

Breezy Bay Necklace

Project N204

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The pastel colors of the faceted glass beads in this unique wire-wrapped pendant call to mind bits of weathered, smooth sea glass picked up on a beach one summer vacation, a long time ago.

NOTE: The briolette bead used in this project has been discontinued and a slightly different briolette has replaced it. The overall look of the necklace will not change much, but the briolette bead will differ slightly from the photo.



What You'll Need

Vintaj Natural Brass 3.5mm Round Rolo Chain - Bulk By The Foot

SKU: CHA-7190
Project uses 3 feet

Antiqued Copper Plated Curb Chain 4mm Bulk By The Foot

SKU: CHA-9675
Project uses 1 foot

Ring Sizing Mandrel Light Weight Plastic Size 1-15

SKU: XTL-9020
Project uses 1 piece

Vintaj Natural Brass Etched Jump Rings 9.5mm Heavy 14 Gauge (10)

SKU: FJR-5395
Project uses 2 pieces

Vintaj Natural Brass Jump Rings 5.25mm Open 18 Gauge (20)

SKU: FJR-5352
Project uses 2 pieces

Antiqued Brass Open Jump Rings Oval 3x4mm 21 Gauge x100

SKU: FJR-3907
Project uses 5 pieces

Glass Faceted Heart Cut Briolette Beads 13x13mm - Opalite (4)

SKU: BCP-11044
Project uses 1 piece

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Flat Crystal Briolette Beads 6012 11x10mm

Aquamarine (2)
SKU: SWC-4322
Project uses 5 pieces

Misty Green Opal Glass Faceted Round Beads 4mm - 15.5 Inch Strand

SKU: BGL-7716
Project uses 12 pieces

Aluminum Craft Wire Silver Color 12 Gauge 39 Feet (11.8 Meters)

SKU: WCR-4130
Project uses 4 inches

Tarnish Resistant Silver Color Copper Wire 24 Gauge 30 Yards (27.4 Meters)

SKU: WNT-2430
Project uses 10 feet

Artistic Wire Antique Brass Color Craft Wire 24 Gauge - 20 Yards

SKU: WCR-4201
Project uses 5 feet

Specialized Tools

Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex

SKU: XTL-5600

Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers

SKU: XTL-5514

Instructions:

1. Cut five pieces of the antiqued copper curb chain; one at five links long, two at four links long, and two at three links long. Set these aside.
2. Cut five pieces of silver color 24 gauge wire at one and a half feet long each. Use each piece of wire to create a wire-wrapped cap on each of the five aqua glass briolettes.
3. Use the small, oval antiqued brass jump rings to connect each of the five wire wrapped briolettes to each of the five pieces of antiqued copper curb chain. Set these danglers aside.
4. Cut a piece of silver colored 12 gauge aluminum wire at four inches long. Wrap the aluminum wire around the ring mandrel, right around the widest point of the mandrel.
5. Using the widest point of your round nose pliers, gently bend the two ends of the wire down and away from the center, until the end meets back up with the round part of the wire, creating two large loops.
6. Cut about eight feet of the 24 gauge antiqued brass wire. Anchor the end of the brass wire around the aluminum wire, just underneath one of the large loops.
7. Tightly and closely wrap the brass wire all the way around the aluminum wire shape, until it reaches the loop on the other side.
8. Onto the brass wire thread a 4mm misty green opal faceted round bead, an opalite glass faceted briolette, and another 4mm misty green opal faceted round bead.
9. Wrap your brass wire tightly a few times on the other side of the aluminum wire shape, stretching the three beads across the opening.
10. On top of the already wire wrapped aluminum, wire wrap a second layer, consisting of five, tightly wrapped 4mm misty green opal faceted round beads.
11. After you have wrapped on the final 4mm bead, wire wrap onto the aluminum form, the five pieces of antiqued copper chain with the briolette danglers, starting with the shortest, with the longest in the center. (See photograph)
12. Finish wrapping the other half of the aluminum shape with five more 4mm green opal faceted round beads. Anchor the brass wire onto the aluminum form, just under the other large loop.
13. Cut a piece of antiqued brass rolo chain at roughly twenty seven inches long. Affix a 5.25mm antiqued brass jump ring to each end of the rolo chain.
14. Open two large, twisted antique brass jump rings. Use one to attach the small jump ring at one end of the rolo chain to the large loop on one side of the wire wrapped pendant, and use the other one to attach the other end of the rolo chain to the other large loop on the wire wrapped pendant. Close both jump rings once again.