



# The Bead Hold

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## Queen Bead's GALADRIEL BRACELET

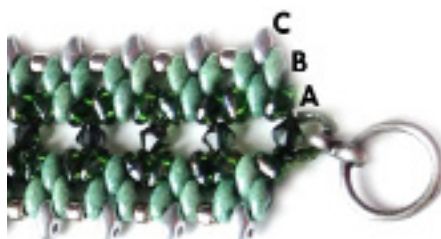


### You will need . . .

- 20 x 4mm pearl, crystal or facet
- 56 Superduos - colour A
- 110 Superduos - colour B
- 40 Superduos - colour C (or another 40 x B duos)
- 34 x size 8 Japanese seed beads, a contrast colour to the B and C duos, but toning with the overall bracelet colours.
- 100 x Size 15 Japanese seed beads
- a toggle
- 2 x #12 beading needles
- Silamide to tone with beads or 6lb Fireline
- A bead mat to work on
- A sharp pair of scissors or thread zapper

### Preparation

1. Thread your needle with 4 good arm lengths of Silamide or Fireline. If using Silamide, bring the needle to the middle of the thread. If using Fireline, just use it as a single strand.
2. Take 3 small squares of paper and mark them with A, B and C. Place them at the top of your mat and place each duo under the appropriate letter.
3. Put the #15's and 4mm beads at the top of your mat also. Make sure your clasp is ready.



### 1. Pick up the following beads

#15, 4mm, #15, Duo A, Duo B, Duo A, #15, 4mm, #15, Duo A, Duo B, Duo A



and slide them 10cm from the end of the thread. Double knot them into a circle.



2. Stitch through the closest #15 and the 4mm bead. Pick up 6 x #15, the ring of your toggle and another 6 x #15. Stitch back through the 4mm bead (from the other side) so that the beads form a loop. Continuing stitching around the first duo circle until you come out of the next 4mm bead.



### 3. Pick up the following beads

#15, Duo A, Duo B, Duo A, #15, 4mm, #15, Duo A, Duo B, Duo A, #15. Stitch back through the 4mm bead (from the other side) so that the beads form a loop.



4. Repeat Step 3 until you have made 16 duo circles. Keep your tension even, but not too tight. Don't worry if the duos swing around and look a bit messy, they will straighten out in the next step. I turn my work as I go so that I am always adding each new circle from the right hand side.



5. Check the length around your wrist, remembering that you will have a little extra length from the toggle bar and seed bead loop. You want the bracelet to fit comfortably on your wrist without being too loose. Add another 1 - 4 duo circles to get the length right, double checking after each new addition. Once happy, add the toggle bar the same way you did the toggle loop, and bring your thread out the **TOP HOLE** of the closest A duo.

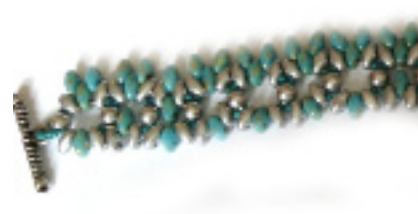
6. Pick up 1 x B duo and stitch through the top hole of the next B duo. Pull tight.

**NOTE** how the next A duo in the picture is tucked down into the circle. This is common and cause to make a mistake! Before following the enxt step, make sure there are no beads tucked down, flick them back up with your finger.



7. Pick up 1 x B duo and stitch through the top holes of the **next two** A duos. Pull your thread tight.

Repeat steps 6 and 7 the whole way down this side of the bracelet.



8. Once you have stitched through the final A duo on this side, stitch through the #15, then the seed bead and toggle loop and the next #15. Come through the top hole of the first A duo on the new side, and repeat steps 6 and 7 all the way down the second side. You will notice the bracelet straightening out.



8. Once you have stitched through the final A duo on this side, stitch through the #15, then the seed bead and toggle loop and the next #15. Come through the *top hole* of the first A duo on the new side, and then through the *lower hole* of the next B duo. Pick up 1 x C duo (or another B) and stitch through the *top hole* of the next B. Pick up 1 x #8 seed bead and stitch through the *top hole* of the next B bead. Continue in this fashion, alternating C duos with #8 seed beads until you reach the end of this side. Work your way to the other side, and repeat until the end. Finish and trim all loose threads.



Congratulations! You now have a beautiful bracelet to wear or gift. You may find that it is a little tight/stiff to start with (due to your tension being a little firm). As the bracelet is worn, this will ease so it is lovely and supple :)

### ..... : Changing your thread

Once your thread is down to approx 12cm, you will need to finish it off and start a new one. Start the new thread first. Thread your other needle, and stitch through a couple of beads below the old needle and thread. Pull the thread through until there is a short tail. Dip the needle between the bead you are coming out of and the next closest bead. You should catch the thread between these beads on the needle. Pull most of the thread through and then stitch through the small loop remaining and pull tight - this is a half hitch knot. Stitch through another few beads and repeat. Stitch up to come through the same bead the old thread is coming out of. Continue on, and after a few cm finish off the old thread in the new stitching. Trim all the tails closely.  
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