

F_LAT AND F_ANCY BRACELET

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YOU WILL NEED:

- 5-7 grams size 11 seed beads
- 48-55 size 3m swarovski crystals
- 12 multi-colored discs
- 6lb fireline thread
- #11 bead needle

Cut 2 yds. of fireline and thread your needle. place the needle about 1/3 of the way down the thread. you will be working with a single thread.

1) round one

pick up 10 size 11, one 3m crystal, one disc, one 3m and 10 size 11. Slide them down to approx. 10 in. from end. go up thru the first size 11. pull snug

2) button clasp

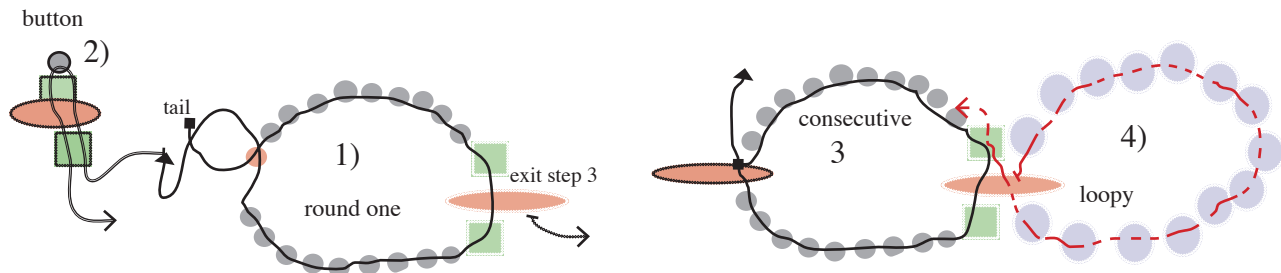
pick up one 3m crystal, button disc, one 3m crystal and one size 11. go down thru the top 3m, button disc, one 3m and the size 11 just exited in previous step. pull snug.

Thread path: use your beads as a path and exit the first disc added.

3) consecutive rounds

pick up one 3m, 10 size 11, one 3m, one disc, one 3m, 10 size 11s and one 3m crystal. go down thru the disc just exited. again using beads as a path exit the last disc added.

repeat step 3 for bracelet length. exit last disc to create loop for button.



4) loopy

you will be exiting the last disc before making the loop. Pick up enough size 11s to fit comfortably around button disc. be sure to "test" several times by placing the button thru the loop. reinforce loop x 1. on the second pass thru the loop you may peyote your loop. picking up one size 11, skip the next size 11 of the loop and go up thru the next size 11. pull snug. repeat this step for entire loop.

adding and ending thread:

Pull thread snug prior to beginning knots. Where thread is exiting make a gentle fold between your fingers. The area will be slightly lifted above your fingertips. Place the needle just under the thread. By pinching the area you will have more control over your thread. Pull on thread. A small loop will form. Place the needle thru it. Lay the needle down. Pull on thread until the knot slides up between the beads. Working away from the stop bead, Go thru several beads. Repeat knot x 2. Even after the last knot you will continue thru several more beads. This pulls the knot down inside the beads. Trim thread. Remove stop bead on second end and repeat process. Place a stop bead leaving a small tail on your new thread. Repeat process with new thread.