

Stroke of Midnight Bracelet

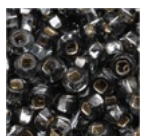
Project B628
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Perfect for a New Years Eve celebration, this chunky style bracelet features a clock face toggle clasp accented by a radiant bead woven focal featuring a Swarovski Crystal bead in the middle and silver lined seed beads surrounding it.



What You'll Need

Czech Seed Beads 8/0 Silver Lined Black Diamond (1 Ounce)



SKU: BCS-8219
Project uses 52 pieces

Gunmetal Plated Heavy Textured Double Round Link Cable Chain 11mm Bulk By The Foot



SKU: CHA-9863
Project uses 6 inches

Antiqued Silver Plated Lead-Free Pewter Clock Toggle Clasp 29mm (1)



SKU: FCL-7145
Project uses 1 piece

Black Finish Pewter Open Oval Jump Rings 6mm 20 Gauge (50)



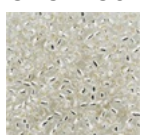
SKU: FJR-6000
Project uses 2 pieces

Black Finish Pewter Open Jump Rings 7.7mm 16 Gauge (25)



SKU: FJR-6001
Project uses 1 piece

Toho Round Seed Beads 11/0 21 'Silver Lined Crystal' 8 Gram Tube



SKU: JSK-0011
Project uses 1 tube

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Crystal 5000 12mm Round Jet Beads (2)



SKU: SWC-0215
Project uses 1 piece

Wildfire Thermal Bonded Beading Thread .008 Inch - Black- 50 Yd



SKU: XCR-8936
Project uses 5 feet

Specialized Tools

Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers



SKU: XTL-5514

English Beading Needles Assortment So Handy



SKU: XTL-3004

BeadSmith Cordless Thread Zap II Thread Burner Tool



SKU: XTL-0106

Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp



SKU: XTL-5700

Instructions:

Note: Before beginning this project decide how long you want your bracelet to be, you will need to know this when you cut your chain. Between 7" - 8" is standard but you might want yours to be a little larger or smaller. Also, if you choose to cut your chain in the first step, please use household wire cutters and not good jewelry flush cutters. This is very strong chain.

1. Begin by cutting your chain. This chain is very sturdy - I found it easier to open the links (they look like they are closed but they are actually open, it just takes some strength to open them) and separate them that way. If you want around a 7" bracelet, then measure and cut approx 6" of chain. Your clasp is going to add another 1.25". Set aside for now.
2. Thread 5 feet of wildfire beading thread onto a size 10 needle. Now please view the video: How to do Circular Brick Stitch Bead Weaving Around a Bead.
3. Following what you learned in the video, do circular brick stitch bead weaving around a 12mm Swarovski crystal round bead in jet black. Create the first two rows in Czech glass seed beads size 8/0 silver lined black diamond. Now Create 3 rows in Toho seed beads size 11/0 silver lined crystal.
4. Next, please watch the video: How to Add a Decorative Beaded Edge to Bead Weaving. Following what you learned in the video, add a decorative edge to the above beaded round. Make the edge so that for each "picot" you string 1 Toho 11/0 seed bead in silver lined crystal, 1 Czech 8/0 seed bead silver lined black diamond, and then another Toho. Bead all the way around your outer edge until you end up back where you started. Tie off your thread.
5. Open a 6mm black finish oval jump ring and thread it through one of the Czech glass seed beads in black diamond which make up your outer edge from the beaded focal above. Close the jump ring.
6. Open a 7.7mm black finish jump ring and link it to the end chain links on one side of your cut chain. Link onto this same jump ring the oval jump ring from the previous step (with the beaded focal attached) as well as the loop at the base of the clock face portion of your toggle clasp. Close the jump ring.
7. Open another 7.7mm black finish jump ring and attach it to the end links on the other side of your chain. Close the jump ring. Open and attach another jump ring to the one you just attached. Close this jump ring as well. Finally, open a third jump ring and attach it to the previously attached jump ring (you just made a little chain) and also link onto it the loop at the base of the bar portion of your toggle clasp. Close this jump ring.
8. All Done! Enjoy!

Variations

This bracelet would look good in a variety of metal finishes or with other colors of seed beads. Let your imagination go wild.

When substituting in items, pay attention to sizes and styles to make sure all your pieces will fit together.

