

Desert Splendor by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 9 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

- 3 grams - Size 8 Matte Opaque Terra Cotta Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB6354) (A)
- 3 grams - Size 8 Opaque Turquoise Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho - 55 (SB0842) (B)
- 3 grams - Size 8 Matte Mustard Yellow Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1371) (C)
- 3 grams - Size 8 Matte Saffron Permanent Galvanized Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho - PF562F (SB5593) (D)
- 3 grams - Size 8 Opaque Dark Brown Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1257) (E)
- 1 - 18x12.5mm Antique Gold Plated Pewter Anna's Toggle Clasp by TierraCast® (GP2429)
- 2 - 9.5mm Antique Gold Plated Pewter Dharma Bead Caps by TierraCast® (GP2124)
- 1 - 4mm Gold Plated Base Metal 20 Gauge Open Jump Ring (BM2748)
- 1 - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter - 6 lb/Size D (SM1001)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

- Chain nose pliers
- Size 12 English Beading Needles (TL1647)
- Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)
- Perfect End Thread Burner (TL1006)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

- Tubular Herringbone Stitch
- Tubular Herringbone Clasp – Option 1
- Using a Perfect End Thread Burner
- Opening and Closing a Jump Ring

Instructions to complete “Desert Splendor” bracelet:

Tip

The letters A – E designate the beads used in the pattern. Please refer to the materials list above for the key.

Step 1

Open the jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique), and attach it to the bar side of the toggle clasp. Close the jump ring. Set aside for Step 6.

Step 2

Thread a needle with about 4 feet of beading thread, leaving about one foot of tail to be used at the end of the piece to attach the clasp in upcoming steps. Add thread as needed.

Step 3

Using four A, make a bead ladder two beads across and two beads high (see Tubular Herringbone Technique). Continue weaving the bead ladder by adding these beads in the following sequence:

4 – A

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Step 4

Bring the ends of the bead ladder together to form a tube. Stitch two rows of tubular herringbone using A.

Step 5

Continue stitching tubular herringbone in the following pattern:

4 rows – B

4 rows – C

4 rows – D

4 rows – E

Repeat the entire pattern including A three times.

Step 6

With the needle exiting any bead in the last row, string one bead cap and the jump ring attached to the bar side of the clasp. Secure the clasp to this end of the herringbone tube (see Tubular Herringbone Clasp – Option 1 Technique). Weave down through a few rows of beadwork, trim excess thread with scissors, and burn the end with a Perfect End Thread Burner (see Using a Perfect End Thread Burner Technique).

Step 7

Thread a needle onto the thread tail left at the beginning of the herringbone tube. String one bead cap and the loop on the ring side of the clasp. In the same manner as in the previous step, secure the clasp to this end of the tube. Weave down through a few rows of beads, trim excess thread, and burn the end.

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