

Metallic Caterpillar Bracelet

Project B7045

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Czech glass Arcos and Minos par Puca beads, Honeycomb beads and 2-hole Brick beads are bead woven into a slinky, caterpillar-like bracelet in earthy metallic hues.

What You'll Need

Czech Glass Arcos par Puca, 3-Hole Semi-Circular Beads 5x10mm, 30 Pieces, Yellow Gold Metallic Iris

SKU: BCT-744

Project uses 24 pieces



Czech Glass Minos par Puca, Cylindrical Beads 2.5x3mm, 120 Pieces, Pastel Lime Green

SKU: BCT-772

Project uses 22 pieces



Czech Glass Honeycomb Beads, 2-Hole Hexagon 6mm, 30 Pieces, Pastel Burgundy

SKU: BCH-0127

Project uses 12 pieces



CzechMates Glass 2-Hole Rectangle Brick Beads 6x3mm - Matte Metallic Flax /1 Str

SKU: BCP-10620

Project uses 11 pieces



Toho Round Seed Beads 15/0 989F - Frosted Gold-Lined Crystal (8 Grams)

SKU: JSO-0350

Project uses 8 pieces



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

SKU: XCR-1285

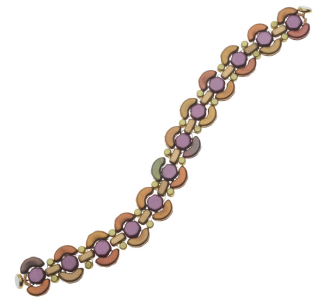
Project uses 6 feet



22K Gold Plated Magnetic Clasps 6 x 4.5mm (4 Sets)

SKU: FCL-6807

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-3006] Beadsmith English Beading Needles Size 12 (4 Needles), [XTL-0109] Beadsmith

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Instructions

These instructions will make a 6 inch bracelet. For a longer or shorter bracelet, adjust the number of beaded units you weave.

1. Cut a length of Fireline thread as long as you are comfortable working with and thread a size 12 beading needle. You may need to tie off and add new thread as you work.

2. Onto your needle, string the bottom hole of 1 Arcos par Puca bead curved to the right, 3 seed beads (these are a placeholder and will be removed later), and the bottom hole of 1 Arcos bead curved to the left. Slide the beads down to the end of the thread, leaving an 8 inch tail.
3. Switch directions and sew through the middle hole of the second Arcos bead, the bottom hole of 1 honeycomb bead, and the middle hole of the first Arcos bead. Switch directions and sew through the top hole of the first Arcos bead, the top hole of the honeycomb bead, and the top hole of the second Arcos bead. Then sew back down through the middle hole of the second Arcos bead and up through the top hole of the honeycomb bead, so your needle is exiting the upper corner of the honeycomb bead.
4. String the bottom hole of 1 brick bead and attach it using ladder stitch -- loop back through the top hole of the honeycomb bead, and sew through that bottom hole of the brick bead again.
5. String one Minos par Puca bead, sew through the top hole of the brick bead, string another Minos bead, and sew through the bottom hole of the brick bead, creating a loop. Sew through the first Minos bead and the top hole of the brick bead again.
6. String the bottom hole of 1 honeycomb bead and attach it using ladder stitch -- loop back through the top hole of the brick bead, and sew through the bottom hole of the honeycomb bead again.
7. String the bottom hole of 1 Arcos bead curved to the right, with your needle pointing outward through the bead. Sew up and into its middle hole, then sew through the bottom hole of the honeycomb bead, then string the middle hole of another Arcos bead curved to the left. Sew down through the second Arcos bead's bottom hole, then sew through the top hole of the brick bead. Then sew through the bottom of the first Arcos bead, the bottom hole of the honeycomb, and the middle hole of the second Arcos. Then sew up through the top hole of the second Arcos bead, the top hole of honeycomb, and the top hole of the first Arcos bead. Then sew down through middle hole of the first Arcos bead, and through top hole of honeycomb bead.
8. Repeat steps 4-7 another 10 times. When you finish, your bracelet should measure 6 inches and your needle should be exiting the top hole of the honeycomb bead in the last unit.
9. Separate the two halves of your magnetic clasp.
10. Pick up 4 gold seed beads and also string the loop of half of your clasp. Sew back through the top hole of the honeycomb bead, creating a loop. Sew through the row of seed beads and the honeycomb bead again to reinforce the loop. Then tie off and weave in your thread tail.
11. Move to the other end of the bracelet. Pull the thread tail out from the first hole of the Arcos bead and remove the 3 seed beads used as a placeholder. Thread your needle onto the thread tail and sew through the outer hole of the honeycomb bead. Repeat step 10, attaching the second half of your clasp amid a row of seed beads. Tie off and weave in your thread tail.
12. Enjoy your bracelet!