

Jamaican Sunrise by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 8 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

1 gram - Size 11 Matte Opaque Midnight Blue Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2508)
66 - 5mm Mustard Half Tila Seed Beads by Miyuki (SB6209)
34 - 5mm Opaque Matte Terra Cotta 2 Hole Tila Seed Beads by Miyuki (SB4112)
1 - 13x11.5mm Antique Gold Plated Pewter Keepsake Toggle Clasp by TierraCast® (GP2130)
1 - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter, 6 lb/Size D (SM1001)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

Size 12 English Beading Needles (TL1647)
Beading Scissors 1-1/4 in. Blade (TL0302)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

None

Instructions to complete “Jamaican Sunrise” bracelet:

Tip

The center row of the bracelet is made with a variation of the ladder stitch using two-hole Tila beads. After the ladder is completed, two staggered rows of half Tila beads and a picot fringe of size 11 seed beads are stitched simultaneously, one row on each side of the initial ladder.

Step 1

Thread a needle with 5 feet of beading thread (adding more thread as needed). Pass through one hole of one Tila bead and then the second hole. Tie a square knot with the tail and the working thread, leaving a 6-inch tail. Pass up through the first hole again and then the second hole again.

Step 2

Pass up through one hole of the next Tila bead. Pass down through the second hole of the previous Tila bead. Pass up through the first hole of the next Tila bead again.

Step 3

Pass down through the second hole of current Tila bead. Pass up through one hole of the next Tila bead. Pass down through the second hole of the Tila exited at the beginning of this step. Pass up through the first hole of the next Tila bead again.

Step 4

Repeat Step 3 until a total of 34 Tila beads are connected in a ladder (or the desired bracelet length less 1 inch for the clasp).

Step 5

Exiting the inner hole of the last Tila bead, string one hole of one half Tila bead and three size 11 seed beads. Pass down through the second hole of the half Tila bead and the first hole of the next Tila bead. String one hole of a second half Tila bead and three size 11 seed beads (these will be on the opposite side of the same two Tila beads. Pass back up through the second hole of the half Tila bead, the second hole of the first Tila bead, and back through the half Tila bead and size 11 seed beads added at the beginning of this step.

Step 6

In the same manner as in the previous step, continue placing half Tila beads and size 11 seed beads on either side of the ladder of Tila beads.

Step 7

Exit the outer hole of the last Tila bead. String eight size 11 seed beads, the loop on one side of the toggle clasp and three size 11 seed beads. Pass back through the fourth seed bead strung in this step, and string three more seed beads. Pass back through the opposite side of the same Tila hole exited at the beginning of this step. Reinforce the clasp attachment, weave the thread back and forth through a few beads in the bracelet, and tie a half-hitch knot to secure.

Step 8

Attach a new thread or use the tail thread left behind at the beginning of the bracelet. Repeat Step 7 with the second side of the clasp.

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