

# Pearls add pizzazz to a peyote stitch bangle

Wear them individually or stacked for added interest.

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Made with 8° Japanese seed beads, these bangles are a quick and easy lesson in peyote. Carefully placed pearls give just the right curves.



## stepbystep

**[1]** On 4 yd. (3.7m) of Fireline, pick up one 8° seed bead and seven 8° cylinder beads. Repeat the pattern nine times, and center the beads on the Fireline. Sew through the first seed bead and the first cylinder strung to form a ring (**photo a**).

**[2]** Work in circular peyote stitch (Basics) by picking up a cylinder, skipping a cylinder, and sewing through the next cylinder. Continue in peyote, but when you reach the seed bead, pick up a seed bead instead of a cylinder (**photo b**). When the row is complete, step up through the first bead in the new round, and set aside the working thread. These first three rounds of peyote are

the inside center rounds, which become the base from which the rest of the bangle is worked.

**[3]** Pick up the tail and step up through two cylinders, working in the opposite direction of the working thread. Complete a row of peyote using only cylinders, stepping up through the first bead in the new round. Repeat on the other side (**photo c**).

**[4]** Work a round of peyote using cylinders, but switch to 4mm pearls when you reach the openings with seed beads (**photo d**). This will force the rounds to flair out a little. Repeat on the other side (**photo e**).

**[5]** Work a round of peyote using only cylinders. Repeat on the other side (**photo f**).

**[6]** The last round gets added to one side only and becomes the outside center round. Work a round of peyote, but when you reach the pearl space, pick up a cylinder, a seed bead, and a cylinder instead of just one cylinder. [For another variation, you can substitute a 3mm round bead or crystal for one of the three consecutive cylinders added (**photo g**)]. Zip up (Basics) the last round stitched with the last round on the other side (**photo h**). Make sure to sew through all three beads (cylinder, seed bead, cylinder) when you reach the pearl. Secure the tails in the beadwork, and trim. ●

### MATERIALS

bangle 2½ in. (6.4cm) inner diameter

- 20 4mm Swarovski pearls
- 10 3mm round crystals (optional)
- 20 size 8° seed beads
- 16g size 8° Japanese cylinder beads
- Fireline 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #12

