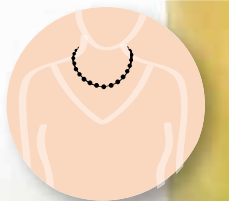


December: Turquoise

Turquoise-colored glass beads with hints of olive and brown are a stylish, budget friendly substitute for December's traditional birthstone. String a necklace and earrings that include aqua seed beads and brass spacers to complement these rich beads.

— Christianne Camera



1 necklace • Cut a piece of beading wire (Basics, p. 110). (My necklace is 17 in./43cm.) Center an 11^g seed bead, three spacers, and an 11^g.



2 On each end, string: glass bead, 11^g, glass, 11^g, glass, 11^g, three spacers, 11^g. Repeat until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length, ending with an 11^g.



3 On each end, string an 11^g, a crimp bead, an 11^g, and half of the clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads from each end if necessary. Go back through the last few beads strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics) and trim the excess wire.



1 earrings • On a head pin, string: glass bead, two spacers, three 11° seed beads, spacer, 11°. Make a plain loop (Basics, p. 110).



2 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first.

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SupplyList

necklace

- 16-in. (41cm) strand
- 8mm glass beads
- 1g 11° seed beads
- 33–45 6mm flat spacers
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

earrings

- 2 8mm glass beads
- 8 11° seed beads
- 6 6mm flat spacers
- 2 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

SUPPLY NOTE

The materials in these projects are available from Eclectica, (262) 641-0910.