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Katie Hacker shows several semi-precious stone necklaces and shares information about them.

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1502-1 Semi Precious Stones

Many people start making jewelry because they fall in love with a particular stone, like their birthstone. In today's show, we'll share a variety of innovative ways to combine semi precious stones with your favorite beading techniques.



Semi precious stones are available in a wide range of colors, shapes and sizes. Some of the most common shapes are: faceted round, cube, chip, nugget, lentil, round and coin.

Combine different semi precious stone shapes for a luxurious, layered look or stick to one shape for a clean, simple effect.

Semi precious stones don't have to break the bank! Inexpensive examples shown here include: jasper, hematite, agate, dyed howlite and tiger's eye. See Danielle Fox's segment on this episode for more discussion of trendy, affordable stones.



This simple necklace is a great way to show off pretty stone beads. It's a casual style that looks great with v-necks or collared shirts.

Materials

14 semiprecious stone nugget beads
13 round 6mm crystals
2 round 4mm crystals
30 silver 6mm daisy spacers
.021 diameter bright Beadalon 19
silver EZ-Crimp™ toggle clasp

Tools: wire cutters, EZ-Crimp pliers or mighty crimping tool

Instructions

1. Leaving the beading wire on the spool, pass the wire end through a 4mm crystal and a silver spacer.
2. Pass through a nugget, silver spacer, 6mm crystal and a nugget.
3. Repeat Step 2 until all of the nuggets are strung, then pass through another silver spacer and a 4mm crystal.
4. Pass the wire end into the clasp and squeeze it shut to secure.
5. Bend the necklace in a u-shape, cut the wire leaving 1/4" at the end and attach the other half of the clasp.

Sources: Beadalon® wire, chain, findings, tools, www.beadalon.com; CREATE YOUR STYLE with SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystals, www.create-your-style.com; Bead Gallery by Halcraft nuggets, www.halcraft.com; silver daisy spacers from TierraCast, www.tierracast.com.



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