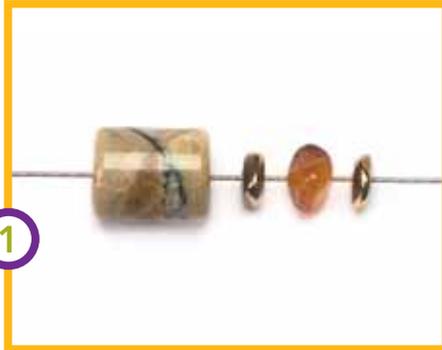


An old accoutrement takes
on new life in a gemstone necklace

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Pinned on lapels, sweaters, purses, and even at the waist, brooches remain firmly attached to the fashion scene. Just when you thought it's all been done, there's yet another place for that pin — a necklace. Coordinate nuggets or tube beads in color and proportion with your brooch. Pin it a bit off center, and you'll have a fresh and stylish accessory. Leftover beads strung on wire make for a quick pair of stylish hoops.

New spin.
for a pin



necklace • 1. Determine the finished length of your necklace. (Mine is 16 in./41cm.) Add 6 in. (15cm) and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. String a nugget or a tube bead, a spacer, a gemstone chip, and a spacer. Repeat this pattern until the necklace is within 2 in. (5cm) of the desired length. End with a nugget or a tube bead.



2. On each end, string: spacer, 3mm round, crimp bead, 3mm round, jump ring. Go back through the last beads strung and tighten the wires. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads (Basics, p. 108) and trim the excess wire.

Attach the S-hook clasp to each jump ring. Close one side of the hook with chainnose pliers if desired.



3. Pin the brooch over the wire between two beads.

SupplyList

necklace

- brooch (silver brooch from Rupa, rupab.com)
- 16-in. (41cm) strand 15–20mm gemstone nuggets or 8–10mm tube beads
- 20–30 3–5mm gemstone chips
- 32–42 4–5mm flat or heishi spacer beads
- flexible beading wire (.014 or .015 for tube beads, .018 or .019 for nuggets)
- 4 3mm round beads
- 2 crimp beads
- 2 5mm jump rings
- hook-and-eye or S-hook clasp
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

earrings

- 2 8–10mm tube beads
- 4 3–5mm gemstone chips
- 8 4–5mm flat or heishi spacer beads
- 12 in. (30cm) 24-gauge half-hard wire
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters





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earrings • 1. Cut a 6-in. (15cm) piece of 24-gauge wire. Center a tube bead on the wire. On each side of the tube bead, string a spacer, a gemstone chip, and a spacer.



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2. Bring each wire end up to make a teardrop shape. Starting approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (2cm) from each end, bend the wires to form a right angle. Wrap the horizontal wire around the vertical wire three times and trim the excess wrapping wire. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 108) with the remaining wire.



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3. Open the loop on an earring wire. Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. ♣



EDITOR'S TIP

Want to make a brooch to accompany your necklace? Check out the pin project, "Stemwear" p. 92; or visit beadstylemag.com and view the January 2005 cover project, "Brooch Approach."

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