

## HALF MOON RISING CUFF



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A basic crisscross, two-needle stitch is all you need to know to whip up these sparkling, lunar lovelies!

All skill levels: comfortable sewing with small beads

Makes a 6 ½" length of beadwork without the clasp added. Add additional half moons and True2s to each end to adjust for desired longer lengths. Try making a super long one to wrap around your wrist a few times!

### What You Need:

21 Half Moons

4 size 8mm round beads: matte fire polished

150 True 2mm fire polished (or try two colors!)

Fireline or Wildfire beading thread, .008, black

2 size#12 beading needles

2 closed rings or closed jump rings, 3-5mm

1 clasp of choice and jump rings

This tutorial refers to the left and right holes of the half moons if you hold the piece with the closed ring facing towards you and the bracelet progressing away from you on your bead mat.

1. String a needle on each end of a 1yd (.9m) piece of thread. String one closed ring to the middle of the thread. On one needle string three 2mm. Pass the other needle through the first 2mm and pick up two more 2mm, forming a "Y". Make sure the ring is centered.

2. On each needle sew through respective left and right holes of a half moon, and string a 2mm on each needle, repeating for a total of six half moons with 2mm in between.

3. On one needle string four 2mm and one 8mm bead. On the other needle string four 2mm and sew through the 8mm in the opposite direction. Pull the beads to sit snugly against each other; both threads are pulled evenly so the 8mm bead sits centered.



4. String four 2mm on each needle. Sew through the left and right holes of a half moon. Pull so the 2mm beads sit at the holes of the 8mm, with little thread showing.

5. String alternating half moons and 2mm for a total of three half moons.



6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 for three more sections of the 8mm beads with sections of three half moons between them for a total of four sections with the 8mm bead.

7. Repeat Step 3 for a section with six half moons.

8. Complete the "Y" as in the other end of the bracelet: string two 2mm on one needle and three on the other. Pass the first needle through the third 2mm.

9. String a closed jump ring on both needles and pass both needles back through the last 2mm strung. Sew each needle through the two 2mm on respective sides of the "Y" and pull the jump ring and beads snug.

10. Sew one of the needles through the hole in the half moon, and out the other half moon hole to meet the other working thread.



11. Knot both threads securely. Weave in ends and trim.

12. Using the open jump rings attach clasp at each end.