

FRILLS AND FURBELOWS BRACELET ©Gill Goldfinch



This bracelet starts off with a three bead ladder stitch and then has three rows of embellishment building up to the delicious frills and furbelows and a glittering fire polished bead as a clasp.

You will need:-

6mm Bugle Beads - approximately 70-80

10gms of size 11 seed beads colour A

A Spoonful of size 11 seed beads colour B

1 x 6mm fire polished bead

Thread

Thread Heaven

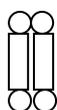
Needle

Bead Mat

Scissors

1. Prepare about 2 nose lengths of thread - (stretch the thread and run it through the Thread Heaven) It is important when using bugle beads to use Thread Heaven to help prevent thread snaps. Thread your needle.

2. Ladder Stitch - Thread one 1 colour A seed bead, one bugle, two colour A seed beads, one bugle and one colour A seed bead. Go around all these beads again so that you will have one seed bead at the top, then a bugle and a seed bead at the bottom x 2. Then work your thread around these beads again to secure them. Pull firmly, but not too tightly so that they sit snugly together. Your thread will exit from the top of the second set of seed, bugle, seed beads.



3. Add 1 seed bead A, one bugle and one seed bead A, take your needle back up the previous seed bead, bugle, seed bead, and then down through the seed bead, bugle and seed bead just added. Pull firmly (do not yank!) so that they sit together.

4. Add 1 seed bead A, one bugle and one seed bead A, take your needle back down the previous seed bead, bugle, seed bead and then up through the seed bead, bugle and seed bead just added. Again ensure that the beads sit snugly together taking care not to pull too tightly.

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your ladder measures the circumference of your wrist, less about $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

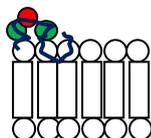
You will need to add thread during this process so please ensure that you start your knotting off when you have about 8 inches of thread left. Work back two or three ladders and then do a couple of knots in between two seed beads. Repeat then cut off your thread.

To add thread - take your thread up a seed, bugle and seed two back from where you need to continue, do a couple of knots between the seed beads and work on through the ladders to start again.

6. ** Add your clasp - With your thread coming out of a seed bead on the end ladder, thread on 7 A seed beads, clasp. Go back down the last two seed beads just added (bead 7 and 6) then add 5 more A seed beads and work back into the last ladder (seed bead, bugle, seed bead) Work around all these beads again twice more to secure, exiting from a seed bead on the first/last ladder. **

7. Work your thread back through the ladder to help correct your tension.

8. Frill 1 - Pick up one A seed bead, one B seed Bead and 1 A seed bead. Tak your thread down the next seed bead on the ladder and then bring your needle back up through the next seed bead on the ladder.



Note - This part of the pattern can be a little tricky in that it is sometimes difficult coming back up the next seed bead - try manipulating the seed bead and bugle away from each other to find the entrance.

9. Continue adding the frill along the top/bottom row. When you reach the end add the other end of the clasp - **see step 6 and footnote.*
10. Now work the Frill 1 along the other side of the bracelet ladder.
11. Frill 2 - Work your needle back to the first row of Frill 1 and bring your thread out of seed Bead B on the first frill. Add two A seed beads, one B seed bead and 2 A seed beads. Take your needle along to the B bead on the second frill 1 set of beads.
12. Continue adding two A beads, 1 B bead and 2 A beads and working to the next B bead on the frill 1 Row to the end.
13. Continue in the same way as steps 11 and 12 for the other side of the bracelet.
14. Frill 3 - Work your thread through the beads until you are exiting from the B bead on the first set of beads on the Frill 2 row. Add 1 A bead, 1 B bead and 1A bead and take your thread through the B bead on the second frill of the Frill 2 row.
15. Continue adding 1A 1B and 1A bead and working along to the next B bead on the Frill 2 row until you reach the end and then do the same on the other side of the bracelet.
16. Work your thread through the beads to knot off and work any tail threads through to knot off in the same way.

ⁱ See attached note for FP bead