

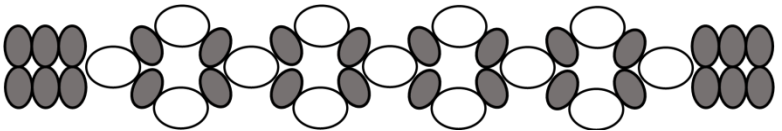
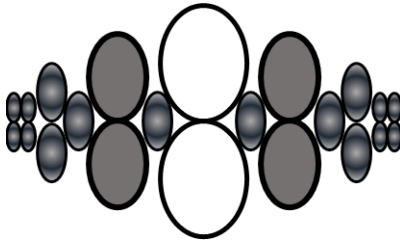


Loose Bead Society  
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Loose Bead Society Charm of the Month  
(Bracelet & Charm)

Chenille

February, 2015



This pattern will require two colors of beads for the Bracelet. Recommended are Sizes in the following combinations:

- Size 8 and size 6 seed beads
- Size 11 and size 8 seed beads
- Size 15 and size 11 seed beads

If you are a beginner it is recommended that you make your first bracelet using size 8 and size 6 seed beads.

Once you understand the technique and pattern try making a charm using three sizes of beads.

Also try other items where the accent beads are pearls, crystals or other type beads for the highlight beads.

These instructions are for a bracelet with suggestions for the charm.

If you are new to the Chenille stitch it is highly recommend that you view some tutorials on YouTube before attempting this pattern. One is listed here for reference.

Video : provided by Potomac Bead Company : How to –  
Chenille Stitch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VlaqHJGSkA>

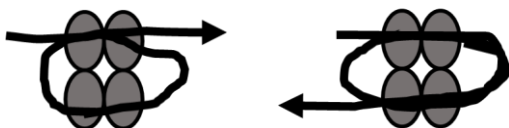


Thread your needle with comfortable length of your preferred beading thread.

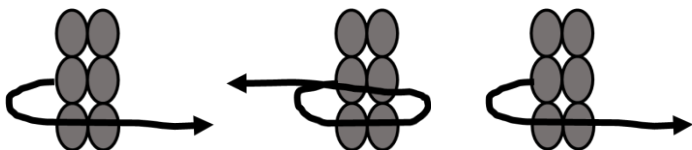
1. Leaving an 6 inch tail, pick up 4 Foundation Beads



2. Pass your needle through the first two beads you added and pull the beads into two stacks as shown. Then pass through the next two beads.



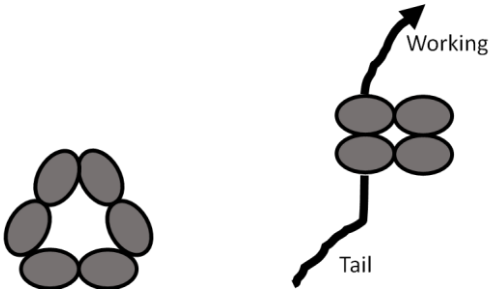
3. Pick up 2 more beads and pass the needle back through beads 3 & 4 as shown. Then pass back through the last two beads added.



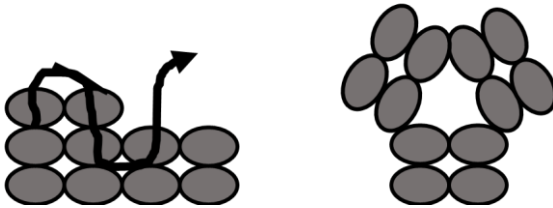
4. Repeat adding two beads at a time until you have six stacks as shown.



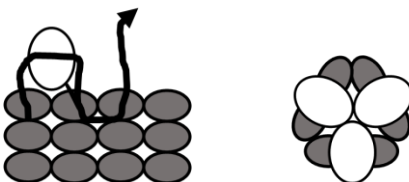
5. Fold the beads around and stitch the ends together for form a circle. **Note: Your tail thread is exiting the beads towards the end. Your working thread should be exiting the beads in the other direction.**



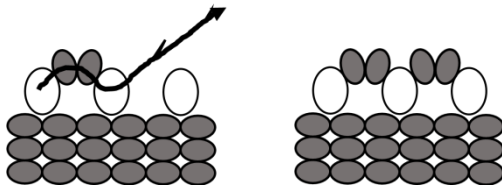
6. Pick up two beads and go down through one bead in the next stack. Pass back up between the beads in the next stack as shown. Continue around the bead until you have added a full row.



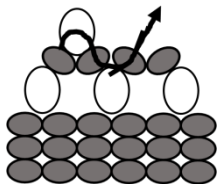
7. With your thread exiting the first bead added in the last row pick up an Accent Bead. Pass down through the first bead in the next stack. Pass back up between the beads in the next stack as shown. Continue adding accent beads until you have added three accent beads.



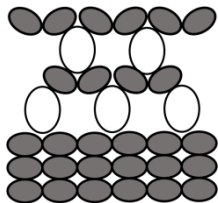
- With your exiting the first accent bead in last row pick up two foundation beads and pass through the next accent bead. Continue adding foundation beads until you have added six beads.



- With your thread exiting the first foundation bead in the last row pick up an accent bead. Pass your thread down through the next foundation bead and back up through the first bead of the next stack as shown. Continue in the manner until you have added 3 accent beads.

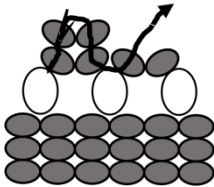


- With your thread exiting the first accent bead in last row pick up two foundation beads and pass through the next accent bead. Continue adding foundation beads until you have added six beads.



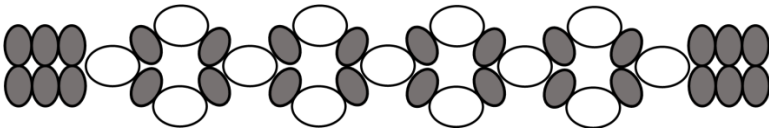
- Repeat Steps 9 & 10 until your bracelet reaches your desired length. Remember to account for your clasp and any accent beads you might place at the ends.

12. With your thread exiting the first foundation bead in the last row pick up two additional beads. Go down through the first bead of the next bead stack and then back up through the last bead in the next bead stack as shown. Continue in this manner until you have added 6 foundation beads.



13. Add a third and final row. You should now have three rows of foundation beads on both ends of your Bracelet.

14. Weave in the thread ends and trim.



15. Thread the Chenille Tube on bead wire, ribbon, chain or other preferred medium and attach your clasp. Consider adding beads at the ends for additional interest.

To create a charm...

Row 1 – Row 2 : Complete Steps 1 thru 5 using size 15 seed beads

Row 3 : Use Size 11 seed beads for first row of accent beads

Row 4 : Use Size 11 seed beads for next row of foundation beads

Row 5 : Use size 8 seed beads for next row of accent beads

Row 6 : Use Size 11 seed beads for next row of foundation beads

Row 7 : Use Size 6 seed beads for next row of accent beads

Row 8 : Use Size 11 seed beads for next row of foundation beads

Row 9 : Use size 8 seed beads for next row of accent beads

Row 10 : Use size 11 seed beads for next row of foundation beads

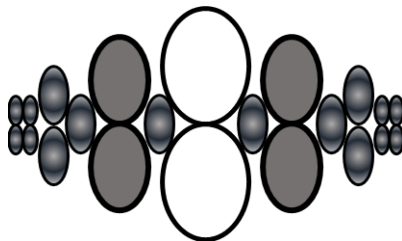
Row 11 : Use size 11 seed beads for next row of accent beads

Row 12 – Row 13 : use size 15 seed beads to end the charm

Weave in your thread and trim.

Use a head pin to attach your charm.

***Note: you will need to add a bead to either end of your charm to prevent the charm from sliding off the head pin. Use a bead just big enough not to fit through the stitched ends.***



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