

PEYOTE STITCH

Spiral peyote

Use graduated beads to create a natural twist

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Hone your peyote skills with this easy bracelet.
Memory wire holds and mimics the shape of
the tube, but you can also make the tube longer
for a textured, chunky choker.

stepbystep

[1] On a comfortable length of Fireline, pick up five 11° seed beads, one 8° seed bead, two 6° seed beads, two 8°s, and two 10° triangles. Tie the beads into a ring with a square knot (Online Basics), leaving a 10-in. (25 cm) tail. Sew through the first two 11°s again (**figure 1**).

[2] Working in tubular peyote stitch (Online Basics), pick up one bead per stitch in the following order: an 11°, an 11°, an 8°, a 6°, an 8°, and a triangle. Step up through the first 11° added in the round (**figure 2**).

[3] Repeat step 2 until your tube is 1 in. (2.5 cm) shorter than the desired length.

[4] Work three rounds with one 11° per stitch. Work a decrease round with 11°s, adding an 11° every other stitch. Work one more round, adding an 11° between each pair of 11°s in the previous round. Retrace the thread path of the last round to reinforce it, and pull the beads into a tight ring. Secure

the working thread with a few half-hitch knots (Online Basics), and trim.

[5] Cut a piece of memory wire to the length of your tube. With sturdy roundnose pliers, make a small simple loop on each end to prevent the wire ends from poking out of the beadwork.

Insert the memory wire into the tube. If the bracelet doesn't hold its shape, insert a second piece of memory wire.

[6] Using the tail, repeat step 4 on the other end of the bracelet. ●

MATERIALS

bracelet 9 in. (23 cm)

- seed beads
 - 10 g size 6°
 - 15 g size 8°
 - 20 g size 11°
- 10 g size 10° triangles
- bracelet-diameter memory wire
- Fireline 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #12
- sturdy roundnose pliers
- memory wire cutters

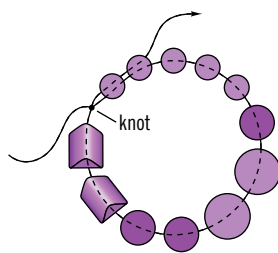


FIGURE 1

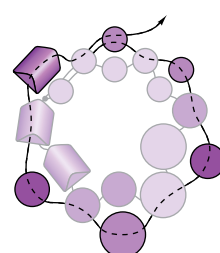


FIGURE 2

- size 11° seed beads
- size 8° seed beads
- size 6° seed beads
- size 10° triangle beads

DESIGNER'S

NOTE: To make a necklace, simply make a longer tube, and insert a length of necklace-diameter memory wire into the tube.



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