

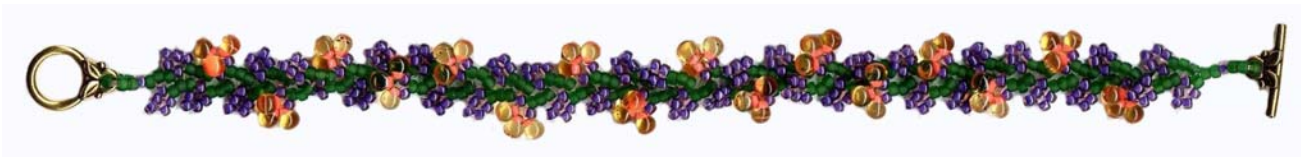
'Flower Bud' - Biva (Nepal) Chain

Supplies (for Bracelet):

5-7g of Size 11/0 Seed Beads – Stem Color
5-7g of Size 11/0 Seed Beads – Leaf/Flower Color
Drop Beads (rounded drops work best)
Clasp (Toggle, Ball & Socket, etc)
Beading Needle
Beading Thread

Tools:

Scissors
Bead Mat
Bead Scoop



I learned this fun stitch from a tutorial created by Karen Davis, who is a very talented bead artist. She has kindly given me permission to share my adaptation of that design with you.

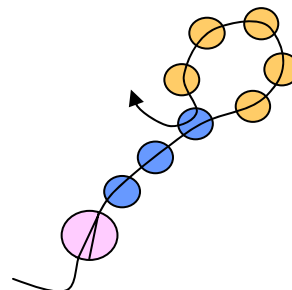
Step 1:

Thread your beading needle with about 2 or 3 yards of thread (work with whatever length you are comfortable with).

Put one bead on your thread and slide it down until you have a 6-8" tail. Go through the bead a couple of times. This bead is known as a 'stop' bead and will hold the other beads in place (it will be removed later).

String on 3 Main Color (MC) beads and 5 Accent Color (AC) beads.

Take your needle back through the third MC bead that you just added. You have just made your first stem and 'leaf'.



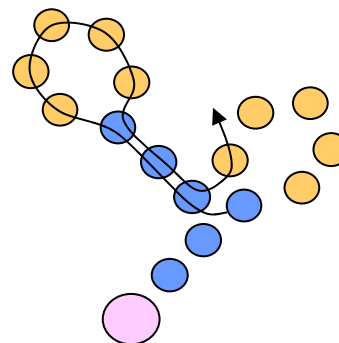
Step 2:

String on 3 MC beads and 5 AC beads.

Take your needle down through the three MC beads.

Snug up your beads.

Take your needle through last AC bead added in the previous step (refer to illustration)





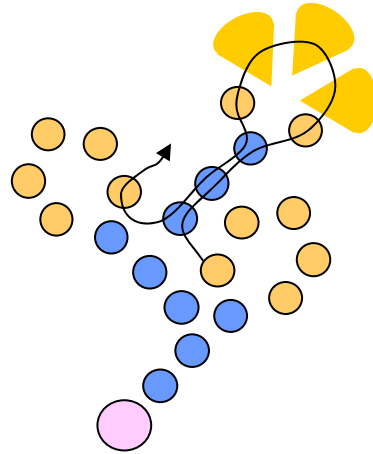
Step 3:

String on 3 MC, 1 AC, 3 drops, and 1AC.

Take your needle down through the three MC beads.

Snug up your beads.

Take your needle through the last AC bead added in the previous step (refer to illustration).

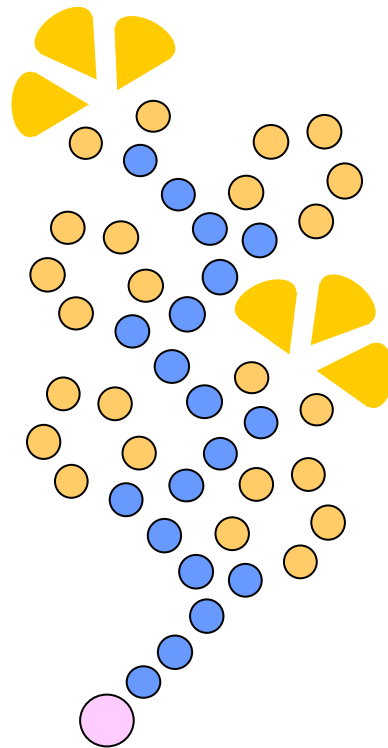


Repeat

Continue beading the following combination until your bracelet reaches the desired length:

Make two stems using the instructions in Step 2 (seed beads only).

Make one stem using the instructions in Step 3 (seed beads and drops).



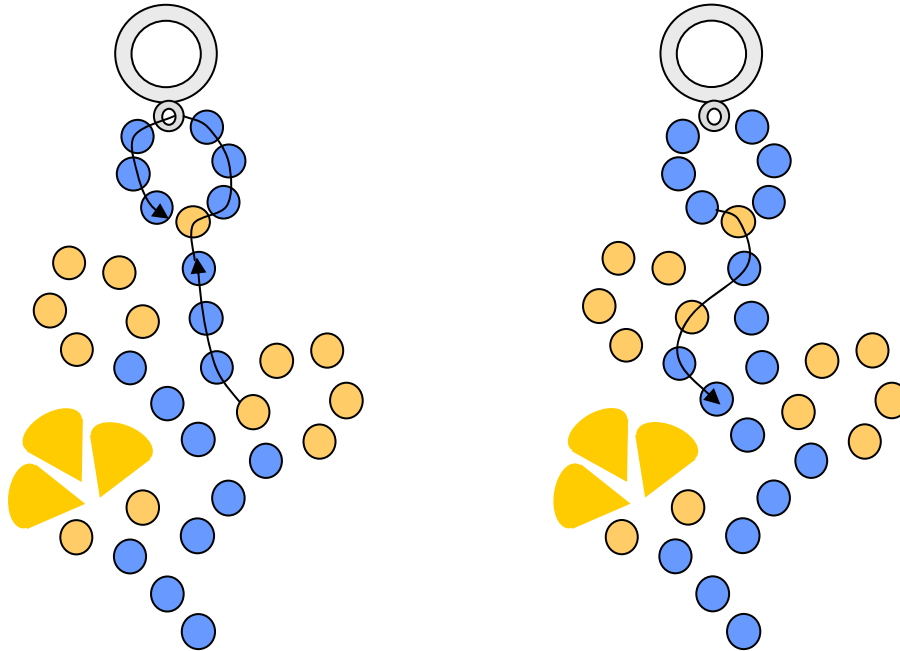
Tips:

- The bracelet will tend to twist and turn as you bead it. I usually just allow it to go whatever way it wants to.
- Something that I find helpful when doing this pattern is to wax my thread. This helps keep the thread and beads in place as you work.
- Be sure to snug up the thread after each stem. I hold the loop part (of the stem I just added) between the thumb and forefinger of my left hand and pull the thread with my right.

Step 4: Adding the Clasp

String on 3 MC, 1 AC, 3 MC, 1 part of your clasp, and 3 MC beads.

Needle through the AC bead and one of the MC beads, then take your needle through the last AC bead added in the previous step (refer to second illustration). Weave your thread in and tie off.



Remove the stop bead from the other end of your bracelet. String on 1 AC, 3 MC, the other part of your clasp, and 3 MC beads. Weave your thread in and tie off.

Congratulations, you are done!