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Katie's Open

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1408-1 Hardware

For jewelry makers, sometimes inspiration is as close as a trip to the hardware store. Keys and locks, gears, wire and more can serve as starting points for dynamic jewelry designs.



Here are a few hardware inspirations!

Handmade porcelain gear and nut components from Earthenwood Studio, www.earthenwoodstudio.com.

16-gauge Artistic Wire from Beadalon, www.beadalon.com.

Lock and key charms from TierraCast, www.TierraCast.com.

Also shown in this episode: Industrial Chic ball chain necklace with decoupage hardware from Susan Lenart Kazmer for Michaels, www.michaels.com.



Katie's keyhole necklace was inspired by a collection of old keys on her dad's tool bench.

Use non-tarnish brass wire and green stone beads to make wrapped bead link chains on each side of the keyhole pendant. Make an additional beaded link to attach a key below the pendant. For each side of the necklace, pass faux suede lace through the last loop and fold it back by one-half inch. Coil wire around the folded portion to hold it in place. Use the same technique to attach a clasp to each end.

Sources: Earthenwood Studio Escutcheon, www.earthenwoodstudio.com; Beadalon® stringing materials, findings, tools and Artistic Wire, www.beadalon.com; Ornamentea key, www.ornamentea.com.



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