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Katie Hacker creates a pearl bracelet using her grandmother's vintage earring for the clasp.

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Guest:



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Even as we're looking forward in our own work, many jewelry designers look to the past for inspiration. Antique shows, flea markets, and thrift stores can be important sources for design clues from the past.



Some of Katie's favorite vintage-style clasps

Shown clockwise from top:
Shibuichi flower and leaf hook clasp from Green Girl Studios (828) 298-2263, www.greengirlstudios.com.

4-leaf clover clasp from the Jill Mackay Collection, www.consumercrafts.com.

Beadalon's European Upper Clasp line featuring inset crystals and pearls (866) 423-2325, www.beadalon.com.

Also see:
Hand-painted porcelain and antique glass cabochons inside sterling box clasps from A Grain of Sand, (704) 660-3125, www.agrainofsand.com.

Cocoa gold-plated sterling lobster clasp, sterling silver safety clasp and gold-filled safety clasp from Rio Grande, (800) 545-6566, www.riogrande.com.



Make Your Own 7 1/2" Bracelet with Vintage-Style Clasp

Materials

Beaded clip-on costume earring
 SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS: 40 creamrose pearl 4mm round, 28 creamrose pearl 6mm round, 28 bronze pearl 6mm round, 17 bronze pearl 9x6mm twist, 17 platinum pearl 9x6mm twist, 20 platinum pearl 8mm round
 .018" diameter silver Beadalon 49
 22-gauge non-tarnish silver Artistic Wire™
 1mm frost rubber tubing
 12 silver #1 crimp beads
 Silver three-strand slide clasp

Tools: wire cutters, chain-nose pliers, crimping tool, hammer

Instructions

1. Use chain nose pliers to remove the clip-on back from the earring. If necessary, gently hammer the back to flatten it.
2. Cut six 9" lengths of beading wire. To attach two wires to each loop on half of the clasp: pass a wire through a crimp bead, loop on the clasp, and back through the crimp. Crimp it.
3. Cut six pieces of rubber tubing that are the same width as the earring. Slide one onto each piece of beading wire.
4. String each style of pearl onto a separate beading wire, then use crimp beads to attach them to the corresponding loops on the other half of the clasp.
5. Cut a 5" length of Artistic Wire and pass it under the beads, centered on the earring. Hold it centered over the rubber tubing and wrap the wire back around the earring, continuing until the earring is secure.
6. Use chain nose pliers to bend the wire ends in so they don't snag clothing.

Sources: Katie's own vintage earring; Beadalon® stringing materials, findings, tools and Artistic Wire, www.beadalon.com; CREATE YOUR STYLE with SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS, www.create-your-style.com.



Host Katie Hacker