

JEWELRY MAKING 104: HOW TO USE A BEAD LOOM TO MAKE A BRACELET



Materials

- Beadalon® WildFire™ Bead Weaving Thread, 006" (Item # 10390892)
- Beadalon® B-Lon™ Tex 210 Nylon Cord, Assorted (Item #10472118)
- Dazzle-It!™ Retro Blue Mix Czech Glass Seed Beads (Item # 10416599) - 2

TOOLS:

- Beadalon® Sparkle Chain Nose Pliers Item # 10121794
- Beadalon® Jewel Loom™ (Item # 10328476)
- Beadalon® Bead Mats (Item # 10348546)
- Scissors
- Thread Burner or Lighter (optional)

LEARN THESE JEWELRY MAKING TECHNIQUES:

- How to set up the Jewel Loom™
- How to make a loomed design with size 6 seed beads
- How to pick up seed beads from a bead mat
- How to finish off a loomed design using an adjustable macramé knot

STEP 1

Use B-Lon Bead Weaving Thread to warp the Jewel Loom according to the included instructions with 6 threads and 5 spaces. You'll leave one ridge in between each warp thread on the Jewel Loom.

STEP 2

Pull out a 5 foot length of WildFire and use a Chain Nose Pliers to flatten the end. Thread the WildFire through the needle.

STEP 3

Tie the other end of the WildFire about 2 inches down from the end to the left-most thread on the Jewel Loom with an overhand knot and a 6 inch tail. Bring the needle under the threads to the left side of the Jewel Loom.

STEP 4

Pick up 6 solid turquoise beads from the mix. Hold them underneath the warp threads with your index finger and position one bead in between each thread. Sew back through the beads from right to left sandwiching the beads within the threads.

STEP 5

Follow the pattern and add beads as in Step 4 until your bracelet is about 6.5", or the length you'd like.

STEP 6

Make sure all of your beads are sandwiched. If any are loose, weave

back through the bracelet and sew them in place. Weave both ends into the piece and tie overhand knots to hold them in place. Use a scissors or a thread zap to trim the ends.

STEP 7

Hold onto the Jewel Loom as you release the tension by cutting the warp threads as close to the button on the back as you can.

STEP 8

Working on one side, add one size 6 seed bead over each pair of loose threads so you have a total of 3 seed beads. Tie an overhand knot to gather all of the B-Lon threads together. Separate the B-Lon threads into two groups. Twist one group one way, and the other group the same way. Hold the ends so that the twists join and twist together. Tie an overhand knot in the end. Repeat on the other side.

STEP 9

Place your work in a bracelet shape with the two twists laying next to each other in opposite directions. Cut another piece of B-Lon about 10 inches. Place it under the two twists and bring both ends together so each side is equal. Tie 3 or 4 square macramé knots around the two twists. Use a cord cutter or a scissors and a lighter to trim and seal the ends.

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