

MAKING A NETTED BEADWORK ANKLET

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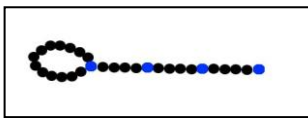


Materials:

- 4 yards of 'B' weight beading thread
- 2 different colors of beads – designate one as Primary and one as Secondary
- 1 beading needle
- 28 clapper bells
- 2 split rings
- Metal clasp – I recommend lobster claw clasps.

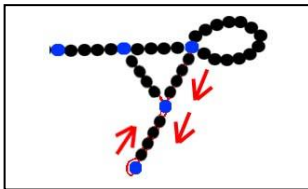
Directions:

Step 1: the Foundation Row:



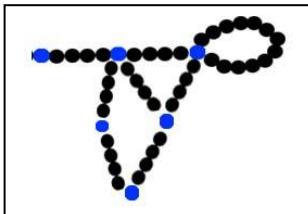
Thread your needle, with a double thickness of thread, and tie a square knot, but don't make it too tight, approximately 1 ½ inches from the end. Your first bead is a Secondary, followed by 12 Primary beads. Add a split ring of a color that matches your bells. Go back through the Secondary bead. Thread four Primary beads, then one Secondary bead. This is your primary pattern. Repeat it until you have 30 secondary beads on your row, including the first bead you used to create the loop. When you get to 30, add another twelve Primary beads and a split ring, and go back through the 30th secondary bead.

Step 2: The Baseline Side:



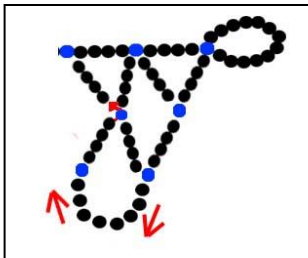
Add four Primary beads, 1 Secondary, 4 Primary, and 1 Secondary. Take your needle and go back through the last four Primary beads and the first secondary on this row. Add another four Primary beads, and go back through the 29th secondary bead as illustrated.

Step 3: Adding rows to the Baseline Side:

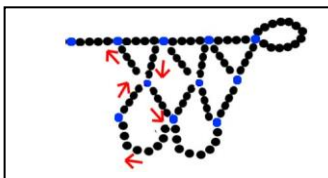


Add 4 Primary, 1 secondary, and 4 primary beads. Bring your needle back through the last bead (a secondary) of your Baseline Row.

Step 4: Creating the first 'drop':



Having brought your needle through the last secondary of your Baseline Row, add 8 Primary, 1 secondary, and 4 primary beads. At this time, also add a bell. (The loop on the bell should be large enough that you can add it at any time while you're threading on these 13 beads. If not, thread your beads in a 4 primary, bell, 4 primary, 1 secondary, 4 primary pattern.) Once you have this threaded, go back through the secondary on your added baseline row. You are basically making a lazy S pattern. Once you are through the secondary bead, add four beads, and thread through the 28th secondary bead on your foundation row. Repeat steps 4 and 5 throughout the length of the anklet. Please note, the bells are not shown on the illustration graphics.



When you get to the last row, untie the knot you tied in your thread, and tie the two ends of your thread together. Use FrayCheck to seal the ends and clip the thread. Add a lobster claw clasp to one of your split rings. You can add additional decoration to your anklet if you choose, or increase the complexity by using three colors instead of two.