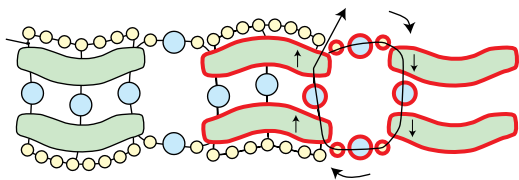
STEP 22: String a seed bead, a 3mm bead, a seed bead, a Bridge bead, a 3mm bead, a Bridge bead, a seed bead, a 3mm bead and a seed bead.

NOTE: Position the new Bridge beads so that the crescent is facing downward like in the illustration below.

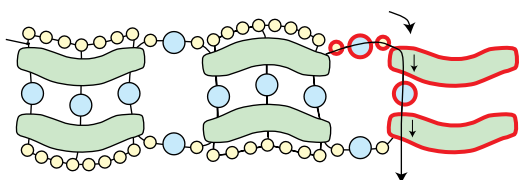
Go around and up through the bottom Bridge bead, the 3mm bead and the top Bridge bead in the adjacent "stack" (highlighted in **RED**):



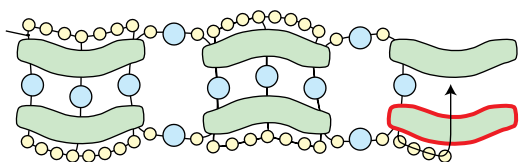
STEP 23: Circle back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



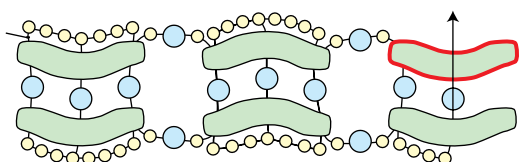
STEP 24: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



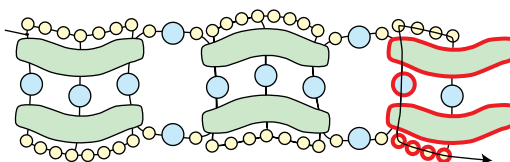
STEP 25: String four seed beads. Go around and up through the middle hole of the bottom Bridge bead that you just exited (highlighted in **RED**):



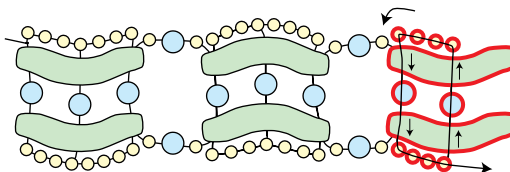
STEP 26: String a 3mm bead. Go up through the middle hole of the top Bridge bead in the new "stack" (highlighted in **RED**):



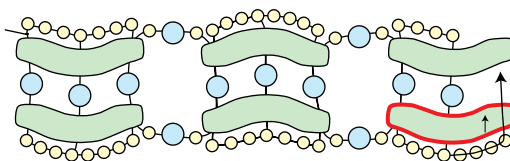
STEP 27: String four seed beads. Go around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



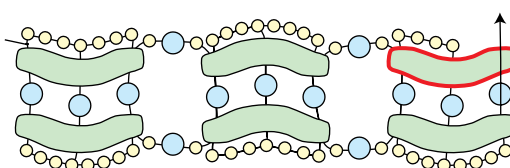
STEP 28: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED**, keeping your tension tight:



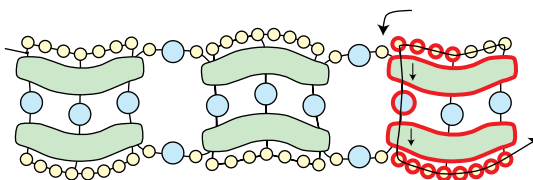
STEP 29: String four seed beads. Go around and up through the right hole of the bottom Bridge bead (highlighted in **RED**):



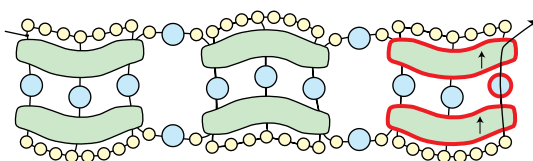
STEP 30: String a 3mm bead. Go up through the right hole of the top Bridge bead (highlighted in **RED**):



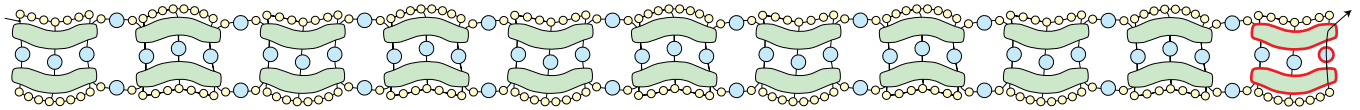
STEP 31: String three seed beads. Go around through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



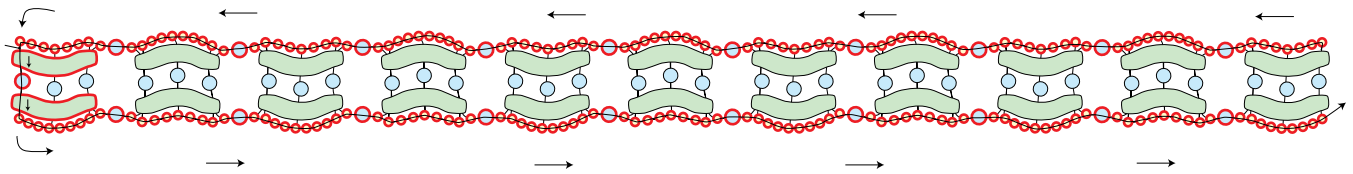
STEP 32: Go back up through the beads highlighted in **RED**:



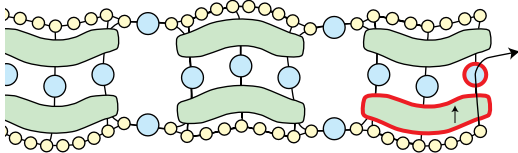
STEP 33: Repeat Step 11 to Step 32, ending with a final repeat of Step 21 or 32, until your bracelet is the length you want it, *minus* the length of your clasp *and* about a quarter-inch for the beads used to connect your clasp, and *minus* an additional quarter-inch to account for shrinkage that will occur in the next step as you go back around through the beads along the outer edge:



STEP 34: To give your band some extra strength and smooth out the seed beads along the top and bottom edge of the bracelet, go back through the seed beads and 3mm beads highlighted in **RED**. As you pull tight, your bracelet will decrease in length about a quarter-inch, first on the top and then the bottom:

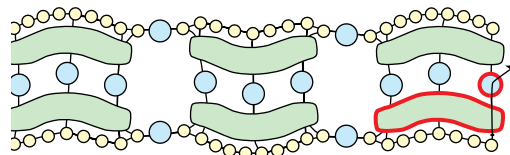


STEP 35: To attach your clasp, go up through the right hole of the bottom Bridge bead and the 3mm bead highlighted in **RED**:



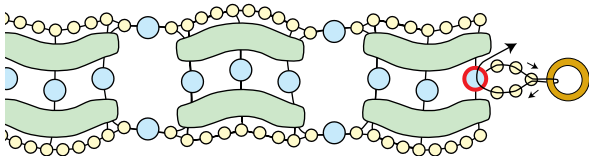
STEP 38: To attach the clasp to the other end of your bracelet, thread your needle with the tail thread from Step 1.

Go up through the right hole of the bottom Bridge bead and the 3mm bead highlighted in **RED**:



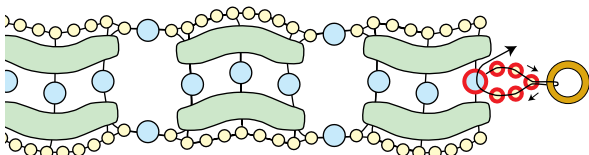
STEP 36: String three seed beads. Go through your clasp and then back through the last seed bead that you just strung.

String two more seed beads and go up through the 3mm bead that you exited at the end of the last step (highlighted in **RED**):



NOTE: To make your band longer, just add more seed beads than directed.

STEP 37: Go back around through the beads highlighted in **RED** and the clasp several times:



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

Repeat Steps 36-37.



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