

Ginkgo Brocade

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FEATURING GINKGO LEAF BEADS

Combine TOHO® Rounds and Demi Rounds™ with Starman CzechMates® Cabochons and Matubo™ Ginkgo Leaf Beads in this attractive beaded band that can be casual or dressy depending on the beads you choose.



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Creating Order in a Chaotic World One Bead at a Time



Alyx is the author of 26 *Quick-Stitched Elements: Endless Jewelry Possibilities* (Kalmbach, 2015) and has been published many times in beading magazines. Her work has been exhibited abroad and she was a BeadDreams finalist in 2016. She currently lives in Sonoma County, California where she spends her spare time pampering her dogs, Razzle-Dazzle Ruby and Penelope Mouse. Look for her newest book on stitched holiday ornaments published by Kalmbach in the fall of 2020.

COLORWAY: CzechMates Cabochons ColorTrends Saturated Metallic Island Paradise (396-06-77060); Matubo Ginkgo Leaf Beads Luster - Opaque Blue (PB399-87-LB03000); TOHO Rounds 11" Hybrid ColorTrends Metallic - Spicy Mustard (TR-11-YPS0017); TOHO Demi Rounds 11" Higher-Metallic June Bug (TN-11-506).

INSTRUCTIONS

- On 3 yd of thread, add B-Top to Bottom, C, four D, C, B-Bottom to Top, C, two D, C; pass through the open hole of the current B. Add A-Right; pass through the open hole of the first B added in this step. Add C, two D, C. Tie a knot against the tail to form a ring, leaving a 4" tail. Pass through the first B, C, two D. Add D; pass through the next two D, C. Weave through to exit the second hole of the first B added.
- Add C, two D, C, B-Top to Bottom; pass through the open hole of the A added in the previous step. Add B-Bottom to Top, C, two D, C; pass down through the nearest B, A, B of the previous steps and weave through to exit the first hole of the second B added in this step.
- Add C, two D, C; pass through the open hole of the current B. Add A-Right; pass through the open hole of the next B. Add C, two D, C; pass up through the nearest B, A, B of the previous steps and weave through to exit the second hole of the first B added in the previous step. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 fifteen more times. Repeat Step 2 again.
- Add C, two D, C; pass through the open hole of the current B. Add C, four D, C; pass through the open hole of the next B. Add C, two D, C; pass up through the nearest B, A, B of the previous steps and weave through to exit the fourth D added in this step. Add D; pass through the next two D, C, B, C, D.
- Note: A shorter segment of the bracelet is shown for illustration clarity. a) Add D; pass through the next D, C. Add D; skip over the next C and pass through the following two D. Add D; skip over the next C and pass through the following C, D. Repeat from the beginning of this step sixteen times. b) Add D; pass through the next D, C, B, C, five D, C, B, C, D. c) Repeat Steps 5a and 5b along the other side of the bracelet. Tie off. Use jump rings to attach the clasp to the loops at each end (not shown).

MATERIALS

- 17 CzechMates® Cabochons (A)
- 36 Ginkgo Leaf Beads (B)
- 1.5g TOHO® 11" Rounds (C)
- 1.5g TOHO® 11" Demi Rounds (D)
- 4 Jump Rings
- Clasp of Choice
- TOHO® One-G thread

Bracelet as instructed measures approx. 7" before clasp.

