

Making a 3-Leaf Clover Bracelet - Bead Weaving



1. Cut a 2 1/2 foot piece of 7 strand bead wire.



2. Add clasp and let it fall to the middle and dangle.



3. Run both ends of your bead wire through a crimp tube, snugging it up to the clasp (leave just less than a 1/4" loop around your clasp to allow it to dangle freely). The tails of your wire must both be the same length (each approx. 15").



4. Crimp the tube using both sections of your Crimper Tool.



5. Add crimp cover and gently tap it closed around the crimp tube. Now add your first heart bead by running both ends of your bead wire into the hole on the dimpled end of the heart. Sometimes the hole is small, and you have to push the wires through.

Note: If the hole is too small, use another one (and reserve that one for an area that only runs one wire into it, like step 7).



6. Bend the wires away from each other directly at the base of the first heart.



7. String a heart onto each of the bent out wires, running your bead wires into the pointed ends of the hearts.



8. Add a 4mm silver ball to each wire, then another heart onto each wire, running the end of your bead wire into the hole on the dimpled end of the heart. Notice how the dimpled end of the heart is always facing the silver ball? This is true throughout the bracelet. Now, on only one of the wires, string heart, ball, heart as shown in the lower left corner of this picture.



9. Take the end of the wire without the extra beads, and run it the opposite way through those extra three beads. This is bead weaving.



10. Pull on the ends of your wires, removing any slack in the bead wire.



11. Bend both wires down firmly, directly at the base of each heart.



12. String heart, ball, heart onto each of the two wires. Now, on only one of the wires, string heart, ball, heart as shown in the lower portion of this picture.

Take the end of the wire without the extra beads, and run it the opposite way through those extra three beads.



13. Tug firmly on both wires to remove all slack in the bead wire. Bend down the wires firmly, and repeat step 12 over and over again, until you have 8 "ladder rungs" (eight 3-bead sets that have the wires running opposite through them).



14. After your eighth ladder rung (or ninth, if you wish a larger bracelet), bend the two wires down, then add heart, ball, heart onto both of them. Then add your last heart bead by running both ends of your bead wire into the hole on the pointed end of the heart. You may have to push the wires through. Snug it down into place, removing all slack from both wires.



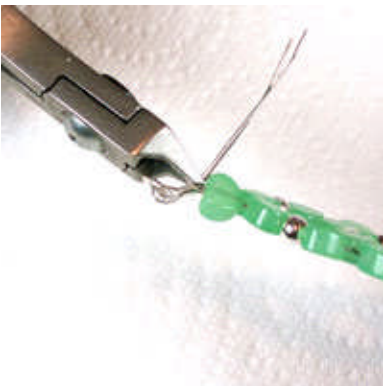
15. Run a crimp tube over both wire ends.



16. Run both wire ends through a 6mm closed jump ring, then back through the crimp tube. Pull ends until loop (attaching the jump ring) is desired size. You may need to pull on the ends of the wires one-at-a-time with pliers to make the loop smaller.



17. After making sure the slack is gone from your piece and your loop is the desired size, use your Crimper Tool and crimp this end.



18. Once your crimp is complete, snip excess bead wire at base of crimp tube. Take precautions NOT to cut or nick either of the other wires.



19. Add crimp cover and gently tap it closed around the crimp tube. Your piece is complete.

Congratulations, you have just completed a piece that requires advanced skill to make!