

Thunderbird Gemstone Memory Wire Bracelet

Project B831

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This Southwestern-inspired bracelet features beautiful turquoise and jasper gemstone beads interspersed with detailed TierraCast metal beads and then finished off with a striking thunderbird charm. The core of the bracelet is memory wire which allows this bracelet to adjust to any wrist size.

What You'll Need

Gemstone Beads, Turquoise Magnesite, Rondelle 6x2.3mm, 15.5 Inch Strand

SKU: SPTU-09007

Project uses 1 strand



Gemstone Beads, Leopard Skin Jasper, Cube 4x4mm, 16 Inch Strand

SKU: SPJA-08053

Project uses 1 strand



TierraCast Pewter Charm, Thunderbird 19mm, 1 Piece, Antiqued Silver Plated

SKU: PND-0011

Project uses 1 piece



Bright Silver Color Bracelet Memory Wire 12 Loops

SKU: WXM-020

Project uses 6 loops



Silver Plated Open Jump Rings 4mm 21 Gauge Thick (100)

SKU: FJR-5140

Project uses 1 piece



TierraCast Antiqued Silver Plated Pewter Beaded Spacer Beads 3x3mm (50)

SKU: BMB-3142

Project uses 13 pieces



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5610] Xuron Memory Wire Cutters Cutting Pliers -Strong & Easy, [XTL-7213] BeadSmith

Simply Modern Series, Round Nose Pliers, 4.75 Inches Long, [XTL-7218] BeadSmith Simply

Modern Series, Chain Nose Pliers, 4.75 Inches Long



Instructions

Note: Only use memory wire cutters to cut memory wire. It is exceptionally strong wire and it will damage traditional jewelry making cutters.

1. Begin this project by watching the video: How to Make a Memory Wire Bracelet using Czech Fire Polished Glass Beads. Your project will be using different beads, but the technique for finishing the memory wire ends, stringing the beads, and adding the charm will be exactly the same.

2. Cut your 12 loop memory wire in half so that you have 6 complete loops.

3. Finish one end of the memory wire with a loop.
4. String on 3 jasper cubes, 9 turquoise rondelles, 3 jasper cubes, and 1 metal bead. Repeat this sequence 13 times or until you reach almost the end of your memory wire. Make sure to leave approximately 1/4 inch of memory wire after the last bead. Create another loop to finish this end and keep your beads from falling off.
5. Open a jump ring and link it to your charms as well as one of the loops. Close the jump ring.
6. All done!
7. Enjoy!