

Time to Go bracelet

MATERIALS

watchband 6½ in. (16.5cm)

- 16-in. (41cm) strand 4mm beads, color A
- 16-in. (41cm) strand 4mm beads, color B
- 2g size 15° seed beads
- 1-in. (2.5cm) 3-strand watch face
- Gossamer Floss elastic
- 4 twisted-wire needles, medium
- G-S Hypo Cement



Stitch an easy watchband using two-needle weave. Elastic thread makes it a perfect fit.

by **Julia Gerlach**

stepbystep

[1] Determine the finished length of your watchband and subtract the length of the watch face.

[2] Cut two 1-yd. (.9m) pieces of elastic, and thread a twisted-wire needle on each of the four ends. Set one piece aside.

[3] Go through two adjacent holes on the watch face from the inside out, and center the

watch face on the strand (photo a).

[4] String a 4mm color A bead on each strand (photo b). Pick up a 15° seed bead with each needle and cross through a 4mm color B bead (figure 1, a-b, f-g, and photo c).

[5] Pick up a 15°, an A, and a 15° on each needle and cross through a B (b-c, g-h). Repeat until you are ¾ in. (5mm) from the length

established in step 1 (c-d, h-i). Pick up a 15° and an A (d-e, i-j) on each needle.

[6] Working with the other piece of elastic, go through the middle hole of the watch face and the top right A with one end (figure 2, a-b). Go through the remaining hole with the other end, and string an A (f-g).

[7] Pick up a 15° with each needle and cross through a B (b-c, g-h).

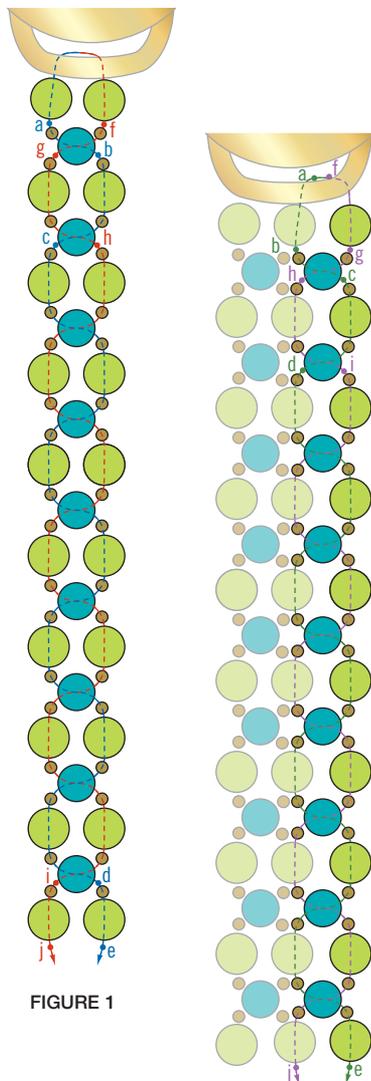
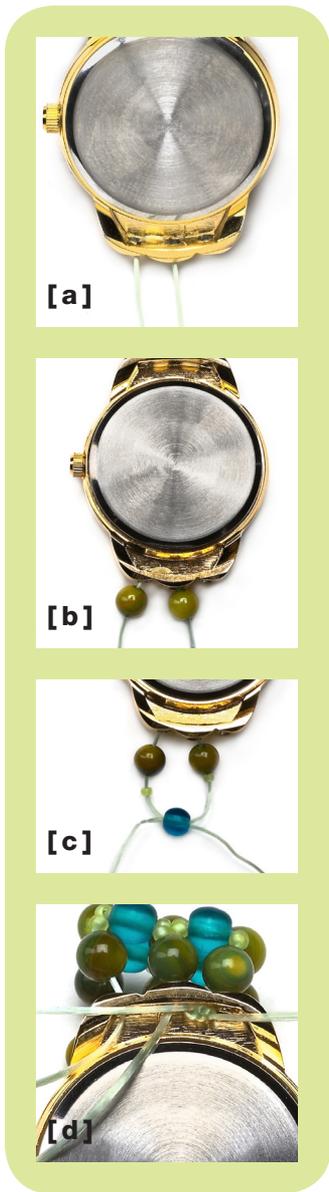


FIGURE 1

FIGURE 2

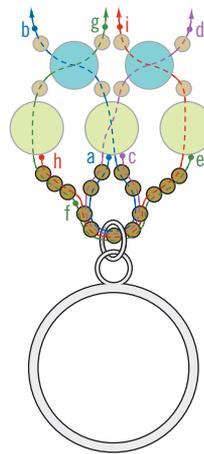


FIGURE 3

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Make this band with a clasp if you prefer. Use Fireline 10 lb. test instead of Gossamer Floss and stitch one side at a time. To determine how long each stitched section should be, subtract the length of the watch face and the clasp from the total length and divide by two. Refer to figure 3 to attach a clasp half to each end. Finish off all tails with a few half-hitch knots (Basics) between beads, and trim.

[8] With the edge needle, pick up a 15°, an A, and a 15°. With the other needle, pick up a 15°, go through an A on the previous column, and pick up a 15°. Cross the needles through a B (c-d, h-i). Repeat until the second column is the same length as the first (d-e, i-j).

[9] With the middle two strands, go through the center hole on the other side of the watch face. With

each edge strand, go through the corresponding hole.

[10] Tie two adjacent strands together with a square knot (Basics, p. 128 and photo d). Repeat with the other two strands. For additional security, tie all four strands together with a square knot. Dab the knots with glue and let them dry. Trim the ends. ●

