

Golden Caterpillar

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This shiny yet fuzzy creature is deceptively simple to make. A series of picots between Swarovski crystals is all it takes. Extra passes between the crystals means a fuzzier bracelet.

- Step 1:** Using a yard of thread and leaving a 6" tail, string 1 crystal, the clasp bead, 1 crystal, and 3 seed beads. Skipping the seed beads, pass back through the last crystal strung, the clasp bead, and the next crystal. Tie a square knot **Figure 1**.
- Step 2:** String 3 seed beads and 1 crystal. Repeat this sequence for the circumference of your wrist. Finish with 3 seed beads.
- Step 3:** String enough seed beads to create a loop that fits tightly around the clasp bead. Pass back through the last 3 seed beads and the last crystal strung in Step 2 **Figure 2**.
- Step 4:** String 6 seed beads. Skipping the last three beads strung, pass back through the third bead strung. String 2 seed beads and pass through the next crystal **Figure 3**. Continue across, creating these picots between crystals.
- Step 5:** To turn the thread around, simply weave through the clasp bead and three seed beads at the end. Continue back across to make more picots. Once you've reached the loop end, weave your thread through those beads to turn your thread around.

Make at least five sets of picots. To create a fuller look, make more picots. End working and tail threads by weaving them through several beads to secure. Tie square knots between beads and pull the thread through several more beads to hide the knots. Trim close to work.

MATERIALS

Size 11° seed beads
10–15 Swarovski 6mm
bicone crystals
18mm clasp bead
Size D beading thread in color to
match seed beads

NOTIONS

Size 12 sharps or beading needles
Scissors

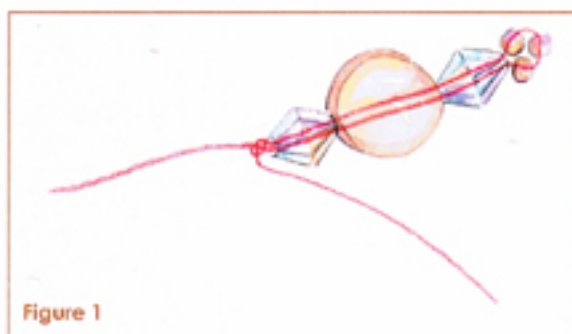


Figure 1

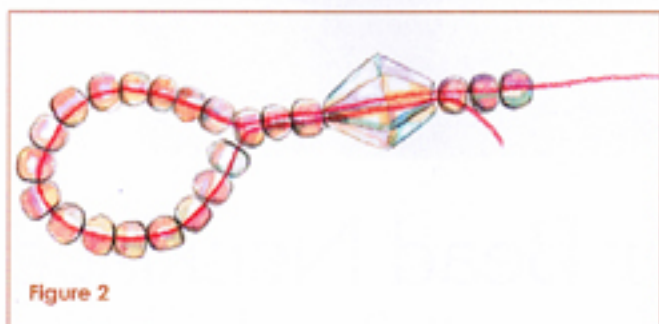


Figure 2

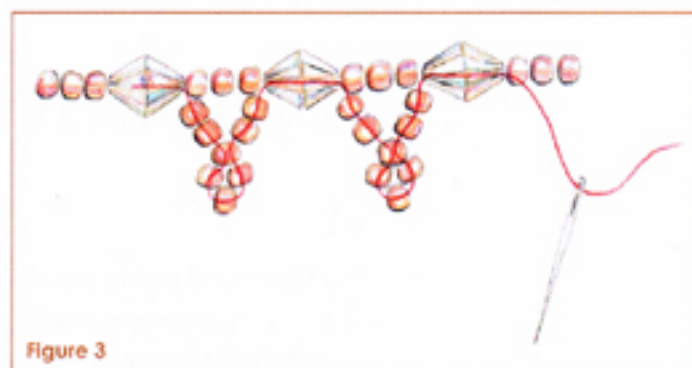


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