

Right-angle Bangle

Use two needles to work a simple right-angle chain, then embellish it with a crisscross of beads for a luxurious rounded rope. With the ends joined to make a bangle, you can easily roll it on over your knuckles and start the next one! Make one long enough to fit over your heel, and you'll have a right-angle ankle bangle.

Materials

Size 6°, 8°, and 11° seed beads (A, B, C)

Two needles and thread





Right-angle base

1. To start a chain of 4-bead units using two-needle right-angle weave, cut 5' (1.5 m) of thread and place a needle on each end.

First unit: Use one needle to string 4A and slide them to the center of the thread; with the other needle, pass back through the last bead strung and pull the needles in opposite directions to snug the beads (Figure 1).

Following units: *Use the left needle to string 2A; pinch the second bead between your thumb and finger, letting the needle fall to the palm of your hand. Use the right needle to string 1A and pass back through the pinched bead (Figure 2). Repeat from * to add units until the chain is 7" (18 cm), or long enough to fit around your closed hand (Figure 3).

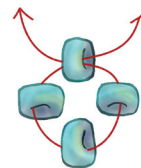


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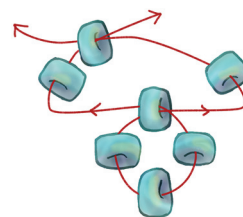


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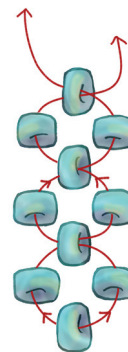


Figure 3

Using two needles

When you pass back through a strung bead, the needle might pierce the thread inside it, weakening the thread and preventing it from sliding through the bead. When this happens, you must remove the needle, pull the thread loose, and rethread the needle. To avoid that hassle, develop the following habit for working two-needle right-angle weave:

- Use the left needle to string 2 beads. Pull the needle through the beads and drop it into your palm, pinching the thread tight under the beads.
- Use the right needle to string 1 bead and pass back through the last bead of the other needle (pinched in your fingers).
- Release the pinched beads and take the right needle with your left hand, grab the left needle with your right hand, and pull in opposite directions to snug the beads.

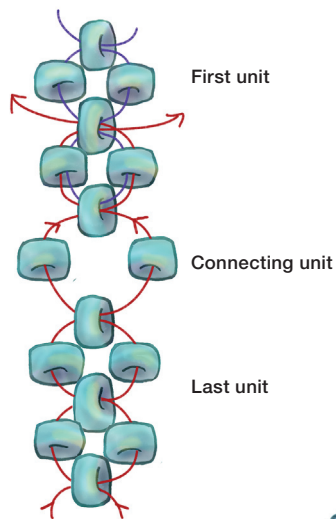


Figure 4

Connecting unit: Lay the chain flat on the table, making sure there are no twists. Join the ends of the chain by stringing 1A with each needle and passing them in opposite directions through the first unit (**Figure 4**). Continue weaving each needle back through a few units at the start of the chain. Tie a knot with the threads and weave each needle back through another unit.



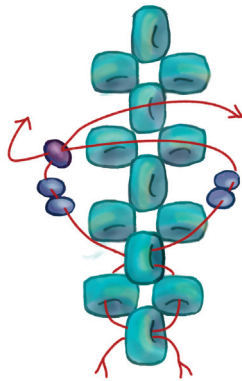


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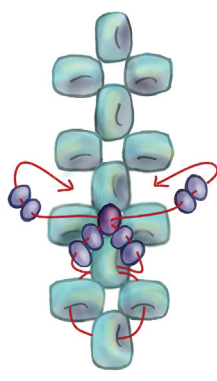


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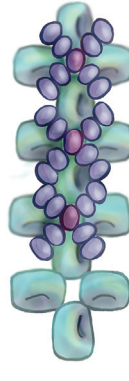


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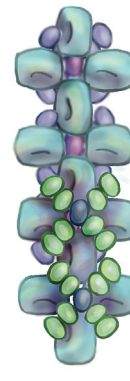


Figure 8

Embellishing

2. Continue using two needles to add smaller beads on top of the chain, working 2 stitches to form an X on top of each base unit.

Stitch 1: Use the left needle to string 2C and 1B; pinch the 1B and let the needle fall to your palm. Use the right needle to string 2C and pass back through the 1B. Pull the needles in opposite directions to snug the beads (Figure 5).

Stitch 2: Use each needle to string 2C and pass each one through the next size 6° of the chain, crossing the needles in opposite directions (Figure 6).

3. Repeat Stitches 1 and 2 to make an X on top of each unit all around one side of the chain (Figure 7).

4. When you reach the first X, turn the embellished side of the chain to the inside and work another round in different colors on the other side of each unit (Figure 8). Finish the bangle by passing each thread through a few units, tying a knot with both threads, passing through a few beads, then trimming.