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Leslie Rogalski uses #2 seed beads in her special design.



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**CRISSCROSS STITCH WITH SIZE 2 BEADS**

Working this technique is often the best way for beginners to create the look of right-angle weave. Using size 2 beads and a color coordinated beading cord makes a terrific bracelet in a single row of stitching. Stringing size 6 seed beads between each size 2 adds a nice detail. Simple neatly knot on a clasp at the ends!

Materials for a 6 3/4" bracelet:  
100 size 2 beads  
60 size 6 seed beads (optional)  
2 size 12 embroidery needles  
C-lon or other durable beading thread  
Scissors  
Clasp of choice  
Clear nail polish (optional)

Basic technique Diagram 1

1: Work with one piece of cord about 3 ft long for an average size bracelet. String a needle on each end of your cord.

2: String 1 size 2 on either needle to the middle of the cord. (Bead 1)  
String one size 2 on each needle and bring to the first bead strung.  
(beads 2 in diagram)

3. Bead 3 is the crisscross bead, through which you pass both needles in opposite directions: String bead 3 on one needle, pass the other needle through in the opposite direction. For instance, string bead 3 on the left needle from left to right, then pass the right needle from right to left through the same bead 3.

4: String another size 2 on each needle. String a crisscross bead on one needle (bead 5 in the diagram) and pass the other needle in the opposite direction through the bead.

5: continue as long as you desire, pulling your thread snug with each stitch.

## TRY THIS!

### Diagram 2:

Adding a smaller bead such as a size 6 seed bead between your size 2 beads makes a nice detail. Here's how:

6: String a needle on each end of a 3' piece of thread. String one part of a clasp to the middle of the thread. String both needles (one at a time) through a size 6 bead, and push the bead to the clasp.

7: Crisscross the needles through a size 2 bead. (Bead 1)

8: String one size 6, one size 2 (beads 2) and one size 6 on each needle.

9: String one size 2 on one needle (bead 3 in diagram) and crisscross the other needle through this bead in the opposite direction.

10: Repeat steps 8 and 9 for the desired length, minus the length of your clasp.

11: To attach the other part of the clasp, exit the final crisscross bead (bead 9 in diagram.) Crisscross through a size 6, and string the toggle loop on one needle.

12: Tie a half hitch in both thread ends between the toggle loop and size 6 bead to snug your beadwork. Tie a secure square knot between the toggle loop and the size 6 bead. Weave your ends back into the beadwork following existing thread paths, and trim neatly. If desired, dab a small bit of clear nail polish or Hypo cement on the knot and where you've trimmed the threads.

## Guest:



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DIAGRAM 1  
crisscross stitch  
with size 2 beads  
basic technique

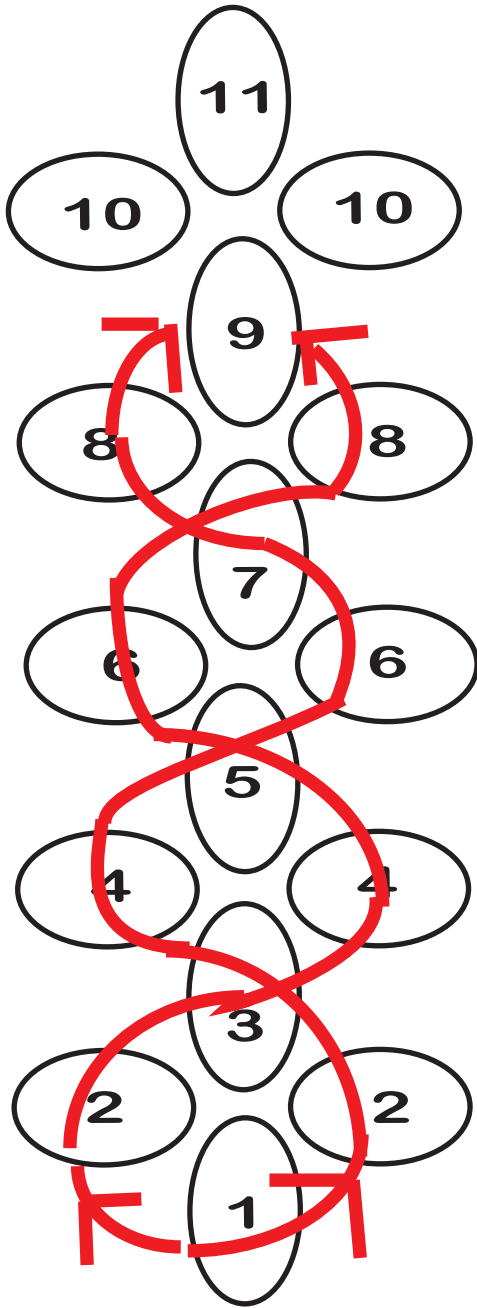


DIAGRAM 2  
crisscross stitch  
with size 2 beads  
and size 6 seed beads  
plus adding clasp knot

