

Papillon Necklace

Project N692 [Skill Level: Intermediate]
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Pretty butterflies grace the front of an ornately detailed Nunn Design bezel pendant in this fetching necklace. Accenting the blue color of the center butterfly is a SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystal heart in striking Bermuda Blue.



What You'll Need

Nunn Design Antiqued Copper Plated Chain Flat Cable 4mm By The Ft
SKU: CHA-9811
Project uses 3 feet

Genuine Antiqued Copper Head Pins 22 Gauge 2 Inches (24)
SKU: FHP-1048
Project uses 1 piece

Crystal Clay 2-Part Epoxy Clay Kit 'Violet' 25 Grams
SKU: TRC-250
Project uses 1 piece

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Crystal Heart Pendant 6228 10mm Bermuda Blue (6)
SKU: SWBB-61040
Project uses 1 piece

Nunn Design Glue Adhesive 2 oz. - For Patera Findings (1)
SKU: XTL-1031
Project uses 1 piece

Nunn Design Sealant Protectant 2 oz. - For Patera Findings (1)
SKU: XTL-1032
Project uses 1 piece

Nunn Design Collage Sheet Butterflies - Fits Channel Beads (1 Half Sheet)
SKU: XTL-9560
Project uses 1 piece

Nunn Design Ant. Copper Plated Rectangle Rope Edge Bezel Pendant 24.5x42mm (1)
SKU: PND-6846
Project uses 1 piece

Specialized Tools

Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp
SKU: XTL-5700

Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose
SKU: XTL-5511

Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers
SKU: XTL-5514

Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex
SKU: XTL-5600

Instructions:

NOTE: For this project I wanted to build up the bezel cavity so that the image was not so inset. I used DeCoRe epoxy clay to build up the backing, but you can also use resin, Amazing Glaze, or another filler that you might have around.

1. Before starting this project, please watch the video: How to Use Crystal Clay. From what you learned in the video, mix up an approximately pea size amount of clay and then press it into your bezel setting. You want it to go almost to the top of the bezel setting but definitely not over the edge. Press it into place and try to create as flat and even of a surface as possible. Make sure that it does not obstruct the decorative rope edge of the bezel. Let cure overnight.
2. Take your Nunn Design butterfly collage sheet and locate the image featured in this project. Cut that image out of the main sheet and then carefully cut it down to size so that it fits on top of the epoxy clay bed and is within the confines of the decorative rope edge of the bezel setting. Spread a layer of Nunn Design glue onto the backside of the image and then flip over and glue on top of the epoxy clay in the bezel. Let dry.
3. Paint 3 coats of Nunn Sealant on top of your image. Let dry thoroughly.
4. Take your 3 feet of Nunn Design antique copper plated flat cable chain and open one of the end links (the same way you would open a jump ring) and connect it to the loop at the top of the bezel pendant. Close the link. Repeat this step with the other end of your chain, again attaching it to that loop at the top of the bezel pendant.
5. Take an antique copper jump ring and place onto it one of your SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystal heart pendants in Bermuda blue (colorful side down towards the head). Once the heart is on the head pin and slid to the base, bend the back of the head pin wire upwards so that it creates a 90 degree angle and sticks up between the two curves of the heart top. Create a wrapped wire loop so that it sits close to the heart crystal and then snip off excess wire with flush cutters.
6. Look at your pendant and chain. On one side of the chain, starting from the point where the chain connects to the pendant via the loop, count 3 chain links. Open this third chain link, don't let any of the chain length slip off, and slip your heart dangle that you made in the previous step onto the link (via the wrapped wire loop). Close the chain link.
7. Enjoy!

Variations

Try making this pretty necklace in a different metal finish.

When substituting in items, pay attention to sizes and styles to make sure all your pieces will fit together.



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