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Katie's Beading Lesson
Crystal Cupchain Bangles
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1.5mm round leather cord from Leather Cord USA
<http://www.leathercordusa.com/category/C1-1PT5MM.html>

5mm deertan lace from Leather Cord USA
<http://www.leathercordusa.com/category/DST-5MM.html>

Empty 8.5mm cupchain bangle bracelet from Las Vegas Rhinestones
<http://lasvegasrhinestones.com/empty-8-5mm-39ss-bangle-bracelets-3-pieces-choose-size-finish/>

8.5mm (39ss) Swarovski crystal chatons
<http://lasvegasrhinestones.com/8-5mm-39ss-loose-stones/>

These items are also available from www.DreamtimeCreations.com.

Tools: Chain-nose pliers or hand-held prong setting tool, scissors

Make your own beautiful crystal bracelets with blank cupchain bangles and Swarovski chatons.

For the basic bracelet:

1. Place the pointed end of a crystal chaton inside the setting.
2. Use chain-nose pliers (or the cushioned handles) to bend the prongs down onto the surface to hold the crystal in place. Or, use a special hand-held tool to push down all of the prongs at once. Repeat to set all of the crystals in the bracelet.

To add knots to the bracelet:

1. Find the center of the cord and place it inside the bracelet.
2. Tie the leather cord in a square knot between the cups on the bracelet: bring the right cord across the surface of the bracelet. Bring the left cord over it, behind the bracelet and up through the loop on the right.
3. Tie the other half of the knot: Left cord across the surface of the bracelet, right cord over it, behind the bracelet and up through the loop on the left.
4. Tie a square knot between each of cups on the bracelet.
5. When you reach the spot where you started, thread the cords through the outer loops on the first knot. Tie a square knot on the inside surface of the bracelet and add a drop of jeweler's cement.
6. To add extra embellishment: thread 5mm deertan lace through the outer loops on the bracelet, winding your way around the bangle. Repeat for the other side of the bracelet, then knot the ends together inside the bracelet.

Variations:

You can also set other elements in the prong settings, such as crystal flowers, metalized flowers and pearl cabochons.

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