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Beth Kraft uses cube beads in square stitch to create a bracelet. She embellishes the bracelet with tiny 15^o seed beads.

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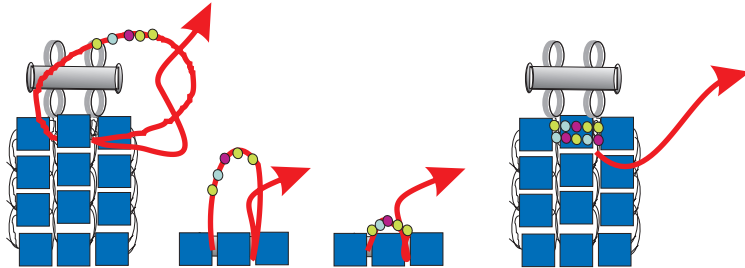
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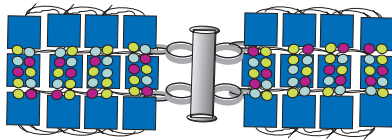
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Materials:

Square beads (15-20 grams)
 Size 15° seed beads
 2-holed tube clasp
 Wildfire™ 6 lb.

Size 12 beading needle
 Thread Heaven™ or beeswax
 Thread zapper or clear nail polish
 Scissors

Instructions:

Measure your wrist and allow an extra ½" for the clasp. This will be the length of the bracelet base. The base of is square stitch and is three beads wide. The bracelet base is worked first, the clasp is added, and then the bracelet is embellished.

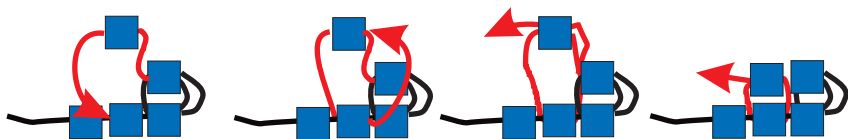
1. **First row:** Thread the needle with 1½ - 2 yards of conditioned Wildfire™. Pick up one square bead and pass through the bead again from the tail end leaving a 6" tail to be worked in later. This is a stopper bead. Pick up two more square beads for a total of three beads. This is the first row.



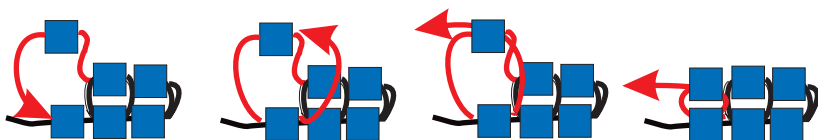
2. **Row two:** The thread tail will be on the left and the needle on the right, Pick up a square and pass through the last bead (3rd) in the first row from the left to the right. The new bead will sit on top of the last bead in the first row. Pass through the new bead from the right to the left. This is the beginning of the 2nd row.



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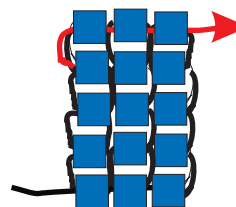
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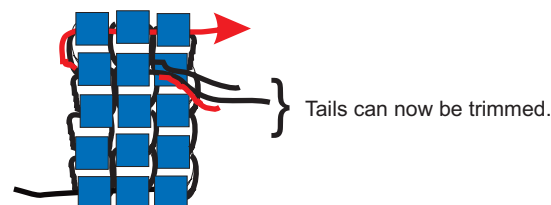
3. **Reinforce rows:** After completing a row of square stitch, pass through all of the beads in the previous row and all of the beads in the row just added. This reinforces the work and makes the beads lay nicely.



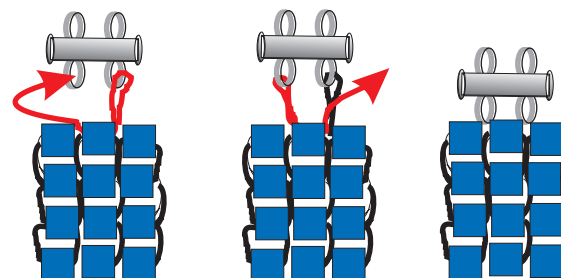
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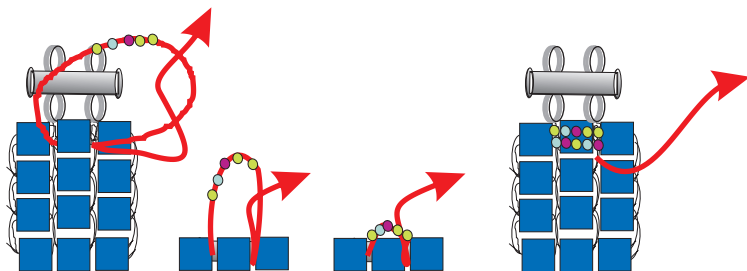
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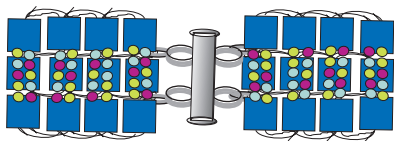
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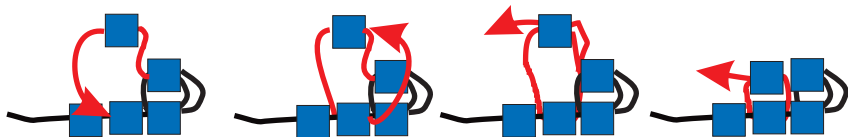
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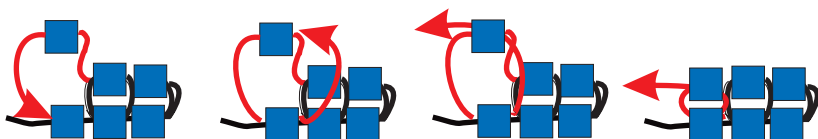
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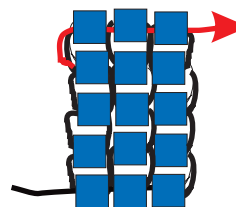
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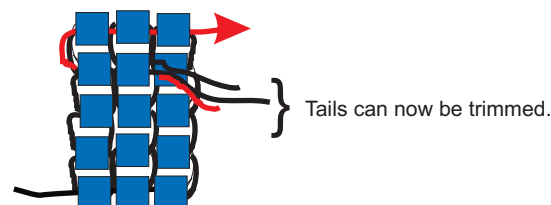
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