

Poodle Skirt Bracelet

Project B8015

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This connector link bracelet is full of fifties flair and sock hop bling! A poodle skirt color palette of Peony Pink, Ivory Cream, and Dark Grey Swarovski Crystal chatons are set into contrasting black Crystal Clay in TierraCast connector links.

What You'll Need

TierraCast Rhodium Plated Connector Link Plain Bezel Setting For SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS 12mm Rivoli (2)

SKU: FCO-3078

Project uses 8 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 1028 Xilion Round Stone Chatons pp14, 40 Pieces, Metallic Light Gold F

SKU: SWCH-114128

Project uses 24 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 1088 Xirius Round Stone Chatons pp14, 40 Pieces, Rose

SKU: SWCH-51482

Project uses 40 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 1088 Xirius Round Stone Chatons ss39, 6 Pieces, Crystal Ivory Cream

SKU: SWCH-639571

Project uses 2 pieces

Swarovski Crystal, 1088 Xirius Round Stone Chatons ss39, 6 Pieces, Crystal Peony Pink

SKU: SWCH-639574

Project uses 3 pieces

Swarovski Crystal, 1088 Xirius Round Stone Chatons ss39, 6 Pieces, Crystal Dark Grey

SKU: SWCH-639569

Project uses 3 pieces

TierraCast Silver Plated Brass Open Oval Jump Rings 6mm 20 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-5404

Project uses 9 pieces



TierraCast Silver Plated Pewter Large Tapered Toggle Clasp 20mm (1)

SKU: FCL-7087

Project uses 1 piece



Crystal Clay 2-Part Epoxy Clay Kit 'Black' 25 Grams

SKU: TRC-230

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-4004] Beadsmith Magical Rhinestone Pick Up Tool With Cleaning Kit - Great For Placing

Flatback Rhinestones, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose,

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



Instructions

Gloves are recommended for this project. The bracelet measures 8.5 inches total. To modify the length, adjust the number of units prepared.

1. If you have not worked with Crystal Clay before, you may want to watch our video: How to Use Crystal Clay. Using what you have learned in the video, take equal parts of both Part A and Part B. Form a ball that is about 5mm (containing both parts) to fit into the connector link finding.
2. Mix the two parts together in your hands until there is one uniform color with no marbling.
3. Press your mixed clay into the bezel setting of one connector link.
4. Gently try to smooth out any fingerprints by running the tip of your finger lightly over the surface of the clay.
5. Take the beeswax applicator that comes with your Crystal Clay kit or use the Beadsmith Magical Pick, and gently press one 9mm Peony Pink chaton into the center of your clay. Then gently press eight small Metallic Light Gold chatons around the perimeter of your center chaton, starting north-south-east-west, and then pressing the remaining 4 chatons evenly in between to achieve even spacing.
6. To prepare your second link, repeat steps 1-4. Gently press one 9mm Dark Grey chaton into the center of your clay. Then gently press eight small Rose chatons around the perimeter of your center chaton in the same way you did on the first connector link.
7. To prepare your third link, repeat steps 1-4, this time gently pressing one 9mm Ivory Cream chaton into the center of your clay. Then gently press eight small Rose chatons around the perimeter of your center chaton.
8. Prepare the remainder of your links, repeat steps 1-7 to replicate the pattern once. Then repeat steps 5 and 6 to create one additional Peony Pink chaton connector link, and one additional Dark Grey chaton connector link.
9. Let your completed links dry in an upright position for 24 hours.
10. To connect the links, begin by opening one 6mm jump ring and linking it onto the loops of your first and second connector links. Close the jump ring. Repeat this step 6 more times to connect the links in the order described above (see photo for reference).
11. To attach your clasp, open one 6mm jump ring, link it onto the loop of one side of the clasp and the loop at one end of your bracelet. Close the jump ring. Repeat this step to attach the other side of the clasp to the opposite end of the bracelet. Enjoy!