

CROWNS OVER KOUMELAS BRACELET

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Ruffled-edged ellipses of SuperDuos crown regal KOUMELAS Cymbal™ bead substitutes.

Skill level: Confident beginner and up **Techniques:** Stitching with two-hole beads

Finished length: 6 ¼" (excluding the clasp)

MATERIALS

- 3g size 11° seed beads
- 2.5g size 8° seed beads
- 5g SuperDuos
- 8 KOUMELAS Cymbal Silky bead substitutes
- 2 size 4mm soldered jump rings
- 2 size 5mm jump rings
- Clasp of choice
- 6lb. Fireline™
- Size 11 beading needles
- Scissors/Pliers



TIP

Check that all holes of any two-hole beads are clear before stitching.

FIRST COMPONENT

FIGURE 1

Step 1. On 18" of Fireline, string one KOUMELAS bead substitute and one 11°. String one SuperDuo and one 11° four times.

Step 2. String the same combination of beads as in Step 1 once more. Tie the working and tail threads with a square knot, leaving a small tail to weave in at your earliest convenience. Sewing away from the knot, retrace the thread path through all the beads once more and exit the first KOUMELAS added.

FIGURE 2

Step 3. String one 8° and sew through the open hole of the SuperDuo. Repeat three more times. String one 8° and sew through the KOUMELAS.

Step 4. Repeat Step 3 once more. Sew through all the beads again, secure thread within the component and trim the excess. Set this component aside.

MAKE AND CONNECT SECOND COMPONENT FIGURE 3

Step 5 (black thread). Repeat Step 1.

Step 6. Sew through the open KOUMELAS hole of the first component and string one 11°. String one SuperDuo and one 11° four times.

Step 7 (red thread). Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to complete and connect the second component.

MAKE AND CONNECT REMAINING COMPONENTS

Step 8. Repeat Steps 5 through 7 to complete and connect five more components.

EDGE EMBELLISHMENT

FIGURE 4

Step 9. Secure a new 30" length of Fireline in the bracelet and weave through to exit the 8° of one end component.

Step 10. String three 11°s and sew through the next 8°. Repeat twice more. String three 11°s and sew through the next two 8°s. **NOTE:** These 8°s sit before and after the KOUMELAS.

Step 11. Repeat Step 10 six more times. After added the picots to the last component, sew through the KOUMELAS and 8° to exit the other side of the bracelet.

Step 12. Repeat Steps 10 and 11 to embellish the other side of the bracelet. Secure the thread within the beadwork and trim the excess.

ATTACH SOLDERED RINGS AND CLASP

FIGURE 5

Step 13. Place a stop bead (red dot) on a new 10" length of Fireline, leaving a three-inch tail.

Step 14. Sew through the open hole of one end KOUMELAS. String one 11°, one 8°, three 11°s and one soldered ring. Sew back through third 11°. String two 11°s, one 8°, one 11° and sew through the KOUMELAS.

Step 15. Sew again through all the beads following the thread path of Step 14 and exit the 11°. **NOTE:** The working and tail threads will be on the same side. Remove the stop bead from the tail and tie at least two square knots with the working thread (not illustrated). Weave both threads in and trim the excess.

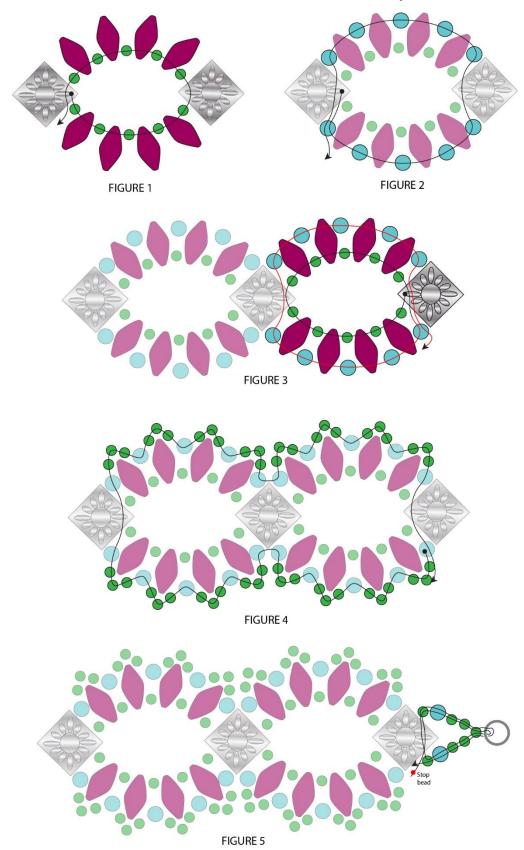
Step 16. Repeat Steps 13 through 15 to attach a soldered ring to the other end of the bracelet.

Step 17. Use pliers to open a jump ring and attach one half of the clasp to one soldered ring. Repeat to attach the other half of the clasp to the other end of the bracelet.



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CROWNS OVER KOUMELAS BRACELET COLOR COMBOS



Bracelet colors are listed as shown from top to bottom in the photo.

24kt gold plate – KOUMELAS Cymbal bead substitute Metalust burnt copper – SuperDuos Matte metallic khaki iris – size 11° seed beads Matte metallic khaki iris – size 8° seed beads

> Antique silver – KOUMELAS Cymbal bead substitute Matte jet blue iris – SuperDuos Duracoat S/L dyed lavender – size 11° seed beads Fuchsia lined aqua – size 8° seed beads

Antique brass – KOUMELAS Cymbal bead substitute Turquoise green Picasso – SuperDuos Duracoat galvanized gold – size 11° seed beads Duracoat galvanized gold – size 8° seed beads

> Rose gold – KOUMELAS Cymbal bead substitute Opaque orange/red luster – SuperDuos Duracoat galvanized muscat – size 11° seed beads Seafoam green Picasso – size 8° seed beads