



## Cute Couple Cuffs Shelley Nybakke

A good friend asked Shelley to make him a bracelet. She knew right away she would use copper cubes and brass tubes to give it a masculine look. After she had finished, she decided it was too pretty to be a man's bracelet only, so she made one for herself but slightly smaller.

**FINISHED SIZE: 5/8" X 7" (HER); 1" X 8" (HIS)**

**MATERIALS: HER**

54 silver size 8° metal seed beads  
 284 silver-plated 3mm cornerless cubes  
 27 brass 4x6.5mm metal tubes  
 2 silver-plated 9mm ball-and-socket clasps  
 Gray FireLine 10 lb beading thread

**MATERIALS: HIS**

60 brass size 8° metal seed beads  
 486 copper-plated 3mm cornerless cubes  
 30 brass matte 5x6.5mm metal tubes  
 2 copper-plated 9mm ball-and-socket clasps  
 Gray FireLine 10 lb beading thread

**TOOLS**

Size 10 needle  
 Scissors

**her bracelet**

**1: Frame.** Square-stitch a band, leaving a window down the center:

*Row 1:* Use 6' of thread to string a tension bead, then string 8 cubes, leaving a 12" tail.

*Row 2:* String 2 cubes. Pass through the second-to-last bead of Row 1 and through the second cube just strung (Figure 1a). String 1 cube; pass through the third-to-last cube in Row 1 and through the cube just strung. Repeat to the end of the row. Pass through Rows 1 and 2 again, exiting Row 2 (Figure 1b).

*Rows 3 and 4:* Repeat Row 2.

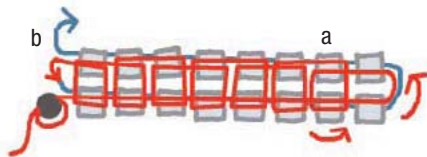


Figure 1

*Rows 5–59:* Working on top of the first 2 cubes in Row 4, square-stitch Column A that is 2 cubes wide by 55 rows long. Repeat to add a second column (B) on top of the last 2 cubes in Row 4 (Figure 2).

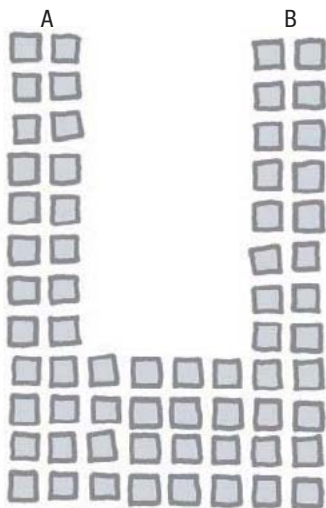


Figure 2

*Row 60:* Square-stitch 2 cubes on top of Column A. String 5 cubes; square-stitch the fifth cube strung on top of the inside cube in Column B. Square-stitch 1 cube to complete the row on Column B (Figure 3).

*Rows 61–63:* Repeat Row 2. Weave the thread through the cubes and trim.

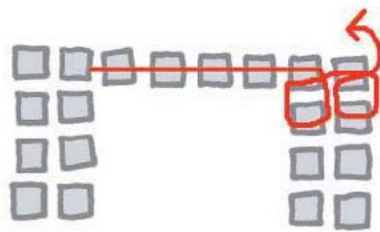


Figure 3

**2: Inside window.** Secure a new doubled 10' thread in Column A; exit through Row 6 into the window.

*Tube 1:* String 1 seed bead, 1 brass tube, and 1 seed bead; pass through the 2 cubes in Row 6's Column B. Pass through the first cube only in Row 7's Column B and exit into the window through the inside cube in Row 8 (Figure 4a).

*Tube 2:* String 1 seed bead, 1 brass tube, and 1 seed bead; pass through Row 8's Column A.

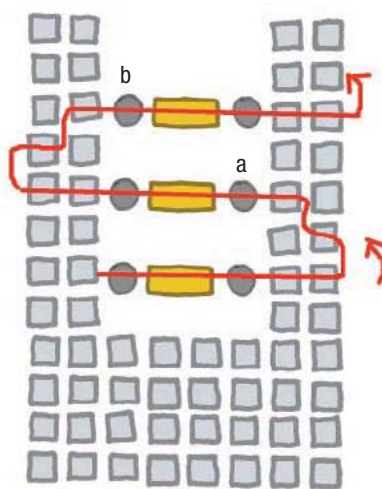


Figure 4

Pass through the outside cube only in Row 9's Column A and exit into the window through the inside cube in Row 10 (Figure 4b).

Repeat Tubes 1 and 2 twelve times; repeat Tube 1 for a total of 27 tubes.

**3: Clasp.** Weave through cubes to exit the second cube in Row 63.

String one half of 1 clasp and pass back through the cube just exited. Pass through the clasp and through the cube. Repeat the thread path three times. Weave through the row to exit the seventh cube. Repeat the thread path for the second clasp (Figure 5). Weave through beadwork to secure; trim.

Use the tail thread to repeat the entire step to attach the other halves of the clasps to the second and seventh cubes of Row 1.

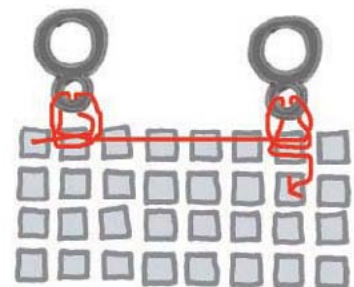


Figure 5

**his bracelet**

**1: Frame.** Square-stitch a band, leaving a window down the center:

*Row 1:* Use 6' of thread to string a tension bead, then string 10 cubes, leaving a 12" tail.

*Row 2:* String 2 cubes. Pass through the ninth bead strung in Row 1 and through the second cube just strung (Figure 6a). String 1 cube; pass through the third-to-last cube in Row 1 and the cube just strung. Repeat to the end of the row.



Figure 6

Pass through Rows 1 and 2 again, exiting Row 2 (Figure 6b).

Rows 3–6: Repeat Row 2 four times.

Rows 7–67: Working on top of the first 3 cubes in Row 6, square-stitch a column (A) 3 cubes wide by 61 cubes long. Repeat to add a second column (B) on top of the last 3 cubes in Row 6 (Figure 7).

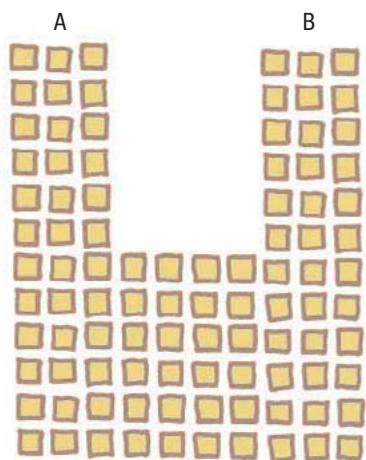


Figure 7

Row 68: Square-stitch 3 cubes on top of Column A. String 5 cubes; square-stitch the fifth cube strung on top of the inside cube in Column B. Square-stitch 2 cubes to complete the row on Column B (Figure 8).

Rows 69–73: Repeat Row 2. Weave the thread through the cubes and trim.

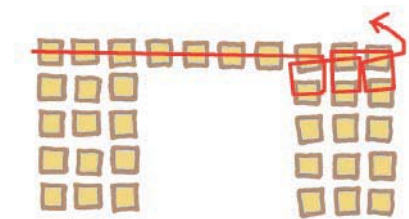


Figure 8

**2: Inside window.** Secure a new doubled 10' thread in Column A; exit Row 8 into the window opening.

**Tube 1:** String 1 seed bead, 1 brass tube, and 1 seed bead; pass through Row 8's Column B. Pass through the two outside cubes only

in Row 9's Column B and exit into the window through the inside cube in Row 10 (Figure 9a).

**Tube 2:** String 1 seed bead, 1 brass tube, and 1 seed bead; pass through Row 10's Column A. Pass through the two outside cubes only in Row 11's Column A and exit into the window through the inside cube in Row 12 (Figure 9b).

Repeat Tubes 1 and 2 fourteen times for a total of 30 tubes.

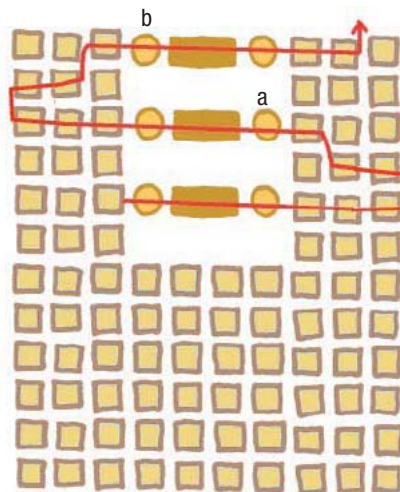


Figure 9

**3: Clasp.** Weave through cubes to exit the second cube in Row 73.

String one half of 1 clasp and pass back through the cube just exited. Pass through the clasp and back through the cube. Repeat the thread path three times. Weave through the row to exit the ninth cube (Figure 10). Repeat the thread path for the second clasp. Weave through beadwork to secure; trim.

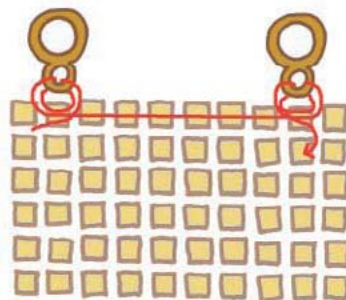


Figure 10

Use the tail thread to repeat the entire step to attach the other halves of the clasps to the second and seventh cubes of Row 1. ♦

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#### RESOURCES

**Check your local bead shop or contact:** All beads and findings: The Bead Parlor, (309) 827-7708, [www.thebeadparlor.com](http://www.thebeadparlor.com).

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