Stitch an easy watchband using two-needle weave. Elastic thread makes it a perfect fit.

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step by step

[1] Determine the finished length of your watchband and subtract the length of the watch face.
[2] Cut two 1-yd. (.9m) pieces of elastic, and thread a twisted-wire needle on each of the four ends. Set one piece aside.
[3] Go through two adjacent holes on the watch face from the inside out, and center the watch face on the strand (photo a).
[4] String a 4mm color A bead on each strand (photo b). Pick up a 15° seed bead with each needle and cross through a 4mm color B bead (figure 1, a-b, f-g, and photo c).
[5] Pick up a 15°, an A, and a 15° on each needle and cross through a B (b-c, g-h). Repeat until you are 3/16 in. (5mm) from the length established in step 1 (c-d, h-i). Pick up a 15° and an A (d-e, i-j) on each needle.
[6] Working with the other piece of elastic, go through the middle hole of the watch face and the top right A with one end (figure 2, a-b). Go through the remaining hole with the other end, and string an A (f-g).
[7] Pick up a 15° with each needle and cross through a B (b-c, g-h).
With the edge needle, pick up a 15°, an A, and a 15°. With the other needle, pick up a 15°, go through an A on the previous column, and pick up a 15°. Cross the needles through a B (c–d, h–i). Repeat until the second column is the same length as the first (d–e, i–j).

With the middle two strands, go through the center hole on the other side of the watch face. With each edge strand, go through the corresponding hole.

Tie two adjacent strands together with a square knot (Basics, p. 128 and photo d). Repeat with the other two strands. For additional security, tie all four strands together with a square knot. Dab the knots with glue and let them dry. Trim the ends.

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Make this band with a clasp if you prefer. Use Fireline 10 lb. test instead of Gossamer Floss and stitch one side at a time. To determine how long each stitched section should be, subtract the length of the watch face and the clasp from the total length and divide by two. Refer to figure 3 to attach a clasp half to each end. Finish off all tails with a few half-hitch knots (Basics) between beads, and trim.