

Path to Atlantis by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 7.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

- 1 gram - Size 11 Transparent Aqua Blue with Silver Shimmer Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1836) (A)
- 1 gram - Size 11 Transparent Aqua Blue Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1607) (B)
- 2 grams - 2.5x5mm Blue Pearl Twin Seed Beads (SB4253) (C)
- 4 grams - 2.5x5mm Light Sapphire Pearl Twin Seed Beads (SB4245) (D)
- 58 - 3x6mm Silver CzechMates Brick Czech Glass Beads (GL3625) (E)
- 1 - 10x19mm Three Strand Silver Plated Magnetic Tube Bar Clasp (BM0534)
- 1 - Crystal Clear FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter, 6 lb/Size D (SM4429)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

- Size 12 English Beading Needles (TL1647)
- Synthetic Beeswax, 2 ounces (TL1026)
- Perfect End Thread Burner (TL1006)
- Beading Scissors, 1 1/4 inch Blade (TL0302)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

- Flat, Even Count Peyote Stitch
- Perfect End Thread Burner

Instructions to complete “Path to Atlantis” bracelet:

Tip

If you are not familiar with flat, even-count peyote stitch, before beginning this bracelet, refer to the Flat, Even Count Peyote Stitch Beading Technique, and practice weaving a piece of beadwork using conventional single-hole beads as shown in the technique. Once you are comfortable with the stitch, begin making this bracelet. Although the appearance of the finished bracelet resembles peyote, the double holes in the twin seed beads and CzechMates brick beads change the technique somewhat. Refer to the letters A – E shown next to the beads in the product list above.

Step 1

Thread a needle with 5 feet of beading thread, and wax the thread (add new thread as needed).

Step 2

Row 1: String 1 hole of 1 E, and pass through the second hole in the same E. Tie a square knot with the tail and working thread, leaving an 8-inch tail.

Step 3

String the following:

2 – A

1 – C

2 – A

1 – E

1 – B

1 – A

1 – B

Pass through the second hole of the E above.

Tip

If you are having difficulty getting the brick beads to lay flat at the end of the rows, try pulling on the thread when you are passing through the holes instead of pulling on the needle. While you are doing this, hold the brick bead in place with your thumbnail on your opposite hand.

Step 4

Row 2: string 1 A and 1 D, and pass through the second hole of the C from the previous step.

String 1 D and 1 A, and pass through the second hole of the E.

Step 5

Row 3: String 1 E, and pass up through the second hole of the previous E.

Pass through the first hole of the E added at the beginning of this step.

String 1 A, and pass through the second hole of the D.

String 1 C, and pass through the second hole of the D.

String 1 A and 1 E, and pass down through the second hole of the previous E.

Pass up through the first hole of the E added in this step.

Step 6

Row 4: String 1 B, 1 A and 1 B, and pass through the second hole of the E.

String 1 A and 1 D, and pass through the second hole of the C.

String 1 D and 1 A, and pass through the second hole of the E.

Step 7

Row 5 and all successive odd rows: Repeat row 3.

Step 8

Row 6 and all successive even rows: Repeat row 4.

Step 9

When the bracelet reaches the desired length less one-half inch, stop. With the thread exiting the side of the bracelet without picot edging, exit from the last E on that side. String 1 B, 1 A, 1 B, and pass down through the second hole of the E.

Step 10

Pass up through the first hole of the next E. String 1 B, 1 A, 1 B, and pass down through the second hole of the E.

Step 11

Repeat Step 10 until you reach the end of the bracelet.

Step 12

With the thread exiting toward the center of the bracelet from the last E, string 2 A, the first loop on one side of the tube bar clasp, and 2 A. Pass through the next three beads in the end of the bracelet. Exit the C, and string 2 A, the second loop on the same side of the tube bar clasp, and 2 A. Pass through the C again and the next 2 A in the end of the bracelet. String 2 A, the third loop on the clasp, and 2 A. Reinforce the clasp attachment by retracing the thread path.

Step 13

Weave back down through a few rows, and use a Perfect End Thread Burner to burn the end of the thread (see Perfect End Thread Burner Technique).

Step 14

Repeat Steps 12 – 13 on the other end of the bracelet to attach the second side of the clasp.

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