

Carnelian Caged Cabochon Necklace

Project N8045

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A standard and versatile wire wrapping technique is used to capture this 40x30mm oval carnelian cabochon with no need for glue or drilled holes. This design can be applied to various shapes and sizes of cabochons; choose your favorite and get started!

What You'll Need

Carnelian Gemstone Oval Flat-Back Cabochons 40x30mm (1 Piece)

SKU: SPCB-2143

Project uses 1 piece



Beadsmith Silver Plated Copper German Bead Wire Craft Wire 18 Gauge/1.1mm (4 Meters / 13.1 Feet)

SKU: WCR-4404

Project uses 3 feet



Beadsmith Silver Plated Copper German Bead Wire Craft Wire 22 Gauge/.6mm (10 Meters / 32.8 Feet)

SKU: WCR-4412

Project uses 9 inches



Bright Silver Plated Round Rolo Chain 3mm Bulk By The Foot

SKU: CHA-9970

Project uses 19.5 inches



Nunn Design Silver Plated Lobster Clasps 12mm (2)

SKU: FCL-7523

Project uses 1 piece



Silver Plated Open Jump Rings 5mm 20 Gauge (x100)

SKU: FJR-5150

Project uses 2 pieces



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5037] Beadsmith Budget 2 Piece Mandrel Set - Wire Looping Tool - 10 Different Diameters, [XTL-5671] Wubbers Classic Series Wide Flat Nose Duckbill Pliers - 7mm Wide Jaws, [XTL-0034] Wubbers Classic Series Round Nose Quality Jeweller's Pliers, [XTL-0020] Baby Wubbers Quality Fine Chain Nose Jeweller's Pliers, [XTL-5600] Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - For Cutting Beading Wire, 1 Piece



Instructions

These instructions will make a 20 inch necklace. For a longer or shorter necklace, choose your desired length of chain.

1. Please start by watching the video: How to Make a Caged Wire Wrapped Cabochon. This video shows the technique you will be using to wire wrap your 40x30mm cabochon. However, you will be using different gauges and lengths of wire as specified in the steps below.

2. Use flush cutters to cut the following lengths of craft wire: three 12 inch lengths of 18 gauge wire, and three 3 inch lengths of 20 gauge wire.
3. Follow along with the video to assemble the frame for your cabochon by wire wrapping the two gauges of wire together as shown. To achieve this design, you will be shaping the wire to fit around your cabochon so that the oval lies horizontally (see photo for reference). Note: the same technique will also work if you prefer to orient your cabochon vertically.
4. Wire wrap the bail and spiral embellishments for your pendant as shown in the video.
5. Once you have completed wire wrapping your cabochon, cut 19.5 inches of rolo chain.
6. To attach your clasp: Use pliers to open a 5mm jump ring and slide on one end link of your chain. Also slide on the loop of your clasp. Close the jump ring.
7. Now slide the bail of your cabochon onto the chain.
8. Open another jump ring and slide on the opposite end link of your chain. Close the jump ring. All done!

This wire wrapping technique can be applied to various shapes and sizes of cabochons by simply adjusting the gauges and lengths of wire as described in the video.