

DESIGN WORKSHOP

COLOR BURST BRACELET

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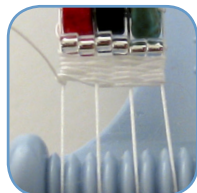
This pretty little loom-work bracelet incorporates dyed stones with seed beads for a colorful, textured band. If you've never tried looming, this is a fun place to start!

Instructions:

1. Getting Started: Follow "Bowing the Loom" instructions included with the Jewel Loom. Follow "Setting up the Warp Threads" to warp six threads, leaving an empty groove between each thread to accommodate the stone beads. Cut a 2-yard length of thread and use it to thread the needle. Knot the end around the outside warp thread, then weave the needle under/over the warp threads, back and forth for several rows to create a selvage edge that will fit inside the ribbon end.



2. CREATING THE ROWS: Follow the basic technique for "Adding Bead Base" to add six silver seeds to the first row with two beads between each warp thread. Add three multicolor beads to the next row, with a single bead per space. Continue adding rows until the bracelet reaches the desired length (remember to account for the clasp).



Materials

- 10217643 (81) Bead Gallery® dyed howlite 3x4mm rondelles
- (1) coordinating 6mm round stone bead of choice
- (tube) silver-lined 11/0 Toho® cylindrical seed beads
- 161U-004 (spool) Beadalon® .006" frost WildFire™
- 356B-010 (1) Beadalon® silver lobster clasp and jump ring
- 340B-080 (1") Beadalon® silver chain
- 312B-253 (1) Beadalon® silver medium ball head pin
- 443002 (2) small silver ribbon ends
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- **Tools & Adhesive:**
- 206S-064 Jewel Loom™ and rod, needle, threader, pouch
- JTNIP1 Wire cutters
- 201A-101 Chain-nose pliers
- 201A-104 Round-nose pliers
- E6000 industrial-strength glue

3. FINISHING THE WEAVING: After the last row, create a selvage edge as in Step 1. Spread a thin layer of E6000 glue onto both selvage edges and let the glue dry. Cut the warp threads to remove the woven strip from the loom.



4. ATTACHING THE CLASP: Use chain-nose pliers to fasten a ribbon end onto each end of the bracelet. Use a jump ring to attach the clasp to one end of the bracelet. Open the last link to connect the chain to the other end of the bracelet. Pass a head pin through a bead and make a wrapped loop to attach it to the chain.



TIP: Stone beads like these tend to be a little different in shape in size. Buy more than you'll need so you can choose the ones that are most similar. (This is called "culling" and is very common in seed bead looming, too.)