

Metal Matrix Necklace

Project N8023

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An intriguing fusion of materials and techniques appear in this necklace, blending Picasso Jasper, charm chain, and Czech glass spacer beads. The result is subtle, yet striking!

What You'll Need

Beadalon Silver Plated Crimp Tubes 2x1.8mm 1.3mm ID (75 Beads)

SKU: FCR-1215

Project uses 4 pieces



Antiqued Brass Crimp Bead Covers 3mm (50)

SKU: FCR-1090

Project uses 4 pieces



Antiqued Brass Open Jump Rings 8mm 19 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-5512

Project uses 2 pieces



Soft Flex, 49 Strand Medium Beading Wire .019 Inch Thick, 30 Feet, Satin Silver

SKU: XCR-5193

Project uses 12 inches



Matrix/Picasso Jasper 40mm Large Round Focal Pendant

SKU: SPJA-85

Project uses 1 piece



Matrix/Picasso Black Grey Jasper Round Beads 6mm / 15.5 Inch Strand

SKU: SPJA-166

Project uses 30 beads



Preciosa Czech Glass, Forget Me Not Flower Spacer Beads 5mm, 72 Pieces, Full Gold

SKU: BCP-20508

Project uses 16 beads



Bulk Chain, with 4mm Round Bauble Cluster Links, Sold By The Inch, Antiqued Silver Tone Brass

SKU: CHX-2060

Project uses 3 inches



Bulk Chain, with 4mm Round Bauble Cluster Links, Sold By The Inch, Antiqued Brass

SKU: CHX-2061

Project uses 3 inches



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith

Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5600] Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - For

Cutting Beading Wire, 1 Piece



Instructions

This necklace measures 16 inches total. To modify the length, adjust the number of beads strung on either side respectively.

1. Begin by using pliers to separate your silver charm chain into 5 sections of 4 links each (approximately 1/2 inch). To do this, open every 4th link of chain the same way you would open a jump ring. Close the link. Repeat this step to separate your gold charm chain into five sections of 4 links each.
2. Now open the end link of one silver section of chain, and slide on the end link of a gold section of chain. Close the link. Repeat this step 4 more times to create a connected series of 10 alternating color blocks of silver and gold charm chain, measuring approximately 6.5 inches total (see photo for reference).
3. Next, use flush cutters to cut 6 inches of beading wire. String on one crimp tube, then string on the end link on one side of your reassembled charm chain. Double your beading wire back through the crimp tube, and use a crimping tool to crimp the bead. Clip the extra wire. Then use pliers to attach a crimp cover over your crimp tube.
4. String on 3 jasper beads and two gold Czech glass flower spacer beads. Follow this pattern 3 more times, then add 3 more jasper beads for a total of 15 jasper beads and 8 Czech glass beads.
5. Attach a jump ring on this side of your necklace as follows: string on a crimp tube, then string on the jump ring. Double back through the crimp tube and repeat the crimping process outlined in Step 3 to crimp the bead and attach a crimp cover.
6. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to attach beading wire and string beads onto the opposite side of your charm chain. Attach your clasp on this side of your necklace as follows: string on a crimp tube, then string on the loop of your clasp. Double back through the crimp tube and repeat the crimping process outlined in Step 3 to crimp the bead and attach a crimp cover.
7. To attach your Picasso Jasper pendant, open a jump ring and slide on the loop of your pendant. Also slide on the centermost link of the charm chain on your assembled necklace. Close the jump ring. Enjoy!