



DAISY CHAIN

Daisies on the double

The classic daisy chain is defined by simple seed bead circles. Doubled and dressed up with dangles, the original stitch takes on an appealing sophistication while retaining its youthful appeal.

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MATERIALS

bracelet 6½ in. (16.5 cm)

- 14–16 6 mm top-drilled beads
- 30–34 4 mm oval beads
- 15–17 3 mm round beads
- Japanese seed beads
5–7 g size 8°
- 5–7 g size 11°
- 2-strand clasp
- Fireline 6 lb. test
- beading needles, #11

stepbystep

Daisy chain

[1] On 1 yd. (.9 m) of Fireline, attach a stop bead (Basics), leaving a 12-in. (30 cm) tail.

[2] Pick up two 11° seed beads, three 8° seed beads, two 11°s, and three 8°s.

Sew through all the beads again, exiting the first 11° (figure 1, a–b).

[3] Pick up an 11°, a 4 mm bead, and an 11°, and sew through the upper 11° on the

opposite side of the ring (b–c).

[4] To make the connecting tab between the rings, pick up an 11°, and sew through the next 11° on the ring. Pick up an 11°, sew back through the 11° just added, and snug up the beads (c–d).

[5] Pick up 10 11°s, and sew through the next 11° (d–e).

[6] Pick up a 4 mm, and sew through the upper 11° on the opposite side of the ring (e–f).

[7] Repeat step 4 to make a tab.

[8] Pick up three 8°s, two

11°s, and three 8°s, and sew through the lower 11° on the tab.

[9] Repeat steps 3–8 until the band is the desired length minus the length of the clasp.

[10] Repeat step 4, leaving the remaining Fireline for attaching the clasp.

[11] On 2 yd. (1.8 m) of Fireline, make a second daisy chain, as in steps 1–10, but start by picking up 12 11°s for the first ring. Stitch the same number of rings, ending with a tab.



Assembly

- [1]** Lay the two daisy chains parallel to each other.
- [2]** With the working thread from the second daisy chain, sew back through the beadwork as shown, exiting at **figure 2, point a**.
- [3]** Pick up an 11°, a 3 mm bead, and an 11°. Sew through the corresponding 11°s in the first daisy chain (**a-b**).
- [4]** Sew through the two 11°s on the left half of the tab. Pick up an 11°, and sew back through the 3 mm (**b-c**).
- [5]** Pick up an 11°, and sew through the corresponding 11°s in the second daisy chain. Sew through the lower half of the next ring, exiting from the upper 11° of the next tab (**c-d**).
- [6]** Pick up an 11°, a 3 mm, and an 11°, and sew through the corresponding 11°s in the first daisy chain (**d-e**).
- [7]** Pick up two 11°s, an 8°, an 11°, a 6 mm bead, an 11°, an 8°, and two 11°s, and sew

through the left half of the tab (**e-f**).

[8] Pick up an 11°, sew back through the 3 mm, pick up an 11°, and sew through the corresponding 11°s in the second daisy chain (**f-g**).

[9] Pick up two 11°s, an 8°, an 11°, a 6 mm, an 11°, an 8°, and two 11°s (**g-h**). Sew through the tab beads as shown (**h-i**).

[10] Repeat steps 2–9 for the length of the band.

Clasp

[1] To add the clasp, thread a needle on the tail of the first chain, and exit the upper right corner of the tab. Pick up an 8° and an 11°, and sew through a clasp loop. Sew back through the 11°, pick up an 8°, and sew through the two 11°s on the right half of the tab (**figure 3, a-b**). Retrace the thread path.

[2] Stitch through to the end tab on the other band (**b-c**).

[3] Repeat step 1 to connect the other daisy chain to the clasp. Secure the working thread in the beadwork with a few half-hitch knots (Basics), and trim.

[4] To add the other half of the clasp, remove the stop beads and repeat step 4 of the daisy chain to stitch a tab on the end of each chain. Repeat steps 1–3 of the clasp. ●

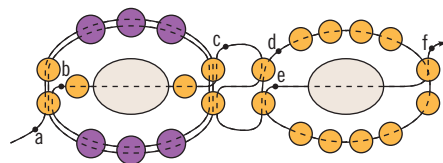


FIGURE 1

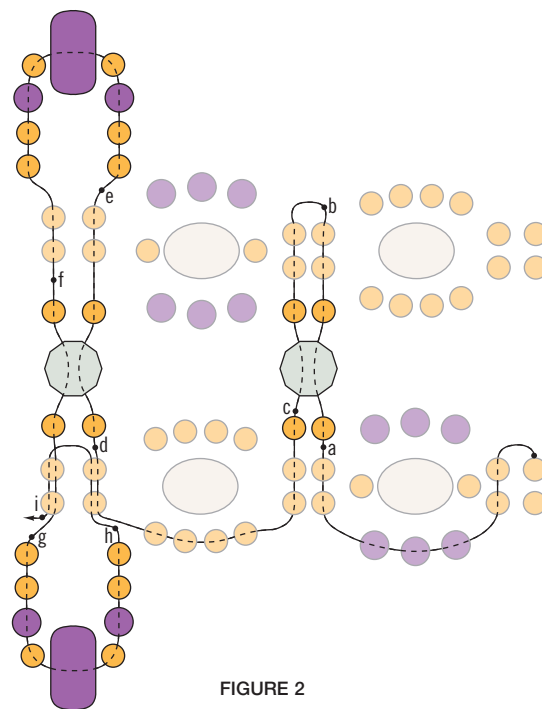


FIGURE 2

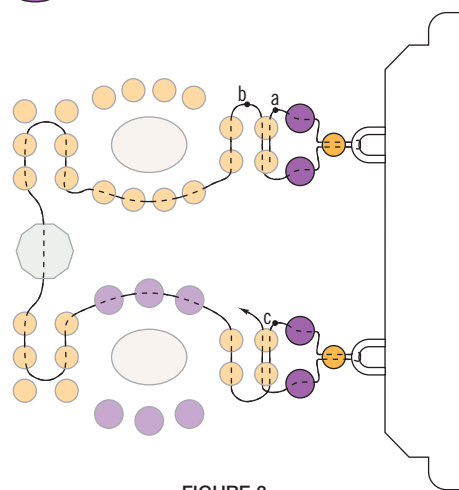


FIGURE 3

EDITOR'S NOTE:

You may choose to reinforce each loop of the chain by sewing through the ring again before adding the center bead.