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Letter from the Editors

Hello Jewelry Fans,

It's that time of year again! Jingle bells, snowflakes, and Christmas lights will not be escapable. Why not get in on the fun and show off your holiday spirit? That's exactly why we put together this eBook of free Christmas projects that you can make for yourself and gift ideas you can make for your friends and family. Let's face it, there's nothing better than getting a thoughtful hand-made gift, so use some of these project ideas to give someone in your life something special and unique. Either way, we hope you find something fun and festive to put you in the best holiday spirits this year!

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Easy Candy Cane Earrings

By: <u>eeBeads.com</u>

Want a cute and simple way to show off your holiday spirit? These earrings are just what you need! They will take almost no time to put together and everyone will compliment you on them at your next Christmas party!

Materials:

- 2 Pkgs. White Opaque Rounds, 4mm
- 2 Pkgs. MT Ruby AB Rounds
- 1 Pkg. Silver Plated 2 inch Thick Head Pins
- 1 Pkg. Silver Plated Flat French Hook Ear
- 1 Pkg. Silver Plated Jump Rings, 4mm

Round nose pliers

Instructions:

- 1.) Open a jump ring, insert an ear wire and close the jump ring. Set this to the side.
- 2.) Take a Head Pin and thread your rounds in this sequence: one Ruby, one White, one Ruby, one White, one Ruby, one White, one Ruby, now the jump ring, then one White, one Ruby and one White. Using Round Tip Pliers, bend the Head Pin to form a very tiny loop at the end to keep the beads in place.
- 3.) To form the curve in the candy cane, use your hands and gently bend the Head Pin downward until you're satisfied with the shape.
- 4.) Repeat to complete the other earring. Enjoy!
- 5.) The pattern of double ring chain continues as follows: orange, pink, green, pink and orange. Continue attaching rings alternating side to side until you reach the final pair of orange rings on each side (there will be two extra orange rings.)

Christmas Crystal Hugs Bracelet

By: Marilyn Gardiner

This pretty crystal bracelet is going to add just the perfect touch of holiday spirit and elegance to your wrist. Make one for yourself or give one as a gift!

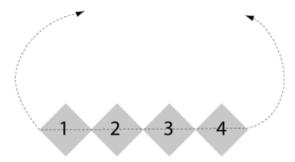


Materials:

- 36 of 6 mm Swarovski bicone crystals
- 36 of 4 mm Swarovski bicone crystals
- 36 of 3 mm Swarovski bicone crystals
- 15-1 Seed Beads
- 2 small, heavy Jump Rings
- 1 Clasp in a silver or gold color
- Thread: Nymo D or equivalent
- Needles: size 10 & size 12

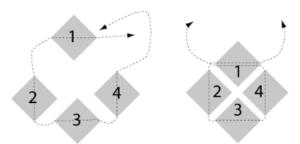
Instructions:

- 1.) Measure off about 1.5 yards of thread. Optional: wax it or condition with Thread Heaven. Stretch it in sections to remove kinks.
- 2.) Thread a needle and add 4 medium crystals (#1, 2, 3, 4). Slide the crystals to the center of the thread and thread a second needle on the other end of the thread.

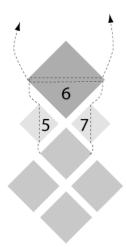


3.) Pass the second needle through crystal #4 so that it is going in the opposite direction to the first thread. This makes a circle. See the diagram.

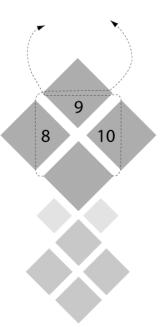




- 4.) Arrange the crystals so they are in the middle of the thread. When working with 2 needles it is helpful if you are working on a thick surface such as a bead mat so that you can "park" the needle you aren't using by sticking it into the fabric on your left or on your right.
- 5.) With the left needle "L" add a small and a large crystal, #5 & #6. Park L.
- 6.) Pick up the right needle "R" and add a small crystal, #7. Pass this needle through the large crystal in the opposite direction to make a circle (just as you did in step 2). Park R.



- 7.) With the left needle "L" add 2 large crystals, #8 & #9. Park L.
- 8.) Pick up the right needle "R" and add a large crystal, #10. Pass this needle through the end crystal you added with L, going in the opposite direction, to make a circle (just as you did in steps 2 & 3). Park R.



- 9.) With the left needle L add 1 small crystal and 1 medium crystal, #11 & # 12. Park L.
- 10.) Pick up the right needle R and add a small crystal, #13. Pass this needle through the end crystal you added with L, going in the opposite direction, to make a circle (just as you did in steps 1 & 2. Park R.

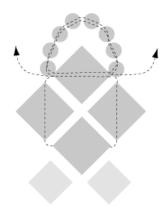


- 11.) With the left needle "L" add 2 medium crystals. Park L.
- 12.) Pick up R and add a medium crystal. Pass this needle through the end crystal you added with L, going in the opposite direction, to make a circle (just as before). Park R.





- 13.) Repeat steps 2 to 5 for the length of the bracelet. Leave 1 inch for the clasp. (The finished length of an average-sized bracelet is about 7.25".) End with a medium sized crystal, either step 4 or step 5, whichever works best to end up with a bracelet length that fits.
- 14.) The end horizontal crystal should have a thread coming from each hole. With R pick up 8 seed beads and pass through the end crystal to make a loop of beads. Park R.
- 15.) Pick up L and pass through the seed beads and the crystal. Park L.



16.) Using one needle at a time, pass through crystals in an "S" pattern, following the original thread path. See the diagram. Your goal is to tighten up the tension of the beads and to reinforce and strengthen the stitching. Use one needle and move through several crystals, stopping at a horizontal crystal. Then pick up the other needle and stitch until the L & R threads exit different sides of the same horizontal crystal. Tighten the thread. Continue in this manner until you reach the last crystal at the other end.





- 17.) Add a loop of 8 seed beads following the instructions in step 7.
- 18.) Stitch with both needles, just like step 8 back to the other end, continuing to tighten & strengthen.
- 19.) Open a jump ring with pliers. Slip the jump ring through a loop of beads and the small ring at the end of a clasp half. Close the jump ring. Repeat for the other half of the clasp. Make sure the bracelet is not twisted before you close the second jump ring.



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Easy Memory Wire Bracelet

By: Bead Studio

Love giving handmade gifts to your friends and family? Here's a simple project that will allow you to quickly make some unique handmade gifts for everyone on your list.



Materials:

- Bracelet Memory Wire
- 2 Headpins
- Assorted Glass Beads
- Seed Beads to match Assortment
- Spacer Beads
- Hard Wire Cutters
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Round Nose Pliers
- Rubber Earring Back

Instructions:

1.) Cut the memory wire so that there is a 1-2" overlap on the ring. It is important to use the hard wire cutters on memory wire as they will damage the cutting blade of regular wire cutters.



2.) Place a rubber earring back about 1/2" from the end of the wire on one side. This will allow you to add beads and design your bracelet without being fully committed.





3.) Add beads as desired. I usually focus on the 3" that are in the center and then fill in the sides with the seed beads. You can switch the rubber stopper from one side to the other as needed. Make sure you leave about 1/2" on each side for finishing.



4.) Use the round nose or chain nose pliers to turn the end of the wire into a loop. We usually make loops with the round nose, but this is the one exception to where you may need to use a chain nose, as the wire is so firm you need to get all the leverage you can get. (this step will need to have an adults help) For comfort turn the wire away from the circle, that way it does not dig in to the wrist when worn and the added baubles hang right.



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5.) Add a couple of beads to the headpins and make a simple loop with the round nose pliers, attach to the loop on the memory wire bracelet for a nice accent.



Stamped Metal Let it Snow Necklace

By: Cindy Morris for Rings & Things

Snow isn't always everyone's favorite part of winter, but you have to admit it is one of the prettiest. Make this pretty stamped pendant as a gift for a friend in hopes of a white Christmas.



Materials:

- 1"x 1" 24-gauge sheet metal, sterling silver
- 1 25mm Swarovski® crystal snowflake pendant, crystal/aurora borealis
 - 1 Large triangle bail, sterling silver
 - 2 5.9mm round jump rings, Argentium® sterling

silver

1 1.2mm 20" faceted ball chain necklace, sterling

silver

- Flat-nose pliers
- Shears (#69-230)
- Letter stamps
- Hole punch

Instructions:

- 1.) Cut the 24-gauge sterling sheet into a 1"x 1"square.
- 2.) Use your letter stamps with an ink pad and a piece of paper to pre-layout your script. Plan your letter layout and spacing for your metal tag.
- 3.) File the corners and any rough edges and punch hole(s) into tag and flatten.
- 4.) Line up the first stamp. In a standing position, hold the stamp perpendicular to the metal tag. With a utility hammer, strike the stamp firmly just once, straight down with one hard hammer blow. Repeat for each letter until your word or phrase is complete.
- 5.) Attach the round jump rings to the holes punched in the top, and slide on the ball chain necklace.
- 6.) Attach the crystal snowflake to the pendant using a triangle bail.

It's Easy Being Green Necklace and Earrings

By: Vicki O'Dell for Consumer Crafts

The bright green colors in this necklace and earrings set make it a fun gift that can be worn so many different ways. Besides sets are the best to give because you're giving two gifts that can be worn together or separately!



Materials:

- Boho Collection™ 6 inch Green leaf chain with beads GG-026
- Boho Collection™ 18 inch Antique copper chain (both pieces) GG-034
- Boho Collection™ antique copper rings GG-040
- Precision pliers set 1995-14
- Boho Collection™ 6 inch chain with open circle beads GG-024
- Boho Collection™ antique copper earring findings GG-039
- Precision pliers set 1995-14

Instructions:

- 1.) Disassemble the 6 inch green leaf chain so that all of the beads are separate, but still on their original eye pins. Center the green leaf bead on one of the 18 inch chains and attach with a jump ring.
- 2.) Cut 5 lengths of chain 10-16 links long each one a different length from the second chain. Attach to the bottom of the leaf with a jump ring.





3.) Attach another jump ring to the jump ring that holds the leaf onto the necklace. Add one of the brown etched beads to this ring.



4.) Attach two more brown etched beads to this jump ring in the same way. Alternately, you could attach these beads to different links in the chain, or use the turquoise beads instead, depending on your preference.





5.) For the earrings, remove the green hoop beads from the packaging and from the attached eye pins. Attach a simple loop to one half of the loop.



6.) Attach an earring wire to complete.





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Beaded Christmas Tree Earrings

By: Kathleen Rice for Rings and Things

What's better to get you in the mood for Christmas than a Christmas tree? These pretty beaded earrings are gorgeous and not over-the-top like some Christmas tree earrings can be. Just enough to make you think about all the wonderful presents that will be sitting under it!



Materials:

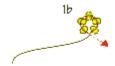
- Japanese Seed Beads, size 11/0 Bronze
- Japanese Seed Beads, size 11/0 Topaz SL
- Japanese Seed Beads, size 11/0 Emerald
- Japanese Seed Beads, size 11/0 assorted
- 2 yd. Nymo Cord
- 1 ea. Needle, size 12 "Sharp"
- 1 pr. Plated Brass Earwires Gold Plate

Instructions:

- 1.) Using half the cord, string needle.
- a. Now string 5 Topaz beads (Group 1) and push to the end of the cord, leaving about 1½ inches available for tying off.



b. Run the needle back through these 5 "base" beads, forming them into a circle.



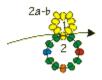
c. String one Topaz bead, and go through the next already strung Topaz in the circle from 1b. Then pick up another Topaz and go through the next "base" bead in the circle. Manipulate the old cord



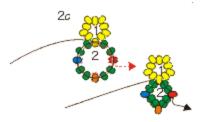
to the inside of the circle and start pulling everything tight so that the newly added bead sticks out past the others. These will be the points of the star.



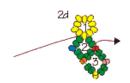
- d. Continue picking up a bead until there are 10 total in the circle, one strung between every other "base" bead. Make sure to push the points out above the "base" beads. Finish by going back through the 1st bead on the strand.
- 2.) Starting the Tree: Some steps can be tricky... add beads carefully, and go in the correct directions. The "base" beads of the tree are Emerald beads. When it says to string a colored bead, use any color except Bronze. Bronze is for the stand. Make sure that as the tree forms, the colors of the assorted beads (ornaments) are spread out.
- a. String 2 Emeralds, 1 colored, 2 Emeralds, 1 colored, 2 Emeralds, another colored, and 2 more Emeralds. This will be Group 2.
- b. String into the bottom point of the star, stringing to the right, or clockwise. (You may need to flip your piece over to string clockwise).



c. String back into all the *Emerald* "base" beads but <u>not</u> the colored ones. Again push the colored beads out like in step 1c. End with the needle coming out of first colored bead strung (the one on the right).

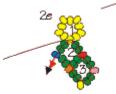


d. Group 3: String 2 Emeralds, 1 colored, 2 Emeralds, another colored bead, and 2 more Emeralds. (Note: You added less beads for this group (6 emerald, 2 colored), because you will also use 2 Emeralds and 2 colored beads that are already part of Group 2.) Now thread into the bottom. Now thread into the bottom colored point of Group 2, up into the 2 Emeralds to the right, then again into the right side point which is now also the top point of Group 3.

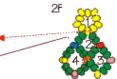


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e. String around Group 3 again, pushing out the colored beads like in step 2c. Remember not to go into the colored ones. Now string cord up through all the beads up to the bottom point of the star (Group 1) and down the left side of Group 2, coming out of the left side colored bead



f. Group 4 is strung to the left and around. Again this group has only 6 Emerald "base" and 2 colored beads of its own. (Make sure the first colored bead you add, is a different color than the far right bead from step 2d.) String around again to push out points and end cord at the top of Group 2. Tie a knot with the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of cord. As you carefully trim the remaining $1\frac{1}{2}$ " piece, do not trim the piece that has your needle attached.



- 3.) Continue making the tree.
- a. Now continue by stringing down and around Group 2, coming out its bottom point, and then into the bottom right side of Group 4 and out its bottom point.



b. Start Group 5 by stringing to the left, or counterclockwise. This bunch has 8 "base" beads and 3 colored points. String around again pushing out the points and end at the right side colored bead.



c. From here, string 1 Emerald bead, a colored, and another Emerald. Make a circle by going around and into the right side colored point on Group 5. End at the opposite colored bead.





d. Group 7: going down and to the right (counterclockwise), string 2 Emeralds, 1 colored, 2 Emeralds, another colored, 2 Emeralds, and then attach to the bottom point of Group 3 and finish with 2 more Emeralds. Attach to the right side colored bead of step 3c. (notice that as Group 7 is formed, Group 6 comes automatically).



e. Go around pushing out points and end coming through the bottom point of Group 7.



- 4.) Making the bottom row on the tree:
- a. Group 8 will be strung down and to the right (clockwise). It has 8 Emerald "base" beads and 3 colored points. Continue around pushing out points and end at the left side point.



b. Now string 2 Emeralds and go up into the bottom point of Group 6 (step 3c.). Continue down the left side with 2 more Emeralds, a color, 2 Emeralds, a color, and 2 Emeralds. String into the left side point of Group 8. Notice there is a small space between Groups 7, 8, and 9.





c. Go around and push out points. End by coming out the left side of Group 9.



d. Group 10 starts here, down and to the left. String 2 Emeralds, 1 colored, 2 Emeralds, another colored, then connect with the bottom point of Group 5, then add 2 more Emeralds before going into the left side colored point of Group 9.



e. Finish Group 10 by stringing around again, pushing out points and end cord through the bottom point of Group 9.



5.) Making the tree stand.

a. Using the Bronze colored beads, string 13 beads in a circle. String around to the right and up through the bottom point of Group 9.





b. Continue through the first 3 beads to the right.



c. Try to string these beads so that they lay on top of one another (7 on the bottom and 3 Bronze, 1 point, and 3 more Bronze on the top).



d. Finish the stand with a Square Stitch.

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