

# Simple Sparkle Bracelet

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## Supply list

- Approximately 38-50 Swarovski crystals (4mm bicones) – your exact amount will depend on the length of your bracelet
- 3 grams Size 11 seed beads
- 3.5 feet of .015 diameter Beadalon or .014 SoftFlex beading wire
- 2 crimps
- Clasp (toggle or lobster claw clasps work great)

## Tools you will need

- Wire cutter
- Flat nose or needle nose pliers

## Instructions

**\*\*A note about the type of beading wire you use:** If you are using light colored seed beads and/or crystals like this pink version, you will want to use silver plated or silver colored beading wire so it does not show up as a dark line through your beads.

1. Cut a piece of beading wire about 3.5 feet long.
2. Thread your beading wire through one end of the clasp, centering it. Then string your crimp bead over both ends of the beading wire, moving it up to the clasp, and crimp down with your needle nose pliers. No special technique here. Just squish down and flatten it.



3. String four seed beads on each of the two wires, and put a crystal on one of the wires. I usually put it on the right hand wire, but use whichever side feels most comfortable to you.



4. Now we get to weave! **Note:** You may find it easier at this point to secure the clasp of your bracelet to something like a clipboard or pin it down to your work surface in some way.
5. Taking the wire with just the seed beads on it, you'll be inserting the wire end from the **bottom to the top** of the crystal on the other wire. Your wires will cross over, and the crystal bead will sit sideways in the middle.



See how you're moving  
from bottom to top?



6. Now you'll put 7 seed beads on each wire, and on one wire, you'll also string on a crystal like you did before. Then take the wire with just seed beads and from bottom to top (back towards the clasp) put the wire through the crystal.



**\*\*Note:** If you can remember which side (right or left) you put the crystal on before, stick with that side. I think it helps the bracelet lay flatter, but it's a subtle difference. Your bracelet is likely to be a little wavy at first, but only when it's not on your wrist. After you've worn it a few times, it will flatten out.

7. The next round, you'll be stringing one seed bead, one crystal, one seed bead, one crystal, and one seed bead on one wire (so just alternating seed beads and crystals, starting and ending with a seed bead, and using two crystals.) On the other wire, string the same, but add an extra crystal after your last seed bead – then take the other wire and pull it through this extra crystal like usual to make it centered.



8. You'll repeat steps 6 & 7 until you get to the end of your bracelet.
9. Let's talk about length before I tell you how to finish off the end. When figuring out how long your bracelet should be, don't forget to factor in the end beads, crimp, and the opposite end of your clasp.

The way I made the bracelet in the photos, I created 8 of the mostly seed bead loops, and 7 of the crystal/seed bead loops. The bracelet measures a touch over 7.5" long. There's also a bit of stretch in the bracelet, so it can be stretched out to 8".

How can you adjust the size the way you want it?

- Each loop measures about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, so you can add or subtract loops to get the right measurement.
- You can add crystals or seed beads at the beginning and ends of your bracelet.
- To add a single crystal at each end, you'd string a crystal over both wires immediately after crimping when you start the bracelet, then proceed with your four seed beads on each wire. You'd want to make sure to do the same thing on your other end to make it match. Adding these two crystals would increase your bracelet size by about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- To add seed beads on the ends, instead of using 4 seed beads in Step 3, you could add more.

10. So now we need to end off the bracelet. After your last loop, repeat what you did in Step 3 by stringing 4 seed beads on each wire – but no crystal this time. Instead, string a crimp over both wires to bring them together.



11. String the other end of your clasp, and then bend your wires back over and reinsert them through the crimp. If possible, tuck each of your wires down through a few of the seed beads too in order to hide them. Tighten it all up, leaving a bit of a loop around your clasp (In other words, don't tighten it up right against the clasp so it can't move.) Crimp down, and trim the left over beading wire with your wire cutters.

That's it! It's that! Try using this technique with other beads in place of the crystals – pearls are especially nice. You would need to use a thinner beading wire with pearls (.012 or .010 diameter.)



For those of you who are seed beaders, this is the same technique as two needle right angle weave.

Enjoy your bracelet!

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