

Rainbow Block by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 8.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

- 1 - Size 11 Silver Lined Crystal Clear AB Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1940)
- 1 - Size 11 Strawberry Lined Rainbow Crystal Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho - 771 (SB5874)
- 1 - Size 11 Silver Lined Orange Opal Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1953)
- 1 - Size 11 Silver Lined Pale Yellow Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1884)
- 1 - Size 11 Sparkly Sage Lined Clear Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2539)
- 1 - Size 11 Teal Lined Rainbow Light Sapphire Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho - 1833 (SB5720)
- 1 - 13x8mm Silver Plated Base Metal Round Magnetic Clasp (BM3507)
- 1 - Crystal Clear FireLine Braided Bead Thread .006 diameter, 4 lb/Size B (SM4428)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

Size 12 English Beading Needles (TL1647)
Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)
Pencil or dowel

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

African Helix Stitch

Instructions to complete “Rainbow Block” bracelet:

Step 1

Thread a needle with 3 feet of beading thread.

Step 2

String one size 11 silver lined crystal clear AB seed bead (accent color) and three size 11 strawberry lined rainbow crystal seed beads (main color). Repeat three more times. Tie a knot, and then pass back through the first seed bead strung, forming row 1 (see African Helix Stitch Technique).

Step 3

Following the technique, continue using African helix stitch until the beadwork is about 1.5 inches long.

Step 4

Continue using African helix stitch with the following main colors (the accent color remains consistent throughout) for the specified lengths:

2 inches: size 11 silver lined orange opal seed beads

1.5 inches: size 11 silver lined pale yellow seed beads

2 inches: size 11 sparkly sage lined clear seed beads

1.5 inches: size 11 teal lined rainbow light sapphire seed beads

Step 5

After Step 40 in the technique, exit from a spine bead, weave through the edge beads until you reach the next spine, pass down through four beads in that spine, and string the loop on one side of the magnetic clasp. Pass up through four beads in the spine directly across the tube. Repeat until all spines have been secured to the clasp. Reinforce, secure and trim the thread.

Step 6

Repeat Step 5 on the other end of the bracelet.

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