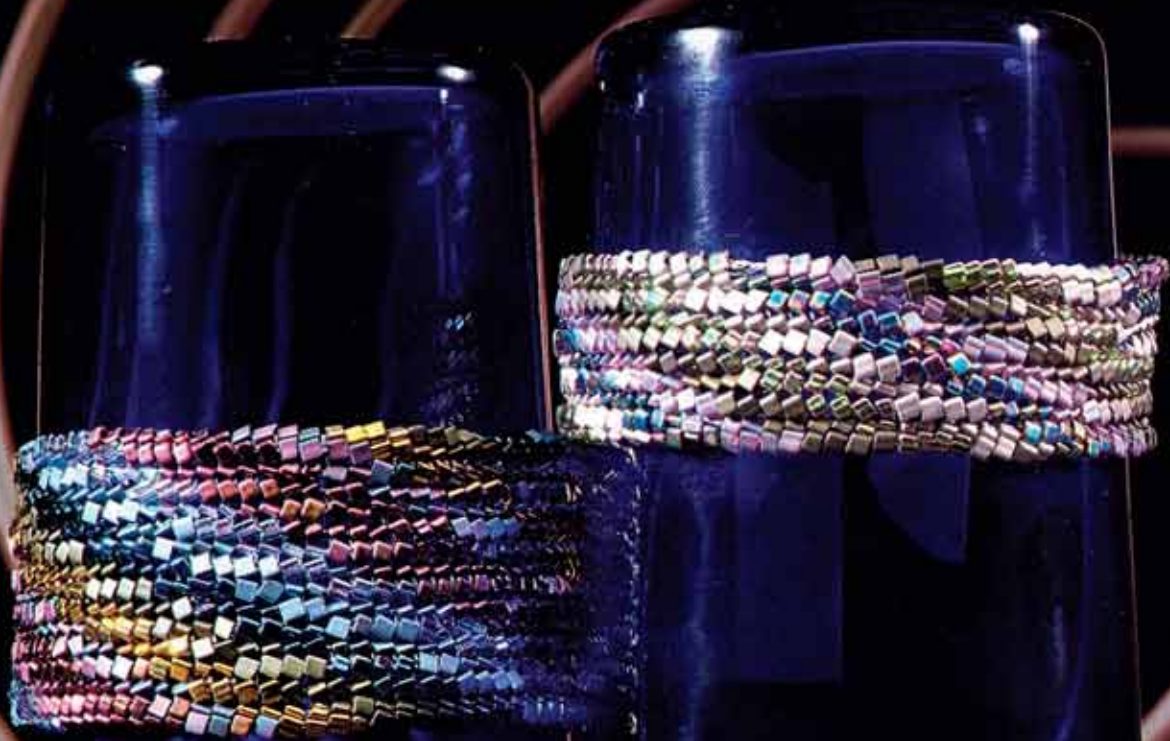


Subtle Stripes



Shimmering triangle beads add texture to these herringbone cuffs.

Take an Ndebele herringbone bracelet from flat to fabulous with a mix of matte and shiny triangle beads

by **Perie Brown**

This sophisticated bracelet covers all the angles. Glinting triangle beads give the surface a fabric-like texture when stitched into a herringbone band. Up the ante with the designer's touch of slanting stripes to create a bracelet with unbeatable appeal.

stepbystep

Herringbone band

[1] Assign each of the eight triangle bead colors a letter from A–H. Determine the finished length and subtract the length of your clasp. This will give you the length of the beaded band.

[2] Start a 2-yd. (1.8m) length of conditioned thread (Basics, p. 164). Leaving a 12-in. (30cm) tail, use the color pattern in **figure 1** to construct a ladder (Basics) with two beads per stack for 16 stacks.

[3] Work a row of flat Ndebele herringbone (Basics) off the ladder row, referring to the pattern (**figure 2, a–b**) for the color changes. At the end of the row, turn as shown in **figure 2, b–c**.

[4] Continue working in herringbone following the pattern, until you reach the desired length.

[5] Reinforce the last row with a second thread path, but don't cut the thread.

Clasp

[1] With the working thread, sew through the first loop on the clasp and through the thread bridge between the first two beads in the last row (**figure 3, a–b**).

[2] Continue sewing through the loops on the clasp and the thread bridges until the clasp is secure.

[3] Repeat on the other end of the bracelet using the 12-in. tail. ●

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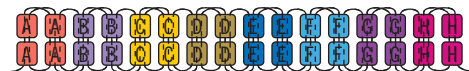


FIGURE 1

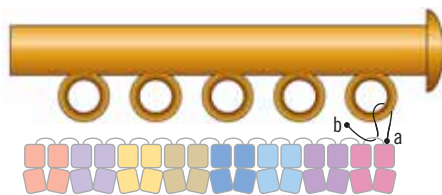


FIGURE 2

MATERIALS

bracelet 7½ in. (19.1 cm)

- triangle beads, size 11°, 2.5g each of 8 colors
- Nymo D conditioned with beeswax
- 5-strand slide clasp
- beading needles, #12

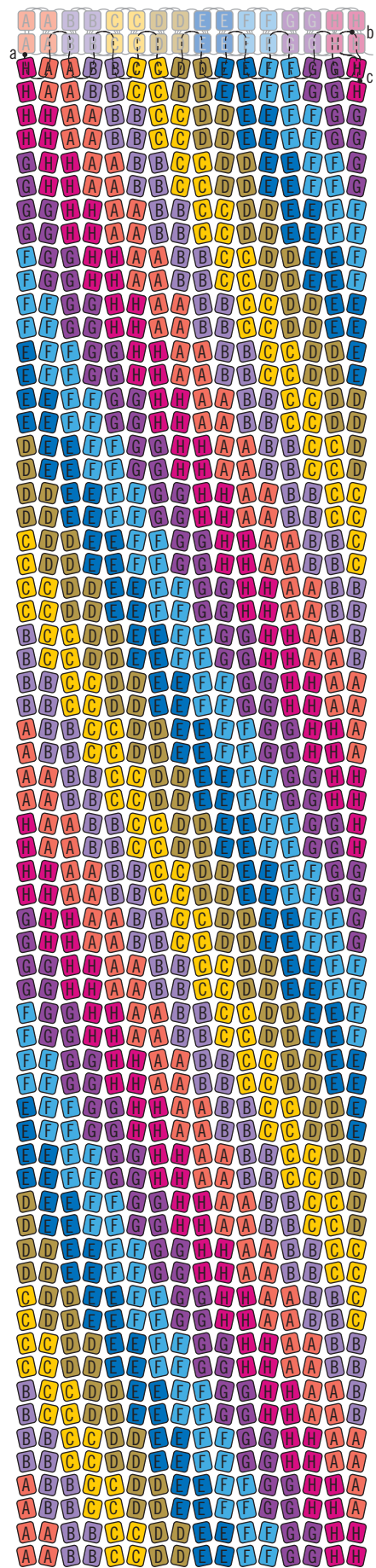


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