

# Braidy Bunch by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 8.5 inches

## **Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:**

- 1 bag – Size 12 Opaque Black Cut Japanese Seed Beads (SB3773)
- 1 bag – Size 12 Hematite Cut Japanese Seed Beads (SB3775)
- 1 bag – Size 12 Metallic Midnight Blue Cut Japanese Seed Beads (SB3782)
- 1 – 22mm Sterling Silver Three Strand Tube Bar Clasp (SS3415)
- 12 – 2x2mm Sterling Silver Crimp Beads (SS4047)
- 12 – 3.4mm Sterling Silver Crimp Bead Covers (SS2103)
- 14 feet – Clear Soft Touch Nylon Coated Wire .010 Diameter (SM0500)

## **Tools needed to complete the bracelet:**

- Wire cutters
- Crimping pliers (TL0500)

## **Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:**

- Crimping
- Crimp Bead Covers

*For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit [FusionBeads.com](http://FusionBeads.com) and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.*

## **Instructions to complete “Braidy Bunch” bracelet:**

### **Step 1**

Using wire cutters, cut three 1 ½-foot lengths of beading wire. Holding all three lengths of wire together, place one crimp bead onto the ends of the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (see Crimping Technique) 1 ½-inches from the ends of the wires (without making a loop at the ends of the wires), and cover the crimp bead with a crimp cover (see Crimp Bead Covers Technique).

### **Step 2**

String 8-inches of size 12 opaque black cut Japanese seed beads onto each of the three lengths of beading wire. Holding all three lengths of wire together, place one crimp bead onto the ends of the wires. Making sure that all three strands are parallel, crimp the crimp bead about ¼-inch from the end of the strung seed beads (without making a loop at the ends of the wires). Cover the crimp bead with a crimp cover.

### **Step 3**

Repeat Steps 1 and 2, stringing three strands of beading wire with size 12 hematite seed beads and crimping them together.

### **Step 4**

Repeat Steps 1 and 2, stringing three strands of beading wire with size 12 midnight blue seed beads and crimping them together.

### **Step 5**

Place one crimp bead and one loop on one side of the sterling silver tube bar clasp onto one end of one set of crimped strands. Pass the set of wires back through the crimp bead, crimp the crimp bead, cover with a crimp cover, and trim excess wires with wire cutters.

### **Step 6**

Repeat Step 5 twice, crimping the other two sets of strands to the two remaining loops on the same side of the tube bar clasp.

### **Step 7**

Loosely braid the three sets of strands, and spread the braid flat. Repeat Step 5 three times, crimping each set of strands to the corresponding loops on the other side of the clasp.

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