Blue Loop de Loop by FusionBeads.com

Approximate finished length: 8.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

6 - 6mm Pacific Opal Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (06RD0242)
9 - 4mm Pacific Opal Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1121)
10 - 4mm Purple Velvet Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1302)
5 - 4mm Blue Zircon Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1122)
3 - 4mm Chrysolite Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1115)
4 - 6mm Blue Zircon Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (06RD0118)
6 - 6mm Chrysolite Swarovski Elements Crystal Cube Beads (06CB0109)
42 inches - 26 Gauge Non-Tarnish Silver Artistic Wire (AW2157)
10 inches - 26 Gauge Bare Copper Artistic Wire (AW2257)
2 - 2.5 inch diameter Medium Silver-Filled Flat Bangle Bracelets (SF0179)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

Chain nose pliers
Wire cutters
Ruler

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

Covering a Bangle

Instructions to complete "Yellow Loop de Loop" bracelet:

Tip
This bracelet is made with a variation of the Covering a Bangle Technique. Before making the bracelet, read through the entire instructions for the technique first to understand the basic procedure. The copper wire is used temporarily to stabilize the two bangles initially and then is removed as the silver wire is used to wrap the bangles together permanently. Beads are used randomly in this design.

Step 1
Cut five 2-inch lengths of copper wire. Anchor one length of wire by wrapping it around one bangle twice.

Step 2
Use a ruler to measure 0.5-inch down the copper wire, and mark. Wrap the copper wire around the second bangle, making sure that the mark on the wire lines up with the second (lower) bangle. Anchor the copper wire to the lower bangle by wrapping the wire twice around it.

Step 3
Repeat Steps 1 – 2 five times, making sure the copper wires are spread out evenly along the two bangles.

Step 4
In the middle of one copper wrap, take a 2-foot length of silver wire, and wrap around the upper bangle once to anchor the wire in place. Wrap the wire 19 more times to the right.

Step 5
String any two beads onto the wire. Wrap the wire around the lower bangle once to anchor it in place.

Step 6
Bring the wire back up through the bead closest to the bottom. Pull the wire all the way through the bead.

Step 7
Loop the wire around the bead so that it frames the bead.

Step 8
Go back up through the next bead, and pull the wire all the way through.

Step 9
Loop the wire around the bead in the opposite direction of the first wire loop so that it forms a figure 8. Bring the wire through the back of the upper bangle.

Step 10
Wrap the wire around the upper bangle once to anchor it in place. Wrap the wire 19 more times to the right.

Step 11
Starting with the lower bangle, repeat Step 10.

Step 12
Slide the wrapped wire so that it abuts the bead on the left.

Step 13
String two beads onto the wire, and repeat Steps 5 – 9, this time going through the back of the lower bangle. Wrap once to anchor it in place.

Step 14
Wrap the wire 19 more times.

Step 15
Repeat Steps 4 – 14 until the bangle is completely covered with wraps (about 10.5 times). Remove the copper wrap anchors as you go along. The last wrap of wire should be against the first wrap that was made. Trim the tail of the wire.

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