

Turning Leaves DiamonDuo Bracelet

Project B7043

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Speckled red Czech glass DiamonDuos resemble vivid autumn leaves, complemented by burnt orange Toho seed beads in this pretty bead-woven bracelet that feels light and sleek on the wrist.

What You'll Need

Czech Glass DiamonDuo, 2-Hole Diamond Shaped Beads 5x8mm, 12 Grams, Coral Picasso

SKU: BCT-822

Project uses 1 tube



Toho Seed Beads, Round 11/0 Semi Glazed, 8 Gram Tube, Rainbow Burnt Orange

SKU: JSK-0422

Project uses 1 tube



FireLine Braided Beading Thread, 4lb Test and 0.005 Thick, 15 Yards, Smoke Gray

SKU: XCR-1285

Project uses 5 feet



Antiqued Brass Plated Victorian Toggle Clasp - 16.5mm (1)

SKU: FCL-2616

Project uses 1 set



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-0109] Beadsmith Extra-Fine Thread Snips - Cuts Textiles, Yarn, And More!., [XTL-3006]

Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles)



Instructions

Before beginning this project, please watch our video on how to do a basic right angle weave if you aren't familiar with the stitch. These instructions will make a 6 inch bracelet; for a longer or shorter bracelet, adjust the number of beaded units you weave.

1. In this project, you will be doing a variation of modified right angle weave with two hole beads. Cut a length of Fireline thread as long as you are comfortable working with and thread a size 12 beading needle. As you work, you will need to tie off and add new thread.
2. String 1 coral picasso DiamonDuo followed by 4 burnt orange seed beads. Repeat that pattern 5 more times, making sure all 6 DiamonDuos are strung through the same hole. Bring your thread around so the beads form a loop and tie an overhand knot, leaving an 8 inch tail on the end of the thread to attach your clasp later. The lower holes of all of the DiamonDuos should be pointing inward toward the middle of the loop - you will connect them in the next step.

3. Sew through the upper hole of the adjacent DiamonDuo. Then sew through the lower hole of the same bead. Pick up 1 seed bead and sew through the lower hole of the next DiamonDuo over. Do that 5 more times, so all of the inner holes are connected by seed beads. Come back to the original DiamonDuo where you stepped down to the lower hole and sew back up through the upper hole so your needle is exiting the outer loop again.
4. Pick up 1 seed bead, 1 DiamonDuo, and 1 more seed bead. Sew back through the upper hole of the anchoring DiamonDuo, and back through the first seed bead and first hole of the DiamonDuo you picked up in this step.
5. Now string 3 seed beads, 1 DiamonDuo, pass your needle through the second hole of the DiamonDuo from the previous step, 1 more DiamonDuo, and 3 more seed beads. Sew back through the first hole of the DiamonDuo from the previous step, creating a loop, and keep looping around through all of the beads you just strung except the last 3 seed beads, so your needle should be exiting the first hole of one of the new DiamonDuos.
6. Pick up 4 seed beads and sew through the second hole of that same DiamonDuo, so the beads sit along the outside. Then pick up the first hole of 1 more DiamonDuo and sew through the second hole of the adjacent DiamonDuo. Pick up 4 more seed beads and sew through the lower hole of that same bead. Sew back around through the loop so your needle is exiting the upper hole of that same bead.
7. Pick up 3 seed beads, sew through the second hole of the DiamonDuo added in the previous step, and pick up 3 more seed beads. Keep looping around through your beadwork so you sew through the first 3 seed beads and the hole of the DiamonDuo again.
8. Pick up 1 seed bead, 1 DiamonDuo, and 1 more seed bead. Sew back through the upper hole of the anchoring DiamonDuo, and back through the first seed bead and first hole of the DiamonDuo you picked up in this step.
9. String 4 seed beads followed by 1 DiamonDuo. Repeat this pattern 4 times, then add 4 more seed beads. Make sure all 5 DiamonDuos are strung through the same hole. Bring your thread around so the beads form a loop, with the second holes of all of the DiamonDuos pointing inward inside the loop.
10. Repeat steps 3-9 two more times, and then repeat step 3 once more. After every iteration of step 3, make sure to sew around through your beadwork so your thread is exiting the outer hole of the DiamonDuo at the far end of each round unit before proceeding with step 4.
11. When you've completed your bead weaving, separate the two parts of your toggle clasp. Pick up 6 seed beads and also string the loop of your toggle bar. Sew back through the anchoring DiamonDuo, creating a loop. Sew around the beaded loop again to reinforce it. Tie off and weave in your thread tail.
12. Move to the other end of the bracelet and string your needle on the thread tail from step 2. Sew through your beadwork so the tail is exiting the outer hole of the DiamonDuo at the far end of the original beaded loop. Pick up 6 seed beads and also string the loop of your toggle ring. Sew back through the anchoring DiamonDuo, creating a loop. Sew around the beaded loop again to reinforce it. Tie off and weave in your thread tail.
13. Enjoy your bracelet!