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Katie accents charms with buttons.

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1403-1 Charms

Charms stay popular year after year because they add a meaningful touch to jewelry designs. Here's an idea for attaching a custom charm to a vintage button bracelet.



Make your own button bracelet with a cute, custom charm.

Materials

silver beaded round frame charm
antique silver royal bail
collection of interesting buttons with shanks
one button with holes or with the shank cut off
.018" diameter silver Beadalon 49
1mm black rubber tubing
6mm jump ring
2 silver crimp tubes
silver Upper Clasp™ with rhinestone
industrial-strength glue

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

Instructions

1. Use industrial strength glue to glue a favorite button inside the picture frame charm. (Katie used mother of pearl for a June birthday.)
2. Use a jump ring to connect the picture frame charm to a bail.
3. Cut a short length of rubber tubing to fit inside the bail. This will protect the beading wire and help the dangle fit properly with the buttons.
4. Cut the beading wire a couple of inches longer than the desired length of the bracelet. The desired length should also be a bit longer to accommodate the chunky buttons.
5. Pass the wire through a crimp tube, half of the clasp and back through the crimp tube. Crimp it.
6. Pass the wire through buttons to cover the majority of the wire.
7. Pass the wire through the picture frame charm bail, then add a few more buttons.
8. Use a crimp tube to attach the clasp.

Sources: TierraCast® picture frame charm, bail, jump ring; www.tierracast.com; Beadalon® stringing materials, Upper Clasp™, tools, www.beadalon.com; Katie's own button collection.



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