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The Under 15 Minute Botanical Silk Corsage Bracelet



All you need to make this wonderful corsage bracelet is three 6mm Swarovski Margarita crystals (Crystal AB is what I've used); three 1.5" headpins, three Botanicals, three 8/0 seed beads (or any leftover bead about 3mm for cushioning between the wire and Botanical flower) and one silk ribbon approximately 1 yard, cut on the bias. Create shank buttons as shown using the wrapped loop technique wrapping at least 3 times for security.



Carefully slide the three Botanical buttons onto the silk ribbon. Center the three as best as you can, visually. I spaced mine about 1/4" apart. You are done making the bracelet! Walla! Really? Yes you are REALLY done. The bracelet can also be modified and worn as a choker or hair band too!



To wear the bracelet, center the flowers on your wrist. Wrap ribbon around your wrist, criss-crossing through the center to lock the flowers. Wrap ribbon as much as you'd like around your wrist until there is just enough remaining ribbon to create a square knot. Then tie a loose but secure square knot. Don't knot so tight that you can't undo the bracelet later. Lastly, tuck the knot under one of the ribbon wraps to hide. If you practice, you can tie the bracelet around your wrist by yourself without any help. There you are! Wear and enjoy the bracelet. Make a few more as these make wonderful quick gifts that won't break the bank.

Disclaimer: Dependent on how proficient you are in making wrapped loops, creating the button shanks may take you longer than 15 minutes but that is an average. You may also want to periodically iron your silk ribbon so that the ribbon lays flat with each wear.

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