

## 1303-4

Candie Cooper creates a Chinese charm bracelet.



### Materials needed:

- 7.5" of black Polyester chain
- Round duet clasp
- 20 g. copper wire
- Cinnabar beads
- Cloisonné beads
- Spacer bead assortment
- Chinese charm assortment
- Balled head pins
- Pinch bails
- Gunmetal jump ring assortment
- 6 6mm silver jump rings, 18g.
- Chinese coins (optional)
- Metal hole punch (optional)

### Instructions:

Determine the length of your bracelet, taking into account the length of the clasp and cut the polyester chain with wire cutters.

Optionally, you can jazz up the clasp by wrapping the copper wire around the base of it. Crimp it in place with flat nose pliers and trim the ends.

Use one to three silver jump rings to attach one end of the

clasp to the end of the bracelet. The added jump rings make for an interesting and more secure connection.

Here are some ideas for unique charms:

Use a heavy duty metal hole punch to punch holes in coins. String a spacer bead onto the jump ring so it sits in front of the coin to add a decorative touch.

Picture frame charms can be filled with Chinese characters, pieces of silk and paper.

Pinch bails are wonderful when layering pieces together.

Cinnabar and cloisonné beads strung on balled head pins look great with small metal spacer beads.

When assembling your charm bracelet, a good rule of thumb is to use heavy gauge jump ring. We recommend 20-18g. You can even use two jump rings for one connection.

Truly anything goes when assembling a charm bracelet. To keep it simple, determine your color pallet and pick parts and pieces that match.

Sources:

Polyester chain, duet clasp, wire, pinch bails and findings from Beadalon

### Guest:



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