

Healdsburg Bracelet

Project B745

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Featuring Miyuki sharp triangles, Czech tri-cut seed beads, and metal seed beads, this bracelet is full of wonderful texture and dimension. Each type of bead has been simply strung on beading wire and then the 3 strands have been braided.

What You'll Need

Gun Metal Bead/Cord End Caps With Openwork Vine Pattern 10.5x6.5mm (2)

SKU: BMB-6018

Project uses 2 pieces



Gunmetal Plated Curved Lobster Clasps 8mm (10)

SKU: FCL-2511

Project uses 1 piece



Gunmetal Grey Brass Open Eye Pins 21 Gauge 1.5 Inch (x50)

SKU: FHP-6269

Project uses 2 pieces



Beadsmith Black Ox / Gunmetal Crimp Tube Beads 2x2mm (100)

SKU: FCR-1255

Project uses 2 pieces



Gun Metal Plated Closed Jump Rings 5mm 20 Gauge (20)

SKU: FJR-4003

Project uses 2 pieces



Gun Metal Plated Open Jump Rings 6mm 20 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-5224

Project uses 1 piece



Soft Flex, 49 Strand Medium Beading Wire .019 Inch Thick, 10 Feet, Black Onyx

SKU: XCR-5100

Project uses 1 piece



Genuine Metal Seed Beads 11/0 Matte Gilding Metal 13 Grams

SKU: BMS-1112

Project uses 1 tube



Czech Tri-Cut Seed Beads 10/0 'Metallic Gunmetal' (1 Strand/360 Beads)

SKU: BCS-9003

Project uses 1 strand



Miyuki, Sharp Triangle Beads 10/0, 7.5 Grams, Matte Metallic Dark Raspberry

SKU: DBTR-0002

Project uses 1 tube



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5200] Standard Size Beading Crimping Pliers (For 2x2mm & 2x1mm Crimp Beads), [XTL-3000] Bead Stopper- Stop Beads Sliding Off Stringing Material

Instructions

Note: The instructions below make a 7.5" bracelet

1. To begin this bracelet design, cut 3 lengths of beading wire, 12 inches long each.
2. Take one of your lengths of beading wire and place a crimp tube on it. Thread the end through a closed 5mm jump ring and then loop back around through the crimp tube, going the opposite direction. Pull snug so that you have one long tail of 11 inches and one short tail of approximately 1 inch. Crimp the crimp tube and trim off the short tail.
3. String 7 inches of tri-cut seed beads onto the beading wire. Your clasp and attachment method will add some length to your design but the braiding of the strands will reduce some the length. For this design, string on about 1/2" fewer beads than what you want your overall finished length to be. For instance if you want a 7.5 inch bracelet, string on 7 inches of beads. Place a bead stopper on the end, snug up against the beads.
4. Repeat the previous 2 steps using your other 2 lengths of beading wire as well your other 2 types of beads. Make sure to place a bead stopper on the end of each.
5. You should now have 3 strands of beads attached to a closed jump ring. Tape this closed jump ring to your table (or pin it). Create a traditional 3 strand braid with your bead strands.
6. Find a way to secure your braid so it does not become unraveled as you crimp the crimp tubes on each strand to another closed jump ring. I personally taped my braid together, about 1/4" from the end. This stabilized the braid and made it so that I could have my hands free to do the crimping.
7. Carefully crimp each strand of beads to a closed jump ring (1 jump ring for all 3 braids, not 1 jump ring per braid). Trim off excess wire.
8. Open an eye pin (the same way you would open a jump ring) and connect it to one of your jump rings (with bead strands attached). Close the eye pin. Slide one of your cord ends over the eye pin, thus hiding and covering your jump ring and crimp tubes. Begin to make a wrapped wire loop after the cord end but before completing your wraps, slide a closed 6mm jump ring into the loop. Complete your wraps and trim off excess wire with flush cutters.
9. Repeat the previous step but with your lobster clasp instead of your jump ring.
10. Enjoy!