



## **Green Bead Soup Crochet Bracelet**

This green bead soup bracelet is one of my favorite things to give as gifts! I hope you enjoy it, too! I've included a few tips and also a few pics along the way to help, but if there are any parts that still seem a little confusing, you know I will answer your questions as quickly and clearly as I can.



Enjoy,

*Nikki, In Stitches*

This entire bracelet is made using a single crochet stitch. It is the most basic crochet stitch. The only difficult part of this bracelet is getting the right tension.

If your stitches are too tight, your beads will be too dense, pile up on themselves, and eventually it will be impossible to continue crocheting. If your stitches are too loose, your beads will come through

to the inside and you will not get the nice full look you're trying to achieve. I try to use a normal tension on rows where I am attaching beads, and a slightly looser tension on



rows that I am just straight single crocheting. This tends to balance out the rows with the density of the beads.

The weight of the beads, along with the fundamental makeup of the single crochet stitch, will cause the bracelet to stretch. Also, depending on the style clasp you wish to use, the bracelet will stretch and even pull some on the ends. Make the bracelet slightly shorter than you normally would. In my case, I only made the bracelet five inches long, but it will fit the average wrist.

## **Materials:**

Size 10 Crochet Thread

US Size 1 Crochet Hook

Large Eyed Beading Needle

Beads in a variety of sizes

Clasp

## **Directions:**

Using the large eyed beading needle, string approximately 40 – 45" of beads. *(Please note, more is better in this case. You don't want to get through all of your beads and realize your bracelet is not long enough. If in doubt, string more.)* Vary the sizes, keeping in mind that you will attach these in groups of two or three. In order to keep the beads from piling up on themselves, try to attach beads in groups of varying sizes, i.e. a large bead with two smaller, two medium sized beads together, etc. I use a variety of beads from the smallest seed beads to large specialty beads. Leave a long tail of thread,

but keep in mind that you will have to continually slide your beads back along the thread as you crochet.

To Begin: Chain 9

Row 1: Single crochet in both loops of the 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook and in each of the next 6 chains, ch1 (to turn). (8 single crochets)

Row 2: Single crochet in each single crochet across, then chain 1 (to turn). (8 single crochets)

Row 3: Single crochet in each single crochet across, then chain 1 (to turn). (8 single crochets)

Alternate the following two rows to reach desired length:

Row A: Single crochet in each single crochet across, attaching 2 or 3 beads to bracelet in each stitch, then chain 1 (to turn). (8 single crochets)

To attach beads:  
Insert hook under  
both loops, slide  
beads towards  
bracelet as far as  
possible. They  
should now be  
touching the  
bracelet itself.  
Wrap the yarn  
over the hook  
and pull up a



loop. Continue single crochet stitch as normal.  
When you yarn over and pull of the loop, you trap  
the beads, and they are now secured to the front of  
the bracelet.

Row B: Single crochet in each single crochet across,  
then chain 1 (to turn). (8 single crochets)

To End: Single crochet three additional rows without  
beads.

Weave in all thread ends.

Attach clasps to each end of bracelet.