



Curves

by Kathie Pemberton

There's only one danger in these curves: Ease of construction can be addicting, so one bracelet may not be enough. Use either silver- or gold-plated tubes and beads of various colors — or crystals for more elegant styling. Each bracelet will take on a whole new twist.

EDITOR'S TIP

To make the bracelet longer, add 2 or 3mm round spacers at the end; to shorten, eliminate a pattern of curved tubes and use an extra 4 or 5mm round bead directly after the 8mm round bead.



1 a Determine the finished length of your bracelet, double that measurement, and add 5 in. (13cm). Cut a piece of beading wire to that length.

1 b Center half of the clasp on the wire. Over both wires, string a 4mm round, a crimp bead, and a 5mm round.



2 a Leaving a small loop near the clasp, make a folded crimp (Basics).

2 b String an 8mm round over both wires. Separate the wires and string a curved tube on each strand. Repeat this pattern until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length. End with an 8mm. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary.

SupplyList

- 12 or more 3 x 19mm curved tubes, silver- or gold-plated
- 7 or more 8mm round beads
- 2 5mm round beads
- 2 4mm round beads
- .014 or .015 flexible beading wire
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp, or lobster claw clasp with soldered jump ring
- chainnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- crimping pliers (optional)



3 String a 5mm, a crimp bead, a 4mm, and the remaining half of the clasp. Go back through the last beads strung. Tighten the wires and make a folded crimp. Trim the excess wire. ✦

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ahead

Combine curved tubes with beads for a supple, double-strand bracelet

August: Peridot

Peridot crystals get extra sparkle from matching squaredelles in this simple bracelet and earrings. You can make both pieces in less than half an hour — leaving you plenty of time to celebrate your birthday in style. — *Patricia Bartlein*



SupplyList

bracelet

- 2 40mm silver curved tube beads (Northwest Beads, 262-255-4740)
- 5 6mm squaredelles
- 4 6mm cube crystals
- 2 6mm bicone crystals
- 2 4mm bicone crystals
- 4 5mm flat spacers
- 4 3mm round spacers
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- lobster claw clasp and soldered jump ring (Northwest Beads)
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

earrings

- 2 6mm squaredelles
- 2 6mm cube crystals
- 2 6mm bicone crystals
- 2 2-in. (5cm) head pins
- pair of earring posts with ear nuts
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters



1 bracelet • Determine the finished length of your bracelet, add 5 in. (13cm), and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. On the wire, center an alternating pattern of five squaredelles and four cube crystals.



2 On each end, string: 6mm bicone crystal, flat spacer, curved tube bead, flat spacer, 4mm bicone crystal.



3 On one end, string a round spacer, a crimp bead, a round spacer, and a lobster claw clasp. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Repeat on the other end, substituting a soldered jump ring for the clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads from each end if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads (Basics, p. 108) and trim the excess wire.



1 earrings • On a head pin, string a cube crystal, a squaredelle, and a bicone crystal. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 108).

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2 Attach the dangle to the loop of an earring post. Complete the wraps. Make a second earring to match the first. ♣