

Sizing patterns for your desired result

If you're using a no-finish loom, you can set your warp length to the desired length. On a loom that requires end finishing, the warp should be longer than the desired length of the finished piece as you will need enough thread on each warp end to secure it within the weave. Your loom's directions for use will give recommendations on the matter of securing warp threads.

If your pattern is continuous, weave from one end to the other, of course taking into consideration the finishing method you'll use, discussed later.

The number of woven rows per inch will differ between the various sizes of beads. These are lengths and widths for the most popular sizes:

Length:

Delicas (size 11) 15 rows per inch, 6 rows per centimeter

15° seed beads 16 rows per inch, 7 rows per centimeter

11° seed beads 12.5 rows per inch, 5 rows per centimeter

Width (including warp threads):

Delicas (size 11) 17 beads per inch, 7 beads per centimeter

15° seed beads 20 beads per inch, 8 beads per centimeter

11° seed beads 16 rows per inch, 6.5 beads per centimeter

If you're making a symmetrical weave, it's good practice to start at the center and weave outward. Set up your loom so the weavable length is what you want, then start weaving at the center and work outward. Theoretically you'll end up at the same point on both ends, or at least quite close.

In "Sierra" at right, the desired length of the weave is shown, taking into consideration the 1/4" that the clasp adds to the length. The finished length of this bracelet including the clasp is 6 3/4" (17.2Cm), which is a perfect fit for a 6.5" (16.5cm) wrist. The side-by-side photo and chart are just about the same size, and as you can see far less than the full chart is woven.

EXAMPLE: 6.5" of woven length is needed. 11° seed beads are used. There are 12.5 rows per inch of length with this size bead. Warp your loom so there are about 16 warps per inch.

$6.5 \times 12.5 = 81.5$ rows. Round up or down to the nearest odd-numbered row, in this case 81. You need an odd number of rows because the center row is NOT repeated.

81 rows minus the center row = 80 rows

80 rows divided by 2 = 40 rows on each end outside the center row

