

Woodland Birds Bracelet

Project B8019

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This brass and leather bracelet features a quaint pair of birds embossed in silhouette using the Vintaj BIGkick machine. A complimentary embossed button clasp and brass crimp covers attractively fasten the piece.

What You'll Need

Genuine Leather Cord, Round 2mm, By the Yard, Natural Red

SKU: CHY-2012

Project uses 2 feet



Vintaj Natural Brass Round Spacer Beads / Crimp Covers 4mm (10)

SKU: BMB-4274

Project uses 5 pieces



Vintaj Natural Brass Altered Blank Stamping Large Button 24mm (4)

SKU: PND-7374

Project uses 1 piece



Vintaj Natural Brass Blank Square Connector Panel Link 32mm (1)

SKU: FCO-4652

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-1200] Sizzix BIGkick Die Cut Machine - Vintaj Special Edition - Cut, Emboss, And Etch!,

[XTL-1210] Vintaj DecoEmboss Die For Sizzix Bigkick Machine - Woodland Birds, [XTL-5600]

Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-5511] BeadSmith Jeweller's Micro

Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-2222] Vintaj Metal Relief Block For Filing, Buffing &

Sanding, [XTL-0084] BeadSmith Bracelet Bending Pliers - Gently Curve Bracelets And

Components



Instructions

This bracelet measures 7.5 inches total. To modify the size, adjust the length of leather used on each side respectively.

1. Please watch the video: How to Use the Vintaj Big Kick Machine to Etch and Emboss Metal Stampings. Using what you have learned in the video, take your square connector link and place it into the Vintaj Woodland Birds DecoEmboss Die over the pair of birds in the top center. Position the die onto the BIGkick machine and run it through, as shown in the video.
2. Next, emboss your blank stamping button by placing the button into the Vintaj Woodland Birds DecoEmboss Die over the leaves in the top right. Repeat the above step to run the die through the BIGkick machine.
3. Use the side of your Vintaj Relief Block to buff the raised areas of your connector link and button to show off the detail on both sides.

4. Now take your embossed square connector link and use bracelet bending pliers to bend the link in a slightly convex curve to better fit the wrist (see photo for reference).
5. Using flush cutters, cut 1 foot of leather cord, and attach it onto the left side of your connector link by tying a lark's head knot. Repeat this step on the right side of the connector link.
6. Using pliers, open one brass crimp cover and close it over the two strands of leather cord on the left side of your connector link next to the lark's head knot (see photo for reference). Close the crimp cover. Repeat this step on the right side of the connector link.
7. To create the loop for your button on the left side of your bracelet, measure 2.5 inches from the crimp cover you just attached, and add another crimp cover over both strands of leather cord the same way you did in the above step. Measure another inch along the cord, and repeat this process to add one more crimp cover. Clip the ends of the leather cord to the desired lengths.
8. To attach your button on the right side of your bracelet, measure 3 inches from the crimp cover you just attached, and add another crimp cover over both strands of leather cord the same way you did in the above step.
9. Take your button and string each of the two ends of leather cord through two adjacent holes of the button (see photo for reference). Then tie the remainder of the leather cord into an overhand knot against the opposite side of the button. Clip the ends of the leather cord to the desired lengths. Enjoy your bracelet!