Beaded Cluster Bracelet
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Materials:

       Small amount of 28 gauge silver beading wire.
       Beads in any color and shape. I used beads that were $1/4^{th}$ of an inch in diameter.
       Findings/Clasps of your choice.
       Size 7 (1.65mm) crochet hook

Gauge:

The size of your beads can affect your gauge. With 1/4 inch beads, my finished bracelet was 6 inches long (without the clasps.)

Special Stitches:

Beaded Solomon's Knot (BSK) - This knot is also called the lover's knot. Pull a loop up a little larger than your beads. Push a bead to your hook. Yarn over and pull through loop. Your bead should be a little loose. Insert hook into the loop on the left (that you just created in the last step). This strand/loop will be the one with the bead on it. Yarn over and pull through loop. (2 loops on hook.) Yarn over again and pull through both loops on your hook. One knot completed.

       Essentially, you're just creating a loose chain stitch followed by a single crochet into the back bump/ridge of the chain stitch. If you need additional help, here's a YouTube video of how to do this stitch. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yeNV45URLA   **Note:** The video does NOT include when to add the bead.

Pattern:

Before starting, string 30 beads. If you're looking to ensure certain beads are in certain spots, string the beads you want on the right first, left second, and center last. There will be ten beads in each section.

Row 1: Leave a tail of 3 inches or so. (It should be long enough to attach the clasps when you're done.) Create a slip knot. Ch 2. Sc in 2nd ch from hook. BSK 12 times. Turn.
Row 2: sc in the 5th knot from the hook. 2 BSK, skip next knot, sc in next knot. Repeat from * to end, ending with a sc in final knot. Do NOT turn.
Row 3: 2 BSK, Working in opposite side of row 1, sk 1st knot, sc in next knot. (This will be the same knot you worked a sc in for row two.) *2 BSK, sk next knot, sc in next. Repeat from * to end of row. Ending with sc in final knot. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to attach clasp.

Finishing: Use the tail ends to attach clasps.