

Leopard Print Crystal Necklace

Project N7038

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If you've got a soft spot for fierce prints, this pave leopard print necklace is the accessory for you. Swarovski crystal chatons in glittering golden hues complete the look.

What You'll Need

Swarovski Crystal, 1028 Xilion Round Stone Chatons pp10, 50 Pieces, Golden Shadow

SKU: SWCH-11008

Project uses 89 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 1088 Xirius Round Stone Chatons pp14, 40 Pieces, Golden Shadow F

SKU: SWCH-51408

Project uses 29 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 1028 Xilion Round Stone Chatons pp10, 50 Pieces, Topaz

SKU: SWCH-11071

Project uses 49 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 1028 Xilion Round Stone Chatons pp10, 50 Pieces, Jet UNF

SKU: SWCH-11015

Project uses 73 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 1088 Xirius Round Stone Chatons pp14, 40 Pieces, Jet Unfoiled

SKU: SWCH-51415

Project uses 28 pieces



Nunn Design Antiqued Gold Plated Pewter Bezel Large Round Framed Pendant 1 1/4

SKU: PND-6552

Project uses 1 piece



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

SKU: TRC-238

Project uses 1 piece



Gold Plated Bulk Chain, Oval Long and Short Links 4.5-8mm, Sold By The Foot

SKU: CHA-0116

Project uses 18 inches



22K Gold Plated Open Jump Rings 5mm 20 Gauge (100)

SKU: FJR-5250

Project uses 3 pieces



Nunn Design Antiqued 24kt Gold Plated Lobster Clasps 15mm (2)

SKU: FCL-7525

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex

Instructions

These instructions will make an 18 inch necklace. For a longer or shorter necklace, adjust the length of chain used.

1. First, watch our video on how to use Crystal Clay.
2. Following what you learned in the video, put on the gloves that come with your Crystal Clay. Pinch off 1/4 of the gold clay that comes in the packet and 1/4 of the binder, and mix together until blended.
3. Place the clay into the bezel of your pendant and gently press it into place. Roll your finger across the surface of the clay to make sure it is spread evenly throughout the bezel, and to remove any fingerprints.
4. Using the beeswax tip applicator that comes with the Crystal Clay, place the Swarovski crystal chatons into the clay according to the leopard pattern shown in the photo -- or however you like. (Tip: You will want to get all of your crystal chatons placed in 1 hour or less, before the clay dries out too much to work with easily.)
5. Let the clay cure for 14 to 16 hours, or overnight.
6. Cut an 18 inch length of gold chain.
7. Open a jump ring. Slide on the loop of your leopard print pendant, and also slide it through a link of chain at the center of your length of chain. Close the jump ring.
8. Open another jump ring. Slide on the last link of chain on one side of the necklace, and the loop of your clasp. Close the jump ring.
9. Open another jump ring. Slide on the last link of chain on the other side of the necklace. Close the jump ring.
10. Enjoy your necklace!