

Caterpillar Bracelet

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Skill Level – 2

Time to Complete – 1 hour

This is a fun bracelet design that is very deceptive at first glance. The seed beads seem to run as a single strand along the surface of this bracelet when they are, in fact, actually knotted into the bracelet in sections of 3. Try different color combinations of B-Lon and beads to create more fun color ways of this easy square knot bracelet.

Materials:

- 10-12 inch section 49 Strand Silver Color Bead Stringing Wire
- Gray B-Lon
- 2 #1 Crimp Beads
- 2 Silver Color Wire Guardians
- 2 Silver Color Crimp Covers (optional)
- 2 6mm Silver Color Jump Rings
- Silver Color Lobster Clasp

Beads:

- 20 6mm Round Beads
- 20 5x6mm Rondelle Beads
- 60 8/0 Seed Beads

Tools:

- Tying Station
- Crimper Tool
- Mighty Crimper Tool (optional)
- Cutter Tool
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Scissors or Thread Burner
- GS Hypo Cement



Instructions:

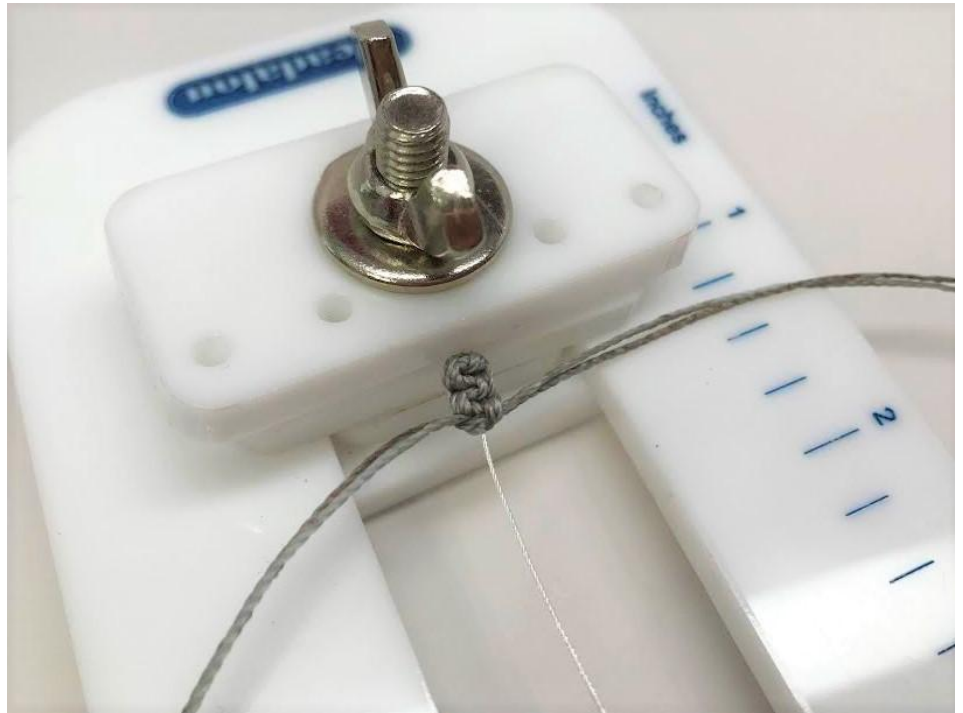
1. Thread a #1 crimp beads onto the end of the cut section of Silver Color Bead Stringing Wire. Thread the end of the wire through a wire guardian and back through the crimp bead.
2. Place the crimp bead into the first section of the crimper tool and close the tool over the crimp bead.
3. Place the crimp bead into the second station of the crimper tool and close the tool over the crimp bead to create a nicely shaped “U” crimp bead.
4. Trim the tail of the wire with the cutter tool.
5. Secure the bead stringing wire to the Tying Station.
6. Cut two 4 foot sections of Gray B-Lon cord.
7. Place the two sections of B-Lon together and find the middle. Tie the B-Lon cord, at the middle, to the bead stringing wire with an overhand knot. Slide the knot up next to the crimp bead.



8. Create a square or flat knot with both strands of the B-Lon. **Flat Knot (or square knot) – Consists of 2 half knots. Bring the right cords over the bead stringing wire, creating an “L” of half-moon shape. Bring the left cords over the tail of the right cords then under the bead stringing wire and up through the right loop. Pull the knot tightly against the bead stringing wire. Repeat this process to create the second half of the knot by starting with the left side cords. It will look like a mirror image of the first half-knot. **

9. Create a second square knot with the cords.

10. Taking the right hand cord that is closest to the center, secure it to the bottom of the Tying Station so that it runs parallel to the bead stringing wire.



11. Taking the left hand cord that is furthest from the center, pull it up and away from the work, towards the top of the Tying Station. You will only be creating knots with the two singular cords on either side now.



12. Thread 60 size 8/0 seed beads onto the cord from step 11.
13. Thread a round bead onto the right hand cord and a rondelle bead onto the left hand cord. Tie the first half of a square knot.



14. Drop 3 seeds beads down from the cord in Step 11 down against the work.



15. Place the cord between the round bead and the rondelle bead so that the seed beads lay between the beads. Hold the end of the cord down with the B-Lon and bead stringing wire that is running through the center of the Tying Station.

16. Create the second half of the square knot, capturing the cord that contains the seed beads within the knot.



17. Place the cord containing the seed beads up and away from the work again. Repeat Step 13.
18. Repeat Steps 14 and 15 to create the second half of the square knot.
19. Repeat this process until you have added all the beads to the bracelet.



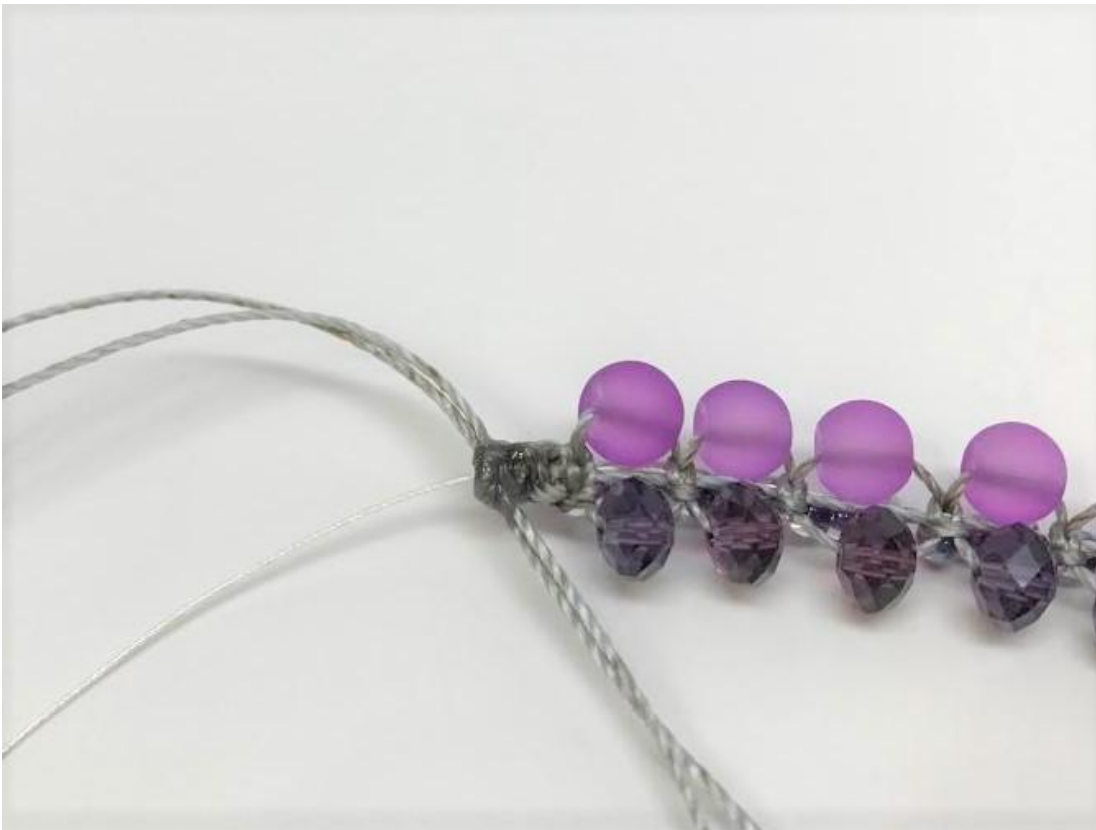
20. Once you have added all the beads, remove the middle B-Lon strand from the bottom of the Tying Station. Separate the 4 B-Lon strands back into 2 sections and create two square knots on the bead stringing wire to mirror the knots created at the beginning of the bracelet.



21. Remove the bracelet from the Tying Station.

22. Turn the bracelet over so that the back of the bracelet is facing you. Create an overhand knot with the strands of B-Lon, pulling the knot tightly against the work.

23. Add GS Hypo Cement to the knot and allow it to dry.



24. Once the glue has dried, trim the tails of the B-Lon or melt them using a thread zapper.

25. Repeat Steps 1-4 to finish off the strand with a crimp bead and a wire guardian.

26. Add a crimp cover to each crimp bead using the Mighty Crimp Tool. (optional step)

27. Using chain nose pliers, attach a 6mm jump ring to each end of the bracelet, adding a lobster clasp before closing one of the jump rings.