



Red Copper

Wire-wrapped-link necklace

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Photo by Jim Lawson.

The textures and look of antiquity in the beads and copper are a natural design choice for this necklace.

WHAT YOU NEED

▪ Wooden beads:

- 10 faded purple 8mm saucers
- 8 faded green 6mm barrels
- 3 faded green 8mm saucers
- 7 terra-cotta 12mm saucers
- 12 dark purple 4mm barrels
- 4 dark green 15mm barrels

▪ Assorted copper components with 2 connector loops:

- 2 smooth 40mm rounds
- 1 studded 40mm round

1 smooth 26mm round

2 studded 26mm rounds

3 thin 22mm rounds

2 thin 14mm rounds

▪ 1 copper S-hook clasp

▪ 20-22-gauge copper wire cut into 10 pieces, 3" each (or use 10 copper eye pins at least 2" long)

▪ Round-nose pliers

▪ Chain-nose pliers

▪ Wire cutters

▪ Bead Stoppers

Finished length: 22" or shorter. This necklace can be shortened by hooking the S clasp onto any other loop or ring.

1 Stack patterns of beads onto each of the 10 wire pieces as follows and lay them aside carefully on your beading surface:

- Dark purple, large green, small faded purple, large green, dark purple (A)
- Small green, faded purple, small green (B)
- Terra-cotta, dark purple, terra-cotta, dark purple, terra-cotta (C)
- Dark purple, large green barrel, dark purple (D)
- Dark purple, terra-cotta, dark purple (E)
- Dark purple, small green saucer, dark purple (F)
- Faded purple, terra-cotta, large green barrel, terra-cotta, faded purple (G)
- Small green barrel, faded purple saucer, small green barrel (H)
- Faded green saucer, dark purple, faded purple saucer, terra-cotta, faded purple, dark purple, faded green saucer (I)
- Small green barrel, 3 faded purple saucers, small green barrel (J)

2 Place a Bead Stopper on one end of the wired A set of beads. Using your round-nose and chain-nose pliers, make a simple wrapped loop at the non-stoppered end of wire, capturing one connector loop of the small copper ring in the wire loop. Use the chain nose to hold the connector loop so it does not bend as you complete the loop.

Tip: Twist your simple loops to be perpendicular to the copper ring loops.

3 Remove the Bead Stopper and make another simple wire loop at this end, capturing 1 connector loop of a large, smooth copper ring.

4 Looking at the photo of the necklace, repeat Steps 1 and 2, connecting the copper rings and the wired sets of beads with simple wrapped loops. Remember to always capture a connector loop of the copper rings before closing your wrapped loop.

5 The S clasp simply hooks into the end connector loop of one copper ring. Slip the S hook into any ring; or leave a dangle or two to hang free in a shorter Y-shaped necklace.

RESOURCES: Copper rings: Patricia Healey, healeyp@ix.netcom.com. Wooden beads: Silk Road Treasures (sold by the strand), www.silkroadtreasures.com. All other materials: check your local bead store.

