

Bronze Age Bracelet

Project B7040

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Czech glass satin matte beads glitter in shades of bronze, purple and turquoise, interspersed with Toho demi round seed beads in this multi-strand bracelet. A feast for the eyes!

What You'll Need

Czech Fire Polished Beads, Faceted Round 4mm, 40 Pieces, Satin Matte Bronze

SKU: BCP-00302

Project uses 48 pieces



Czech Fire Polished Beads, Faceted Round 6mm, 25 Pieces, Satin Matte Bronze

SKU: BCP-00306

Project uses 18 pieces



Toho Demi Round Seed Beads, Thin 8/0 (3mm) Size, 7.4 Grams, 702 Matte Dark Copper

SKU: DRO-0026

Project uses 1 tube



Vintaj Natural Brass, Round Fluted Melon Beads 6.3mm, 8 Pieces

SKU: BMB-10206

Project uses 7 pieces



Vintaj Patina Opaque Permanent Ink - Purple Opalite - 0.5 Ounce Bottle

SKU: XTL-9069

Project uses 1 piece



Beadalon Beading Wire Bronze 7 Strand .015 Inch / 30Ft

SKU: XCR-67563

Project uses 30 inches



Antiqued Brass Closed Jump Rings 10mm 18 Gauge (20)

SKU: FJR-4044

Project uses 2 pieces



Economy Antiqued Brass Crimp Beads 2mm x 1.5mm (50)

SKU: FCR-1260

Project uses 6 pieces



Vintaj Natural Brass Tiny Hook And Eye Clasps 21mm (4 Sets)

SKU: FCL-4642

Project uses 1 set



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-5230] Double Notch Crimping Pliers - Works on 2mm And 3mm Crimps, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers,



[XTL-880] ICE Resin, Angled Brushes for ICED Enamels & Paper Sealant, 6 Pack

Instructions

In addition to the materials listed above, you will also need some paper towels for this project. These instructions will make a 7 inch bracelet. For a longer or shorter bracelet, adjust the length of the three beaded strands.

1. Begin by watching our video on how to use Vintaj patinas. Pour out a little bit of opalite patina on your work surface. Use a dry paintbrush to dab the patina sparingly onto one Vintaj fluted brass bead (try not to cover the whole bead in patina). Blot off the excess with a paper towel. Repeat this step with 6 more Vintaj brass beads, so you have 7 beads dappled with patina. Wait a few minutes for the patina to dry.
2. Using flush cutters, cut three 10 inch lengths of bronze beading wire.
3. Take one length of beading wire and string 1 antiqued brass crimp bead and 1 closed brass jump ring. Take your wire back through the crimp bead and pull snug. Crimp the crimp bead using crimping pliers. Leave the wire tail in place to reinforce the strand.
4. String your beads onto the first strand in the following order: 1 Czech glass 4mm bead, 1 Toho demi round bead, 1 Czech glass 4mm bead, 1 Toho demi round bead, 1 Czech glass 6mm bead, 1 Toho demi round bead. Repeat this pattern for 6 inches.
5. String another crimp bead and slide it down to the end of your strung beads. Then string 1 closed brass jump ring. Take the wire back through the crimp bead and pull snug. Crimp the crimp bead using crimping pliers. Cut off the excess wire with flush cutters.
6. Repeat step 3, attaching the second strand of wire to the existing closed jump ring on that side. String your beads onto the second strand in the following order: 1/2 inch of Toho demi round beads, 1 Czech glass 4mm bead, 2 Toho demi round beads, 1 Czech glass 4mm bead, 2 Toho demi round beads. Then string 1 Vintaj brass bead, 2 Toho demi round beads, 1 Czech glass 6mm bead, 2 Toho demi round beads, 1 Czech glass 6mm bead, 2 Toho demi round beads, 1 Czech glass 6mm bead, and 2 Toho demi round beads, and repeat this pattern 2 more times. Then string 1 Vintaj brass bead, 2 Toho demi round beads, 1 Czech glass 4mm bead, 2 Toho demi round beads, 1 Czech glass 4mm bead, and 1/2 inch of Toho demi round beads. (See photo for reference.) Repeat step 5, attaching the other end of the wire to the closed jump ring on that side.
7. Repeat step 3, attaching the third strand of wire to the existing closed jump ring on that side. String your beads onto the third strand in the following order: 1 Czech glass 4mm bead, 1 Toho demi round bead. Repeat this pattern for 6 inches, adding 1 Vintaj brass bead at the 2, 3, and 4 inch marks. Repeat step 5, attaching the other end of the wire to the closed jump ring on that side.
8. Take 1 hook from the Vintaj hook and eye clasp set. Open the loop of the hook the same way you would open a jump ring. Slide it onto the closed jump ring on one side of the bracelet. Close the loop.
9. Take 1 eye closure. Open one of the loops the same way you would open a jump ring. Slide it onto the closed jump ring on the other side of the bracelet. Close the loop.
10. Enjoy your bracelet!