# **DIY Jewelry that Sparkles:**

10 Crystal Jewelry Patterns









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Hey jewelry fans,

Everyone loves a little sparkle! From shiny bracelets to stunning necklaces, jewelry is designed to be the perfect accessory for any outfit, and amongst these dazzling crystal jewelry pieces, you are sure to find the perfect stunning addition to your ensemble for any occasion. Whether it is a night out on the town or just a desire to add a little shine to your everyday wardrobe, this list of DIY jewelry has the glitz, the glamour, and everything else a person could want from their jewelry pieces. Lovely evening earrings, a bold statement necklace, and a classy arm cuff are just some of the gorgeous tutorials you'll find within this eBook. Every crystal piece in this collection is stunning and full of style– just like you.

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# **Chain and Crystal Evening Earrings**

By: Vicki O'Dell from the Creative Goddess

The Chain and Crystal Evening Earrings may look complex and intricate, but rest assured that you'll find this DIY jewelry tutorial a breeze. The instructions show you how to make earrings like this in just a few minutes, so start in the afternoon to have these DIY earrings ready to light up the night. This project is ideal for anyone who wants to learn how to make bead earrings with chain, and they're easy to customize for any occasion.



### Materials:

- Silver earring wires
- Silver 4mm jump ring
- Silver chain
- Silver headpins
- Black and clear Swarovski crystals in various shapes and sizes (6mm and down)





#### Instructions:

1. To make the earrings cut the chain into 2 lengths that are 11 links long, 2 lengths that are 9 links long and 2 lengths that are 7 links long.

2.) Put a crystal on a headpin, create a simple loop, and attach it to the length of chain. Add the larger crystals to the bottom of the chain and the smaller ones near the top.

3.) Put the chain onto the jump ring with the longest length in the center and add the earring wire.

4.) Repeat with all the beads; then add a clasp on the end. You should be able to complete the entire project in around 30 minutes!





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# **Chain and Crystal Collar**

By: Rebecca Grafton from My Girlish Whims

This Chain and Crystal Collar is easy to make and guaranteed to impress. The chunky gold chain goes nicely with large, clear crystal beads. Sticking to minimal colors keeps the focus of this DIY chain necklace on the beads. Plus, this accessory will go perfectly with anything you wear. The crystals are delicate and feminine, but the chain has a hint of attitude. Your friends will be amazed when they hear how quickly you could make this chic accessory for a fraction of the cost of a store-bought necklace.





Materials:

- A chunky chain
- 20mm Crystal Pendant Crystal Bead Golden Pendants
- Jump rings
- A clasp
- Needle nose pliers





#### Instructions:

1. There's really only one basic step to this necklace - attaching the crystals to the chain. To do so, open up a jump ring with needle nose pliers, and slide it onto a bead, and squeeze it shut.



2.) Use another jump ring to attach the bead and jump ring onto the chain.





3.) Continue to do so for all of the beads.



4.) Attach a clasp to the back of the chain using a jump ring.



5. ) And viola, you're done!





# **Ombre Crystal Earrings**

By: <u>Allison from The Quiet Lion</u>

Capitalize on ombre, the trendy color scheme of the summer, with Ombre Crystal Earrings. Featuring a classic loop pattern and fiery summer colors, these DIY earrings are the perfect finishing touch for those warm summer nights. This tutorial will show you how to make jewelry with crystal that does a lot more than just sparkle. No one will guess that these are DIY earrings, and with a color scheme that evokes a bright sunset, you'll be the center of attention for these easy handmade earrings.



#### Materials:

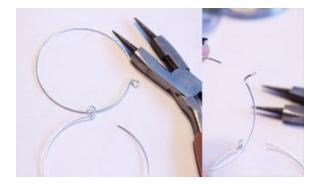
- Wire (22 gauge)
- 4mm crystals
- Two earwires
- Roundnose pliers





#### Instructions:

1.) Gather all materials.



2.) Cut two equal lengths of wire; I cut these straight from the coil so that they were round and equal length. You can use any length, depending on how large you want your earring. Mine were about 2.5" across. Make two loops with your pliers, one at the end of each earring. Twist the loop so that the open part faces the straight end of the wire.





3.) Lay out the bead scheme you want. I had a lot of oranges, yellows and reds. String on your beads in order of color, making them blend somewhat. The number of beads you use will depend on the length of wire, but make sure it is an even amount. I used 20. DO NOT fill them all the way up to the end of wire, leave a large space as seen.



4.) Find the middle (mine is after 10 beads), and bend the wire there gently, making an oval shape. With the extra wire at the end, thread it through your loop (open the loop up with the pliers), and then reclose the loop, securing the wire in.



5.) Take your extra wire, and bend it at a 90 degree angle to the right. Cut off excess, leaving just enough to make another loop. Refer to the picture.





6.) Finish off the wire by making a loop. Attach this loop to an ear wire, I am using kidney earwires here but if you have fishhooks that will work too.



# **Crystal Wreath Pendant**

By: Beejang from Bead Tutorial

Do you think wreaths are just for your door? Think again, and check out this stunning Crystal Wreath Pendant. Weave together this gorgeous crystal pattern, and you'll have a new favorite DIY pendant in no time. This piece is very easy to make and simply beautiful to wear. The crystal spacer beads make for a unique pattern, and if you stick to just a couple of colors, you should still be able to make a budgetfriendly piece. The blue and white beads with a touch of green are exquisite, and perfect for the winter months, but you can definitely experiment and even make holiday themed pendants.



### Materials:

- Swarovski #5305 Spacer 5 mm. (Sapphire, Peridot)
- Swarovski #5305 Spacer 6 mm. (Crystal)
- Swarovski Bicone 3 mm.
- O-ring
- Chain
- Nylon Thread

\*You may actually not need spacer beads of different sizes. You can just stick with only 5 mm. or only 6 mm.

### Instructions:



1.) Cut the nylon thread around 80 cm. Make a ring of five sapphire spacer beads 5 mm.



2.) The outbound line adds two spacer beads. In my example, I use peridot 5 mm. and crystal clear 6 mm. The line below adds one spacer bead 6 mm. Join both lines with a sapphire spacer 5 mm. (red arrow).



3.) The outbound line adds two sapphire spacer beads. The other line adds one sapphire spacer bead. Join both lines by a sapphire spacer bead (red arrow).



4.) Now, you repeat step 2 and step 3 until you form a circle of five sapphire stars.



5.) String six bicone crystals to any two of the outbound spacer beads. String the threads back and forth three or more times to tighten your work, tie them together and kept the threads back inside the motif. Add O-ring to the top we just made.



6.) Now put the pendent into the chain. Done.

# **Crystal Blossom Necklace and Earrings**

By: Erin Siegel from Erin Siegel Jewelry

Spring into fall with the appropriate-for-all-seasons Crystal Blossom Necklace and Earrings. Perfect for flowy tops and sweaters alike, this long necklace will look great with all sorts of outfits. The earrings can be worn with the necklace, or they can make a statement all on their own. With the brass rings, waxen linen cord, and crystal beads, these flower-looking earrings and necklace can be made to fit into every season.



### Materials for Necklace:

- 14 faceted 6x10mm crystal drops
- 1 hammered 33mm naked brass ring
- 1 yard of antique brass cable chain
- 2 antique brass 3x4mm oval jump rings
- 24" of Irish waxed linen

### Materials for Earrings:

- 14 faceted 6x10mm crystal drops
- 2 hammered 33mm naked brass ring
- 2 antique brass jump rings
- 48" of Irish waxed linen
- 1 pair of posts with backs
- Scissors
- Ruler



• Chain nose pliers

#### Instructions:

1.) Use linen cord to form an overhand knot around the brass ring, leaving a 1/2" tail as shown.



2.) Use the long end of the cord to form 2 half inch-hitch knots around the ring and the cord tail as shown. Trim short tail.



3.) Form 10 half-hitch knots around the ring. String 1 crystal drop and form 3 half knots around the ring as shown. Repeat 6 more times.





4.) Form 10 half-hitch knots around the ring. Form an overhand knot after the last hitch knot. Trim close to the knot and press it down against the back of the ring as shown.



5.) Use 1 jump ring to attach the ring to one end of the chain. Repeat with the second jump ring and the free end of chain.





For the earrings:

Repeat steps 1-4 above for each earring. Attach a jump ring to hammered ring. Connect the jump ring and ear post together as shown. Repeat step for the second earring.



# **Daisy's Simple Chandelier Earrings**

By: <u>Adrienne Surian from Happy Hour Projects</u>

Chandelier earrings never go out of style, but they've been especially popular since the world caught "The Great Gatsby" fashion fever. With Daisy's Simple Chandelier Earrings pattern, you can learn how to make your own glamorous pair to get that Daisy Buchanan look with minimal effort. The delicate silver chain elongates the face and adds a dash of elegance to any ensemble. Best of all, instead of weighing you down, each dangling earring is super light. You can experiment with different colors of beads and chains to make your chandelier earrings reflect your modern taste even as they pay tribute to the fashionistas of the 1920s.



### Materials:

- Beads you love. These are a 6mm sized bicone crystal bead. You can certainly vary the look with other shapes, sizes, and colors.
- 22 gauge wire you only need about 6 inches for this project. You could also use two 3-inch jewelry head pins with a ring at the bottom.
- 18-inch chain this could be from a necklace (just remove the clasp) or it can be bulk chain.
- Jump rings and earring wires (I needed six 4mm jump rings for these)
- Round-nosed pliers and wire cutters





### Instructions:

1.) First, make your bead bar from your wire (unless you are using head pins). Using the tip of your round-nosed pliers, form a small loop at the end of your wire.



2.) Add your beads and make a loop at the opposite end. You may need to trim your wire (or pin) down slightly, depending on what size beads you're using. Make two bars, one for each earring.



3.) Now, trim down your chain. I cut four lengths 2 3/4 inches, and two that were 3 1/2 inches.



4.) Now, using a small jump ring, add 2 smaller lengths and one longer length chain to the end of one bead bar. Then, attach the opposite ends to the other loop on the bead bar. Your configuration should look like this:



5.) Finally, add an earring wire to the center of each of the top chains. If your earring wire loop won't quite fit through the small chain, attach it with a jump ring. If your earring wire fits easily through your chain, a jump ring isn't necessary.



6.) Now they are ready for wear!

### Classic Crystal Arm Cuff By: Kirsten Nunez from Studs and Pearls

This Classic Crystal Arm Cuff is a quick and easy project that is sure to impress. The gold wire is pretty enough on its own, but the crystal beads are what set this accessory apart. This tutorial will teach you a wire wrapping technique that will give your cuff a uniform shape. Since this DIY arm cuff is easily adjustable, you don't have to worry about getting the perfect size on the first try. The crystal beads add sparkle to this elegant accessory, but if you'd like an edgier look, try using stone or metal beads instead.



#### Materials:

- 3-in-1 jewelry pliers
- 14 gauge aluminum wire
- 28 gauge wire
- Wine bottle, or something similar in shape and size
- About 15 small beads (I used clear Swarovski beads)
- Strong craft glue, or clear nail polish (optional)Needle nose pliers

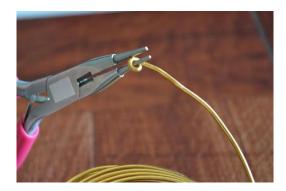




Helpful Tip: When supply shopping, keep in mind that the higher the number, the thinner the wire. Likewise, the lower the number, the thicker the wire. In this case, the 14 gauge wire was used for the actual cuff, while the 28 gauge wire was used for the accents.



Instructions:



1.) Using the round nosed tips of the pliers, create a loop.





2.) Once the loop is created, the wire will look like the first picture. Take the loop and bend it so that it is flat but in the opposite direction, like the second photo.



3.) Using the bottle as a mold, wrap the wire around a few times. You can do this as little or as many times as you'd like, depending on your arm cuff preference. For this cuff, the wire was wrapped around 3 times before it was cut. This was about 25 inches worth of wire.

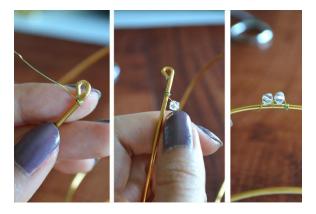




4.) Create a loop at the opposite end, bending it flat as you did in Step 2.



5.) Cut a strand of 28 gauge wire.



6.) Tightly wrap the 28 gauge wire around the cuff. String on one bead, wrap around the cuff, then string on another bead. Repeat as desired.



7.) To finish off the bead accents, tightly wrap the 28 gauge around the cuff. Trim the excess.





8.) Repeat, according to your preference.

Optional/Recommended: After wrapping and trimming the 28 gauge wire, you can add a dab of glue or clear nail polish for extra security.





# **Magical Crystal Shard Bracelets**

By: Stephanie Gerber from Henry Happened

Sometimes simple is best, and that is certainly the case with these Magic Crystal Shard Bracelets. If you want to learn how to make beaded bracelets but don't want to be overwhelmed with an abundance of beads, this project is for you, since it only requires a few crystal beads. With its simplistic wire work, this DIY beaded jewelry gives off a naturalistic vibe with just a little bit of crystal sparkle. Try making these DIY crystal bracelets to add some new, earthy-looking pieces to your bracelet collection.



### Materials:

- 3-4 top drilled rough cut crystals
- 26 gauge gold wire
- Suede cord
- 2-4 gold beads
- 2-4 seed beads
- Jewelry pliers
- Wire clippers





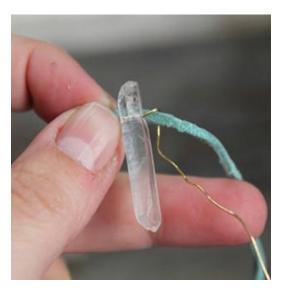
### Instructions:

1.) Cut a piece of suede cord the length of your wrist, leaving an extra 2 inches on each end to knot for a closure.

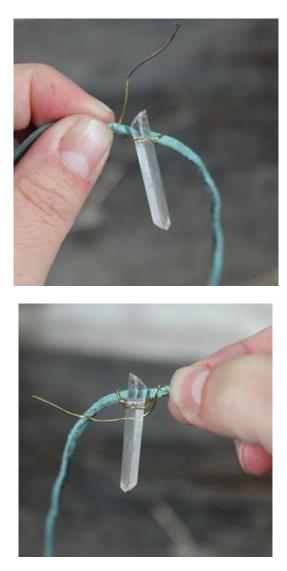


2.) Find the center of the cord and start a 1/2 inch to the left. Cut a long piece of wire and wrap the cord a few times at your starting point.





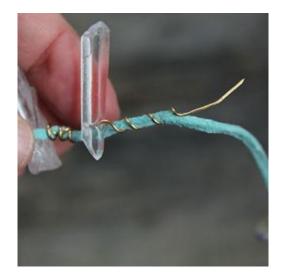
3.) Slide the crystal onto the wire and follow the photos above to attach it securely to the cord.



4.) Wrap wire around the cord a couple of times and add the next crystal. Repeat with third crystal.



5.) Finish by wrapping a couple of times and cutting the excess wire. Bend the wire ends into the cord with jewelry pliers so that it doesn't poke into your wrist.



6.) Wrap the last 2 inches of each cord end with wire, and add in the small gold beads and seed beads as you go.













7.) Finish by cutting excess wire and bending the wire in the cord.









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# **Golden Globes Necklace Set**

By: Margot Potter from The Impatient Crafter

You'll be ready to walk the red carpet with this glamorous Golden Globes Necklace Set! Follow these free bead necklace instructions to get the starlet look on the DIY budget. This glitzy jewelry set will give you instant celeb status!



### Materials:

- 1 12mm crystal a/b flower pendant
- 9 6mm crystal a/b twist beads
- 36 4mm crystal a/b bicones
- 2 11x5.5mm crystal a/b tear drop beads (for earrings)
- 20 6mm crystal a/b rounds (4 for earrings)
- 68 4mm crystal a/b rounds (8 for earrings)
- 1 large silver plated swivel lobster clasp
- 5 6mm silver plated jump rings
- 9 silver plated head pins
- 4 silver plated eye pins (for earrings)
- 1 3" length silver plated rolo chain
- 2 silver plated crimp covers
- 20 silver plated size 2 crimp tubes
- .015 Satin Silver Beadalon wire



Tools:

- 2 pairs chain nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Crimp tool
- Mighty crimp tool
- Wire cutters
- Bead Board

### Instructions:

1. Get the core of this design on your bead board, so you don't skip any beads while you're working along the design. Here is the core pattern: Start with 9 4mm rounds then use the following pattern: 6mm round, 2 4mm rounds, 6mm round, 3 4mm rounds and continue working around the board until you've added your ninth 6mm, 2 4mm, 6mm segment. Follow that with 9 4mm rounds.

2.) Create 4 beaded head pins each with a 6mm twist bead on the bottom followed by 4 4mm bicones. Loop the tops.

3. Create 2 beaded head pins each with a 6mm twist bead on the bottom followed by 5 4mm bicones. Loop the tops.

4. Create 2 beaded head pins each with a 6mm twist bead on the bottom followed by 6 4mm bicones. Loop the tops.

5. Create 1 beaded head pin with a 6mm twist bead on the bottom followed by 7 4mm bicones. Loop the top.

6. Attach a 20" length of .015 Satin Silver wire to your lobster clasp with a crimp tube using your crimp tool.

7. Add your 9 4mm rounds to the wire. Cut off a 3" segment of wire and create a small loop by threading the wire into a crimp tube. Use chain nose pliers to smash tube flat. Add 13 4mm rounds to the wire. Thread wire into a second crimp tube and round wire so it's not too stiff, then thread wire into crimp tube leaving a small loop before smashing flat with chain nose pliers.

8. Thread one loop on wire. Follow by your 6mm round, 4mm round, thread on your smallest beaded loop top head pin, another 4mm round, a 6mm round and the other loop on your wire. This creates a mini beaded swag. Move down three 4mm rounds and repeat using another small beaded loop top head pin.

9. This is your pattern for swags along the necklace. Each swag is inserted before and after your 6mm rounds. The swags graduate in size along with the beaded head pins. Here is your pattern: 15 4mm round swag and loop top dangle with 5 4mm rounds, 19 4mm round swag and loop top dangle with 6 4mm rounds and center of necklace is a 25 4mm round swag with a 7 4mm round loop top dangle. Repeat pattern in mirror of opposite side.

10. When you reach your final swag, add 9 more 4mm rounds and secure your necklace closed using a crimp tube and your crimp tool around a 6mm jump ring.

11. Slide a crimp cover over the crimp at the clasp. Use mighty crimp tool to gently close the bead over the crimp. Repeat for other side.

12. Attach a 3" section of rolo chain to the jump ring side of your clasp.

13. Slide a flower bead on a 6mm jump ring and attach to the end of your chain.

14. Create coordinating earrings by sliding a 4mm round, 6mm round and 4mm round on an eye pin and looping the top. Repeat for a second segment. Slide a tear drop on a 6mm jump ring and attach to one of your beaded segments. Attach the top of the segment to another beaded segment. Attach an ear wire to the top. Repeat for second earring.



# **Crystal Ruffle Cuff Bracelet**

By: Gloria Uhler from Domestic Diva

This simple peyote stitch pattern imitates the pretty ruffled cuff of a blouse with its crystal teardrop accents. Whether or not you have experience with seed bead jewelry patterns, this Crystal Ruffle Cuff Bracelet is a breeze to make. Wear it anytime you want to add a sweet feminine touch to your look.





### Materials:

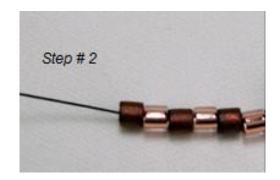
- 16 grams silver lined Crystal Delicas seed beads 8/0
- 1 package (84 pieces) clear crystal teardrop beads 6X9mm Bliss Beads
- beading needle
- beading thread
- 3 loop slide clasp



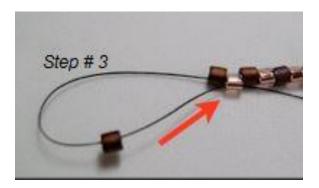


#### Instructions:

1.) Cut a piece of beading thread to measure three yards. Attach a stop bead 12 inches from one end. The 12 inches of thread will be used to work in the clasp later.



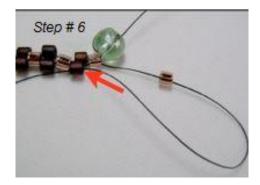
- 2.) String on six seed beads.
- 3.) At the end of the row, add one more seed bead, which will be the start of the next row. Working from left to right, pass your needle through the second bead of the previous row. Pull the thread through but don't worry too much about the look of things at this point. By the time you finish this row you will see a pattern emerging.



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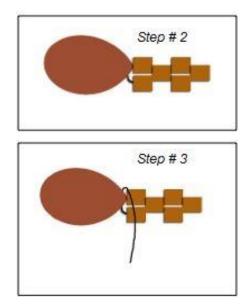
- 4.) Add on a second bead and pass through the fourth bead.
- 5.) Finish the row by adding another bead and passing through the sixth bead. You have finished a complete row and should notice that what you're creating is a design with three beads that drop down from the previous work. This will happen with each row you complete.



6.) Thread on a bead to begin the next row working from right to left. In this and the remainder rows you will be adding three beads and passing the needle through the dropped beads of the previous row. This is the entire magic of the peyote stitch.

### Adding the Teardrop Beads

- 1.) To add the teardrop beads, you will attach them to the left and right of a row then wrap them when working the next row using the following directions. When you reach the end of your row at the left side, add a teardrop bead then add a seed bead as usual. Work across the row and add a matching tear drop bead on the right. Work to the left adding three beads as usual.
- 2.) When you reach the left side, move the thread behind the teardrop bead.



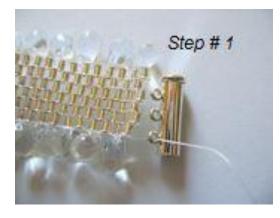
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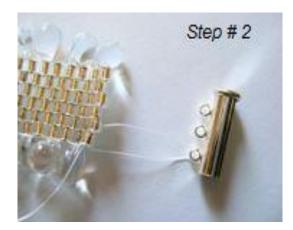
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- 3.) Bring forward the thread to wrap it around the base of the bead. Do this twice. Pull the thread snugly. This will provide support for the teardrop beads and prevent them from flopping around.
- 4.) Work the next row as usual. When you reach the right side wrap the thread around the teardrop as you did on the left. Continue to work your way back to the left where you will add another teardrop bead. As you can see, you add a teardrop in one row and wrap it in the next.

#### The Clasp

1.) You will be attaching a three-loop clasp to three beads at the end of the bracelet. Since the bracelet ends do not have the three drop beads in the same position, you will have to attach the loops to different beads on each end of the bracelet. Work your needle through beads along the edge until it is aligned opposite a loop.





2.) Pass through the loop and back through beads.



3.) Work toward the remaining loops. Continue weaving in and out of beads and attaching the clasp in this manner. When you get to the end of the row you will bring the needle out the last bead.



- 4.) To create a more secure connection, repeat what you just did only working in the opposite direction. To finish, go back through the beads only this time making half hitch knots between the beads. When finished, clip off excess thread.
- 5.) To finish the other bracelet end, thread a needle with the 12" tail you made when you started the bracelet. Work the other piece of the clasp by creating three half hitch knots to secure the thread to the work. Attach this half of the clasp as you did the first.

Option: To give the bracelet added sparkle, attach three teardrop beads to the clasp loops on each end, which hides the clasp when it is fastened.





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