

Peyote Coyote

Four-Across

B r a c e l e t

Everything you need is included!
Guaranteed fresh, because it's made by you!

NOTE: It is always a good idea to read the instructions for a thing, if they're provided, and if you're not in a hurry, before starting it.

Included: about 5' .5 mm stretchy cord
1 #7 crewel needle, on the cord
enough size .06 beads to make a bracelet

Instructions: thread the needle if not already threaded. You will need a needle-threader to do this. If you don't know what it is, ask your grandmother. Put on one bead, and pull the cord til the bead is within 4" of the end. Run the needle through again in the same direction, and pull the cord tight. This "locks" the bead on so the whole project doesn't fall off the end. Put 4 more beads on. Now, run the needle back through the third bead you put on, and pull tight. Then pick up a new bead with the needle, and then run the needle through the very first bead you put on (the "lock" bead).

Now pull it all tight and flip it over between your thumb and forefinger. Put on another bead, pull the cord through the second one in line, put a new bead on in the third position, and pull the cord through the bead in the fourth position. Flip again. Keep going, two beads, flip, two beads, flip, until you're out of beads or until the bracelet is long enough to close around your wrist.

The picture at right shows how tight the cord should be pulled while you are working on the bracelet. The numbers indicate the "positions" I'm talking about in the instructions.

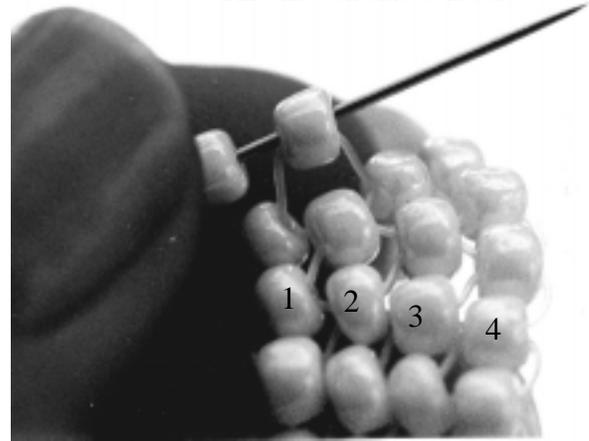
Tangles happen. Straighten out each bead as you put it on. The bead doesn't have to be perfectly in place because they'll all adjust a little when you're done. It should be not tight, but there shouldn't be big loops of stretchy cord, either.

Finishing: When you're out of beads, or it's long enough, you will have to sew the last row to the first. Try matching them up. If they don't match like a zipper, either add two beads or take two beads off (the cord should be exiting the opposite side of the strip that it enters (at the lock bead) so that the beginning and end can be tied together after you zip it closed). Now zip them together, undo the lock knot, and tie the two ends of cord in a square knot.

The peyote stitch: This kind of stitch is called "peyote," named by Native Americans for the way the seeds lock against one another on the peyote plant. You will find it's like weaving cloth with beads! You might have noticed you can use the peyote stitch to make a lot of things. Try six-across instead of four! Invent your



This kit contains a needle.



own patterns. Try making a necklace or belt or anklet! A cat collar! Cover a perfume bottle or a barrette! If you haven't enjoyed this project, that's one reason why you, *especially*, should study hard and try to get into a good university and find something you do like to do!

The chart on the right shows the typical length you will complete to make the bracelet. See how the second and fourth beads on the top row will match with the first and third beads on the bottom.

If you're using different color beads in your bracelet, you can use this chart to design the pattern you want to make. Just color the individual beads in with colored pencil or marker. X's here show stripes and checker patterns.

Flubber: If you find the peyote stitch is too much for you, you may just want to string all the beads onto the elastic and wear it as a necklace or multiple bracelets. So much less than what I expected of you!

Have fun!



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