

Friendship Express and Inspire Bracelet



An impressive friendly expression! Give as a gift, or enjoy one for yourself, or make one in each of your favorite colors! Designed to be comfortable yet a little bit lacy and beaded for some flare. Written instructions See website for more information under Resources if more is added to this project.

Materials:

Crochet cotton or nylon cord works great with this pattern.

(for pattern creation, for cotton version: Artiste #8 in #170 Ivory color. For nylon version: Red Heart Crochet nylon size #18) Yardage varies by length needed for proper fit.

Size D crochet hook

Scissors

Round beads- size of pony beads in metallic (if following the example)

Snap to make fastener for bracelet. Pattern samples used Sew-on snaps size #4, nickel plated brass

Clear thread or matching thread to bracelet color.

Needle for sewing on snaps

Gauge:

11 sts in pattern = 2 to 2.25 inches wide in cotton, slightly wider in nylon.

Gauge not too important if consistent throughout

Abbreviations:

Ch – chain

St(s) – stitch(s)

SC – single crochet

DC – double crochet

Inc – increase (sc twice in next stitch)

Dec- decrease(sc 2 sts together to make 1)

Shell – dc2, ch2, dc2 all in same stitch

Bead – place bead on crochet hook, holding bead so it doesn't slide off, insert needle as to make a single crochet in next stitch. Yarn over and pull through the stitch on the bracelet. Once you have pulled up

the thread, yarn over, pull through the 2 loops (just like single crochet, but not through the bead yet.) Now pull the loop formed through the bead and through the loop that was already on the hook. Snug up the thread if needed, or loosen if needed to prevent puckers or sagging thread. Proceed on with the row.

How-to:

Measure wrist or decide the length needed for bracelet. Take into account the tabs for snap fasteners. If using cotton thread/yarn, it may shrink some if washed or wet. Keep this in mind when making the proper length.

First tab:

- 1) Ch 4, SC in second ch from hook. Sc across row (3 sts) ch 1, turn.
- 2) Inc 1, sc 1, inc 1. (5 sts) ch 1, turn.
- 3) Inc 1, sc 3, inc 1. (7 sts) ch1, turn.
- 4) Inc 1, sc 5, inc 1 (9 sts) ch 1, turn.
- 5) Inc 1, sc 7, inc 1 (11 sts) ch 1, turn.

Begin lace section:

- 1) Sc 1, bead, sc 1, skip 2 sts, shell in next, skip 2 sts, sc 1, bead, sc 1. (4 sc, 1 shell, 2 beads) ch 1, turn.
- 2)--To next tab) Repeat row 1 of lace section until length needed for bracelet. Notice beads if placed as demonstrated will zig zag slightly.

Second tab:

- 1) Sc 11. (it may be hard to see the sts from last bracelet body row, try to evenly space the sc across top to make neat transition)
- 2) Dec 1, sc 7, dec 1 (9 sts) ch 1, turn
- 3) Dec 1, sc 5, dec 1 (7 sts) ch 1, turn
- 4) Dec 1, sc 3, dec 1 (5 sts)
- 5) Dec 1, sc 1, dec 1 (3 sts) fasten off.

Using clear thread or matching thread to bracelet, sew on snaps to tabs to make snap closure.

