

You won't be able to keep your hands off this irresistible bracelet.

FLAT EVEN-COUNT  
PEYOTE STITCH

# Flippant daggers

You'll flip for this kinetic bracelet

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Anchor dagger beads to a peyote band, and watch them flip back and forth as you move your wrist. An edging and centerpiece of bicone crystals makes this bracelet as glam as it is mod.

## stepbystep

### Peyote band

**[1]** On a comfortable length of Fireline, attach a stop bead (How-Tos), leaving a 10-in. (25 cm) tail. Pick up eight 11° cylinder beads.

**[2]** Work in flat even-count peyote stitch (Peyote Primer, p. 8) to make a band 1 in. (2.5 cm) shorter than the desired length of your bracelet, ending and adding thread (How-Tos) as necessary as you stitch. When you complete the band, do not end the working thread in

case you need to add or remove rows so the daggers line up correctly.

**[3]** Remove the stop bead, and using the tail, pick up eight cylinders, half of the clasp, and three cylinders. Skip the last six cylinders, sew back through the next cylinder (**figure 1, a-b**), pick up four cylinders, and sew through the end cylinder on the opposite edge of the band (**b-c**). Retrace the thread path through the last row of peyote and the beads just added to secure the connection (**c-d**). End the tail.

### Dagger embellishment

**[1]** Add 2 yd. (1.8 m) of Fireline to the end of the band with the clasp attached. Sew through the beadwork to exit an end edge cylinder with the needle pointing away from the band (**figure 2, point a**).

**[2]** Pick up a 4 mm bicone crystal, three 3 x 10 mm dagger beads, and a 4 mm, and sew through the corresponding end cylinder on the other edge of the band with the needle pointing toward the center of the band (**a-b**). Zigzag through the next three edge cylinders so the needle is pointing away from the band (**b-c**).

**[3]** Repeat step 2 for the length of the band. You may need to add or remove several rows on the end of the band so the last embellishment loop aligns with the last row of the band.



**editor's note:**

For a budget-friendly option, substitute 4 mm fire-polished beads or Chinese crystals for the edge and center embellishments. – Jane

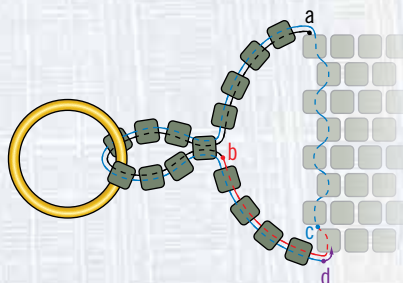
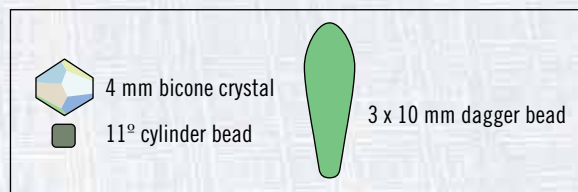


FIGURE 1

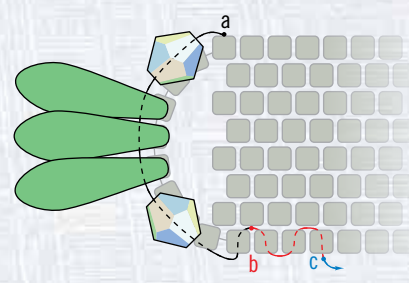


FIGURE 2

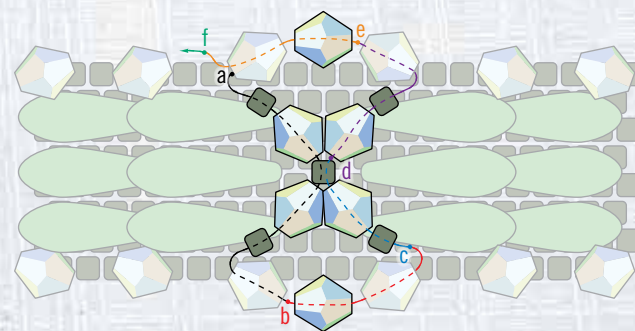


FIGURE 3

**[4]** Work as in step 3 of “Peyote band” to attach the other half of the clasp.

**Center embellishment**

**[1]** Locate the center of the bracelet between two loops of daggers. Add 24 in. (61 cm) of Fireline, and exit a 4 mm just to one side of the center of the band with the needle pointing toward the daggers (**figure 3, point a**).

**[2]** Pick up a cylinder, a 4 mm, a cylinder, a 4 mm, and a cylinder. Skip the three daggers in this loop, and sew through the next 4 mm in the same loop (**a-b**).

**[3]** Pick up a 4 mm, and sew through the adjacent 4 mm in the next loop of daggers with your needle pointing toward the daggers (**b-c**).

**[4]** Pick up a cylinder and a 4 mm, and sew through the center cylinder picked up in step 2 (**c-d**). Pick up a 4 mm and a cylinder, and sew through the next 4 mm in the loop your thread exited at the start of this step (**d-e**).

**[5]** Pick up a 4 mm, and sew through the 4 mm your thread exited in step 1 in the same direction (**e-f**). Retrace the thread path, and end the thread. ●



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**materials**

**purple bracelet 6½ in. (16.5 cm)**

- 81 3 x 10 mm dagger beads (Czech, purple)
- 60 4 mm bicone crystals (Swarovski, amethyst)
- 4–6 g 11° cylinder beads (Miyuki DB0695, semi-matte transparent silver-lined dusky purple)
- clasp
- Fireline 8 lb. test
- beading needles, #11

**green bracelet colors:**

- 3 x 10 mm dagger beads (Czech, opaque green)
- 4 mm bicone crystals (Swarovski, white opal celadon)
- 11° cylinder beads (Miyuki DB0917, sparkle turquoise green-lined topaz)