

Infinity Gum Wrapper Puzzle Bracelet

A great rainy day project.
Kids can have fun linking the colors together.

Did you save gum wrappers
to fold and piece together in grammar school?
Back in the 60's, it was quite a fad.

I remember trying to collect
enough wrappers to make a necklace.

Some kids made mammoth chains
that would break the Guinness Book of World Records.

Well, this pattern can be pieced together,
and can be as long as you want.

And you don't have to chew
excessive amounts of gum to make one.

You could make a bracelet, a necklace or garland.

It is very easy, and it's great for using up scrap yarn.

And when the links are made, the FUN begins.

Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn ~ 60" (153cm) for one link
~ 20 yards for one bracelet
(I used Sugar n Cream Cotton)

4.5mm (G) hook

Scissor or Snips

Yarn needle

Velcro (cut to fit the width of the Connector Link ~1/4" (~0.6cm))

Or you could use a snap (I used no snag velcro)

Sewing needle and thread

Gauge: Not essential to construction

Size: One Open Link = ~ 2" (~5cm) in length

Abbreviations:

~ = Approximately

Ch(s) = Chain(s)

FO = Fasten Off

Sc = Single Crochet

Ss = Slip Stitch

St(s) = Stitch(es)

US Terminology

Make as many links, in as many colors as you want.

A bracelet that fits my hand takes **11 Links and a Connector**.

A necklace that fits over the head will require about 35 Links or so and a connector.

Garland can be made as long as you want.

And you might want to experiment with other types of yarns and hooks or even crochet thread and a smaller hook.

One Link:

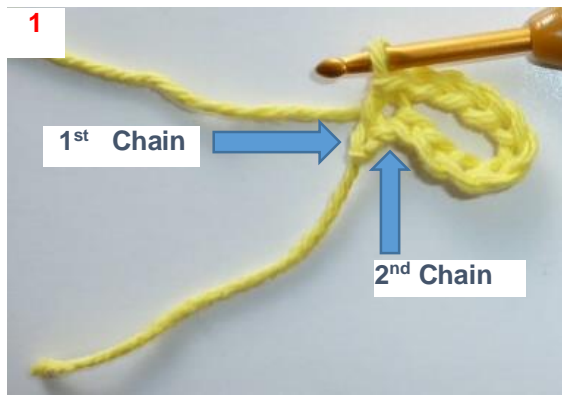
Ch 11, Ss in the 2nd ch made (it will be the 10th ch from the hook). [\[Photo 1\]](#)

Then Ss in the 1st ch (which will be last ch, the 11th ch from the hook). [\[Photo 2\]](#)

Ch 9, Working on the other side of the beg two chs, [\[Photo 3\]](#)

Ss in the 1st ch again and then in the 2nd ch. [\[Photo 4\]](#)





It should now look like an infinity symbol or the number "8" on its side.

Ss in the top loop of each ch and ss around. (9 chs, 2 ss, 9 chs, 2ss / Total = 22 ss) [\[Photo 5\]](#)
FO. Of course you could weave in the ends, but if you plan to make a lot, it could be quite daunting.



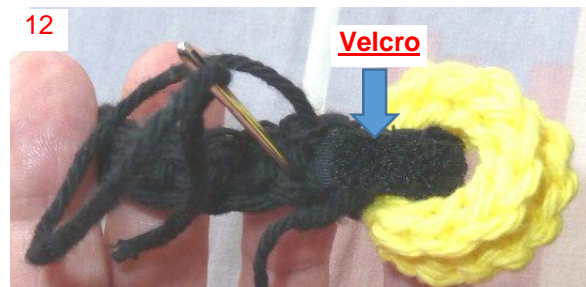
I suggest that you pull the end through the ch-hole directly below the final st to bring it to the back of the work. [\[Photo 6\]](#)
Then tie the fastened-off and beginning ends together with 4 overhand knots.
Be sure to pull the last 2 knots tight to secure. [\[Photo 7\]](#)
Then snip the ends ~ 1/4" or less (~1/2cm). *This will be on the inside and will not show.* [\[Photo 8\]](#)

Connector:

Ch 16, in the Back Ridge-Bump Sc in the 2nd ch and across.
FO with ~ 5" (12 cm) to sew (to connect to the first Link). (15 sc)
Sew a velcro strip [\[Photo 9\]](#) on **opposite sides** of each end.
Follow [Photos 10 -12](#) to attach to a Link.
Place one Link wrong side (knotted side) up,
and the connector-end (the side with the yarn ends and Velcro facing up) next to it.
[\[Photo 10\]](#)

Then with wrong side up weave another Link through the loops.
Continue adding until you have enough for a bracelet or necklace or whatever.





With yarn needle sew the end to the back.



With Velcro side up, insert the connector through the last two loops, fold it over and secure the velcro.