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Katie Hacker shows a treasure necklace that combines a variety of unusual elements in one dramatic design.

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Vintage and art beads are both very special components that inspire unique designs. Today, we'll look at a variety of ways to make your own, one-of-a-kind creations.



Treasure necklaces are the perfect way to capture a variety of unusual elements in one dramatic design. Create layers by adding charms, art beads, crystals and vintage components to a multiple-strand focal section.

For the gold necklace:

Katie purchased a multiple-strand bracelet and removed the toggle ring. Then, she cut a piece of vintage chain to complete the desired length of the necklace. Next, she used jump rings to attach the toggle ring to one end of the chain and the free end of the bracelet to the other end of the chain. She added beaded dangles and charms to several strands on the necklace for a tangled effect. To fasten the necklace, pass the toggle bar through the toggle ring.

Resources: Venetian glass beads from Murano Glass Beads, www.muranoglassbeads.com; Bracelet from Banana Republic, www.bananarepublic.com; Crown locket from Blue Moon Beads, www.creativityinc.com/bluemoonbeads; metal beads from TierraCast, www.tierracast.com.



It's simple to make the necklace base. You can attach extra chain to the sides of a bracelet. Or, use a scrap piece of chain for the center focal section and add beads and beading wire to the ends.

For the silver necklace:

Katie purchased a multiple-strand bracelet and removed one of the toggle rings (it had two) and the toggle bar. Then, she cut a piece of patterned chain to complete the desired length of the necklace. Next, she attached the extra toggle ring to the other end of the bracelet and to the end of the chain. She attached the toggle bar to the free end of the chain. She used jump rings to attach cameos and lockets evenly spaced across the beaded sections. To fasten the necklace, pass the toggle bar through the free toggle ring.

Resources: Bracelet from Banana Republic, www.bananarepublic.com; Cameos and lockets from Blue Moon Beads, www.creativityinc.com/bluemoonbeads; patterned chain from Beadalon, www.Beadalon.com.



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