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Katie embellishes larger beads with seed beads.

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# beads baubles and jewels

## 1402-1 Do-It-Yourself Beads

Handmade beads are a great way to put a personal spin on your jewelry designs and make a design that's all yours - right down to the beads!



Even if you don't make your own beads from scratch, you can make the beads your own by adding custom embellishments.

### Materials

3 aqua 30mm opalite rectangles  
4 copper 10mm rounds  
round 11/0 seed beads: silver, blue iris  
bronze treasure beads (cylindrical)  
.006" black WildFire™ beading thread  
7 silver eye pins  
large copper spring ring clasp & ring

**Tools:** round-nose pliers, wire cutters, chain-nose pliers, #10 beading needle, Tacky Mat, jeweler's cement

### To make an embellished bead:

Cut a 12-inch length of beading thread and thread it onto the needle. Pass the needle through the rectangle bead leaving a 3-inch tail. Add seeds the length of the rectangle bead, creating color-blocked groups as shown. Pass through the rectangle bead then through the beaded strand to lock it in place. Now, pass through the rectangle bead again and repeat to make another beaded strand. Repeat for a third beaded strand. Pass the thread to the end of the rectangle and knot it around the exposed threads. Attach the needle to the other thread end and knot the free end of the thread on that end, too. Add a drop of jeweler's cement and let it dry.



DIY seed bead embellishments make this bracelet all yours.

### Assembling the bracelet:

Use chain nose pliers to pass an eye pin through each beaded bead. Use round nose pliers to make a simple loop on each eye pin. Pass an eye pin through each copper bead and make a simple loop. Link the beads together, alternating copper beads with rectangles as shown. Attach half of the clasp to each end of the bracelet.

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