

tubular herringbone bracelet by Betsy

size 10 ,11 or 12 needle

150 size 8 seed beads depends on length

20 size 11 seed beads

32 4 mm firepolish beads

2 jump rings and a toggle

Thread with a comfortable length of thread, no more than 3 yards. Using ladder stitch pick up 2 size 8 beads and move them down to the tail.(leave about a 10 inch tail) go through the first bead again. The beads will lie side by side.

Add another size 8 bead and pass needle down through the last bead added add 1 more bead so you have a total 4 beads line up next to each other.

pass the needle back through the first bead, you will form a square. connect the 2 beads . your working thread and tail should be coming out on opposite directions.

now we begin doing herringbone. pick up 2 size 8 beads and pass through the next bead , pull tight so the beads sit on top of each other. go up the next bead.

add 2 more size 8 beads and go down the next bead.

Now we need to step up. bring needle up through the next 2 size 8 beads. add 2 more size 8 beads and go down the next bead, you will be stepping up every other time. remember to keep you

tension tight. you may need to help your beads line up!!!! you are now doing tubular herringbone.

the pattern is :

1. 11 rows of size 8 seed
2. 2 rows of firepolish
3. 9 rows seed beads
4. 2 rows firepolish
5. 9 rows seed beads
6. 2 rows firepolish
7. 9 rows seed beads
8. 2 rows firepolish
9. 11 rows seed beads

This will give you a 6 1/2 inches of beads jump rings and toggle adds about 1/2 inch if you need a longer one can add more seed bead rows to the beginning and the end. I use Toho and they are a little bigger than Miyuki beads. For the Toho beads 11 rows is an inch.

Ending come out top bead and pick up 5 size 11 beads and go into next bead , reinforce 2 to 3 times and then do it again on the very next bead the do the same thing to the other side. Tie half hitch knots. Add jump rings and toggle.

