

Berkeley Bracelet

Project B681 [Skill Level: Intermediate]

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This trendy wrap bracelet features rich textiles braided together with antique brass ball chain resulting in a wonderfully textured design. If you wanted to, you could also wear this bracelet as a necklace.



What You'll Need

On The Surface Embellishments For The Fiber Artist - Fine Wine Red Mix (24 Yd)

SKU: XCR-48212 Project uses 108 inches

Antiqued Brass Colored Steel Ball Chain 2.4mm - Sold By The Foot SKU: CHA-2003
Project uses 48 inches

Vintaj Natural Brass Open Jump Rings 15mm Heavy 15 Gauge (10)

Antiqued Brass Open Jump Rings 5mm 19 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-5000

Project uses 1 piece

SKU: FJR-5000 Project uses 3 pieces

E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)
SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 tube

Antiqued Brass Plated Swivel Lobster Clasp 32mm (2)

SKU: FCL-8202

Project uses 1 piece

Antiqued Brass Foldover 3mm Cord Ends For Ribbon SKU: FCR-1445
Project uses 6 pieces

Brass Oxide Finish Pewter Peace Sign Charm 15.5mm (2)

SKU: PND-7733

Project uses 1 piece



Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp

SKU: XTL-5700

Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose SKU: XTL-5511

Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex SKU: XTL-5600

Instructions:

Note: You will also need some masking tape for this project.

- 1. Pick out 3 of the On The Surface ribbons from the card. Cut a 36 inch length of each of them.
- 2. Tie a simple knot at the end of your three ribbons (pull the knot tight) and tape the knot to a stable work surface such as your table. Create a 3 strand braid with your 3 ribbons. Braid until you have between an 18 inch and 19 inch braid (this will use up most of your ribbon). Tie a knot on the end.
- 3. Place a small dab of E6000 glue into the well of a fold over crimp. Place a fold over crimp over one of your ribbon knots so that the loose tails are sticking out over the loop. Fold your fold over crimp. Trim the loose ribbon tails so that your crimp looks tidy with the braided ribbon sticking out the base of it and no ribbon sticking out the loop side. Repeat this step on the other end of your braid.
- 4. Cut your 4 feet of ball chain into 2 segments, 2 feet long each. Place a fold over crimp over one end of each of the ball chain lengths.
- 5. Open a 5mm jump ring and connect the two ball chains with crimps and one side of the braid with crimp together. Close the jump ring. Tape the jump ring to your work surface. Create a 3 strand braid with the braided ribbon and the two ball chains.
- 6. When you run out of ribbon to braid, snip your ball chain lengths so that they are even with the ribbon and then place a fold over crimp on each end. Attach these 3 items (the ribbon and two ball chains) together with a jump ring and also link onto this jump ring the loop at the base of your large swivel lobster clasp. Close the jump ring.
- 7. Go back to the other side of your bracelet and open the jump ring on that end. Slide your 15mm jump ring onto the 5mm jump ring. Close the jump ring. Try to wrap the bracelet around your wrist 3 times. If it fits, go on to the next step. If it is too snug, add several jump rings between the jump ring holding your ends together and the 15mm jump ring, create a little chain of jump rings linked together.
- 8. Fold your bracelet in half to find the middle point. At this point open and attach a 5mm jump ring to one of the ball chains. Before closing the jump ring, link onto it the peace charm. Close the jump ring.
- 9. All done!

Variations

Choose a different color of On The Surface ribbon for a variation on this project.

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



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