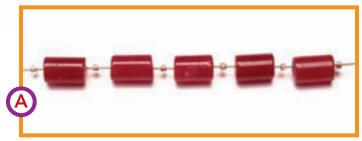# Seeing red

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Love, passion, agitation, danger – the color red evokes intense reactions. Red also works quickly to gain attention and heighten awareness (think fire engines, sports cars, stop signs). This particular study in red, however, invites rather than demands notice. String smooth ruby jade tubes with textured gold accents to make a rich ensemble. Wear this dynamic creation, and your friends will be seeing red, too!

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necklace • 1. Determine the finished length of the inner strand of your necklace. (Mine is 18¾ in./48cm.) Add 6 in. (15cm) and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. String 5¾ in. (14.6cm) of alternating seed beads and tube beads, beginning and ending with a seed bead. Center the beads.

2. Cut a second strand of beading wire 13 in. (33cm) long. String 8 in. (20cm) of the pattern in step 1, beginning and ending with a seed bead. Center the beads.

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3. On one end of each wire, string two seed beads. String a nugget and a crimp bead over both wires. Make a folded crimp (Basic Techniques, p. 108) and trim the 13-in. wire ½ in. (1.3cm) from the crimp. Repeat on the remaining ends.

4. On each end, string an accent bead over the crimp bead and the wire tail, then a nugget and two seed beads.

String seed beads and tubes until the necklace is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length. End with a seed bead.

SupplyList

necklace
- **2** 16-in. (41cm) strands 10mm tube-shaped beads, ruby jade
- 1g size 11º seed beads, gold-lined clear
- **2** 20mm vermeil accent beads
- **4** 2mm brass nuggets
- vermeil S-hook clasp with two soldered jump rings
- **4** gold-filled crimp beads
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015, gold
- crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- chainnose pliers (optional)

earrings
- **2** 10mm tube-shaped beads, ruby jade
- **2** size 11º seed beads, gold-lined clear
- **2** 4mm spacers
- **2** 2-in. (5cm) gold-filled head pins
- pair of gold-filled earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

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5. String a crimp bead, a seed bead, and a soldered jump ring on each end. Go back through the beads just strung plus a few more and tighten the wires. Check the fit and add or remove beads, if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads and trim the excess wire.

6. Loop the S-hook clasp through each jump ring. If desired, use chainnose pliers to gently close one side.

earrings • 1. String a tube, a spacer, and a seed bead on a head pin. Make a wrapped loop (Basic Techniques) above the seed bead.

2. Open the loop on an earring wire. String the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. ✤