

## **Chevron Chain and Peyote Bracelet**

By Carol Holmes

- Overview:
1. Construct chevron chain strip of length to go around wrist.
  2. Work around edge in peyote stitch.
  3. Finish with beaded ball and loop or ribbon closure

Items needed: Nymo or other beading thread

Beading needle

Beeswax or other thread conditioner.

Size 11 seed beads in center strip color (C) and outside edge color. (E)

Size 8 seed beads-approx. 55-60 needed in outside edge color.

- Instructions:
1. Make center strip first in chevron chain to fit your wrist or measurement as needed following this pattern and using only size 11's:
    - With one yard of waxed thread, string one bead in center strip color (C) as a stop bead.
    - String two more in same color, one in outside edge color (E), then two more in center strip color (C).
    - Go back through stop bead in opposite direction to form first loop which should be pear shaped. (it is important not to go through bead following original thread path which would make a round loop)
    - Pick up one E bead, and two C beads.
    - Go through C bead next to E bead in first loop made.
    - Continue to pick up one E and two C beads and go through C beads next to each E bead to form continuous "S" shaped path.
  2. Work outside edge in peyote stitch as follows:
    - Row 1: alternate one 11 bead with one 8 bead.
    - Row 2: go around again with only size 11 beads, still in peyote fashion
    - Row 3: the last row will fill in the remaining gaps. Use size 11s and go through size 8s again.
  3. For beaded bead clasp, come out through center beads at end of strip and add 3 11s and one 8. Going through the 8 bead, add an 11 and go back through the 8 bead and through some of the added 3 beads and then back through the 8 bead. Add 4 11s and go back through the 8 bead. Repeat with 8 more rounds of 4 11 beads through the 8 bead until the bead is completely wrapped. Secure thread and cut.
  4. Add thread at other end if needed and make beaded loop to fit over beaded bead. Secure thread and cut.

Hints: -At ends of chained strip, avoid going through end beads too many times-save some room for repeated thread paths.

-You will need to add thread at least two more times. Try to weave in thread ends in middle area of strip.

-On Row 1: strip will begin to expand on first side and assume a curved appearance. This will straighten out when you go around the other side-try to match thick and thin size 8 beads across from each other to keep the strip straight. (this is the fun part !)

You could also tie ribbons through openings at each end of strip. Add decorative beads to ends, tie off and trim. I once made an order of 105 of these red bracelets. It took me 4 weeks !

## Gemstone Chip Watchband

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Must have experience with crimping.

Items needed: Watch face with wide pin size (use regular watch and remove watchband)  
Beadalon or other beading wire in thick gauge  
Crimp beads  
Crimping pliers  
Gemstone chips  
Accent seed beads larger than size 11  
Spacer discs (Bali silver daisies or other shape-must be flat)  
3-hole flat spacer (must be thin)  
3-loop slide clasp or other 3-loop type clasp  
tape

- Instructions:
1. Cut 6 pieces of beading wire in 5" lengths.
  2. Crimp ends of one wire on pins on each side of watch face.
  3. String beads in this order one bead each:
    - a. Bali spacer, seed bead, chip bead, seed, chip, seed, chip, seed, Bali spacer
    - b. thread wire through middle hole of 3-hole spacer
    - c. repeat instruction a.
    - d. repeat b.
    - e. repeat a.
  4. You are ready to crimp to the middle loop of your clasp, but don't do it yet. First you must do your final adjustments so just tape the end to hold the beads on.
  5. With the wire on the other side, repeat #3 and #4.
  6. With both ends taped, hold the strands around your wrist to check for size or compare with desired measurement. Remember to leave room for the size of the clasp.
  7. If too large, remove some beads select thinner gemstone chips and re-string in same order. If too small, add thicker chips.
  8. Repeat #2 through #4. Try to even out size of gemstones so 3-hole spacers lie parallel to each other throughout the design. Adjust as necessary.
  9. When you are satisfied with the overall appearance and fit, proceed to attach your clasp with crimp beads. **IMPORTANT !!!! MAKE SURE YOUR SLIDE CLASP PARTS ARE FACING CORRECTLY BEFORE CRIMPING !!!**
  10. Clip excess wire and wear it or give as a lovely gift !