

Enchanted Woods Necklace

Project N710 [Skill Level: Intermediate]
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This captivating mixed media design features an unlikely color palette of antique copper, grey, and white. The shimmery silver mica powder added to the Crystal Clay lends a misty mystical feel to the piece.



What You'll Need

Nunn Design Antiqued Copper Plated Chain Flat Cable 4mm By The Ft
SKU: CHA-9811
Project uses 24 inches

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS 1088 Xilion Round Stone Crystal Chatons
pp24/3.1mm Crystal F (36)
SKU: SWCH-52400
Project uses 13 pieces

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Silver Plated Rhinestone Cup Chain 24PP Black
Diamond - FT.
SKU: CHA-2020
Project uses 2.25 inches

Crystal Clay 2-Part Epoxy Clay Kit 'White' 25 Grams
SKU: TRC-251
Project uses 1 piece

Crystal Clay Sparkle Dust - Mica Powder 'Silver' 1.5g
SKU: XTL-1155
Project uses 1 piece

Nunn Design Antiqued Copper Plated Pewter Bezel Heart Toggle Pendant 2 1/8
Inch
SKU: FCL-7152
Project uses 1 piece

Vintaj Artisan Copper Craftmans Vine Pendant 38mm x 27mm (1)
SKU: PND-7459
Project uses 1 piece

E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)
SKU: XTL-1054
Project uses 1 piece



Specialized Tools

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

Beadsmith Magical Rhinestone Pick Up Tool With Cleaning Kit - Great For
Placing Flatback Rhinestones
SKU: XTL-4004

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

Instructions:

Please note you will also need a soft paint brush for this project.

1. First cut your rhinestone cup chain so that it is 12 rhinestone links long. Place this chain length into your heart toggle, stones facing up, and move it so that it surrounds the interior rim of the toggle hole. See picture.
2. Please watch the video: How to Use Crystal Clay.
3. Based upon what you learned in the video, mix up a grape size amount of Crystal Clay - using equal amounts of Part A and Part B. Carefully divide this mixed clay into 3 portions - 2 balls to fill the arcs of the heart and a cone shape for the bottom of the heart. You might find that you have too much clay and will need to pinch some off and not use it. Carefully press the clay portions into you heart toggle making sure not to cover up the rhinestone cup chain that is sitting in there. Spread out the clay with your fingers until it fills the heart and presses against the rhinestone chain (this will keep the rhinestone chain in place). Try to smooth it out so that the clay is even.
4. Take your Vintaj Artisan Copper vine pendant and use it like a stamp to make impressions in the clay. There is no right or wrong way to do this, you are just adding interesting texture and design. If you are really unhappy with how it looks, use your fingers to smooth the clay over and then stamp some more (or leave it smooth).
5. Use the Magical Pick to pick up and place 13 SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystal chatons on the outside rim of your embedded rhinestone cup chain - one chaton in the space between each of the cup chain rhinestones. See photo.
6. Take a soft paint brush and paint Sparkle Dust mica powder in silver over the entire surface of the clay. Try to hold the piece over the tub of powder so the excess flakes off and can go back into the container.
7. Let cure overnight.
8. Your chain consists of a series of open chain links, meaning that they work just like jump rings. Connect both ends of the chain to the top loop of the heart toggle. No clasp is needed, this chain will just slip over your head.
9. The final step is adding the Vintaj vine pendant. Place the pendant on your clay filled heart and gently press it to mimic the shape of the heart - you just want to bend it slightly so that it looks like it is draping over the heart. When you are happy with the shape, flip the vine over and place dabs of E6000 glue on the underside. Now put back in place on top of the heart and press into place, making sure there are points of contact with the E6000. Now place a small amount of E6000 into the hole in the vine pendant and place a SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystal chaton into the glue. Let dry.
10. All done! Enjoy.

Variations

Try filling your Nunn Designs heart toggle with other colors of Crystal Clay.

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



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