

## Bee in the Mood

### Setting the Mood Project

Project Sample and Handout by Alley Mori

#### Ingredients:

1.5mm Round Leather

Micro C-Lon

Mirage Focal Bead

Assorted Mirage Beads, Small with

2.5mm - 3mm holes\*

6mm Melons, 2 colors

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or

6/0 Seed Beads, 2 colors

8/0 Seed Beads, 4 colors

Roller Beads

0.5mm Chinese Knotting Cord, 5 - 6 colors

Petite Distressed End Caps

6mm Oval Jump Rings

Two Halves Magnetic Clasp

#### Dangle (Optional):

Small Hammertone Oval Ring

Pony Bead

1mm Round Leather

\*Depending on the coating, some 1.5mm leather cords will fit, doubled, through Mirage beads with 2.5mm holes.

#### Helpful Tools and Supplies:

Mini Macramé Board

T Pins or Sewing Pins

Thread Snips

Flush Cutters

GS Hypo Cement

Zap Glue

#### Additional Learning:

How to Macramé

How to Ladder

Infinity Stitch

Herringbone Weave



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This handout assumes a basic knowledge of 2-strand Laddering or Infinity Stitch, Macramé, and Herringbone Weave. If you need detailed instructions, please see the links under **Additional Learning** on the previous page.

### Anatomy of this Piece (5 wraps)



The type of clasp attachment you select usually dictates where you start your bracelet. For this design with a focal bead, starting in the center will provide symmetry and the best measurement. The focal bead should live on the top of your wrist and the clasp rests on the bottom.

1) To start, figure out how much leather you need:

- Wrap a single strand around your wrist loosely for the number of wraps you desire.
- Add a few inches for attaching the clasp.
- Add a bit more for good measure! (Don't fret if you cut too much, just save the scraps for earrings.)
- Double it.

**Please note:** Measurements differ based on wrist size, type and size of beads used, and differences in focal bead and clasp attachments. Good measurements come from practice. Measure frequently while crafting your bracelet.

2) Cut the length of leather in half and match up the ends. String on the focal bead and center it on the leather. You will work toward each end. If both strands of your leather do not fit through the bead, just run one strand under and hold it in place with the Roller beads.



2) Create a series of laddered and herringbone sections in a symmetrical or random order.



Examples of beaded and herringbone sections

### Helpful Tips

- Vary the length of each herringbone and beaded section
- Separate the sections with Roller and Mirage beads
- Reinforce beads with larger holes, such as 6/0s, by laddering through them twice
- Tie knots, glue, and hide ends of thread in Roller and Mirage beads
- If you are running out of thread, carry it along the leather and herringbone over it for a short distance before clipping the ends
- Add thread at the beginning of a beaded section using a pair of macramé flat knots
- Small Mirage beads can be added to the top of the herringbone stitch for embellishment

3) For proper sizing, be sure to try on the bracelet frequently. When the desired length is reached (minus the length of the clasp attachment), close off the leather with a couple of macramé flat knots. The example below shows 3 - 8/0s laddered across the top for embellishment. Tie off the threads and add glue (GS Hypo) to the knot. Add the last Roller bead and run the thread tails through. Carefully add glue to the inside of the Roller and let it dry completely. Repeat for the 2nd half beginning at the focal bead.

4) To close, trim the leather to fit inside the end cap and test the fit **before** adding the glue. Using a toothpick, apply Zap glue to the inside of the end cap and the ends of the leather. Immediately insert the ends into the cap, push up tightly to the Roller bead and hold for several seconds. Repeat for the 2nd half. Let dry for 24 hours.

5) Using jump rings, attach the clasp and a dangle of your choice to the end caps.



6) As an alternate closure, and to make your bracelet adjustable, use a swivel lobster clasp and a short length of chain.

