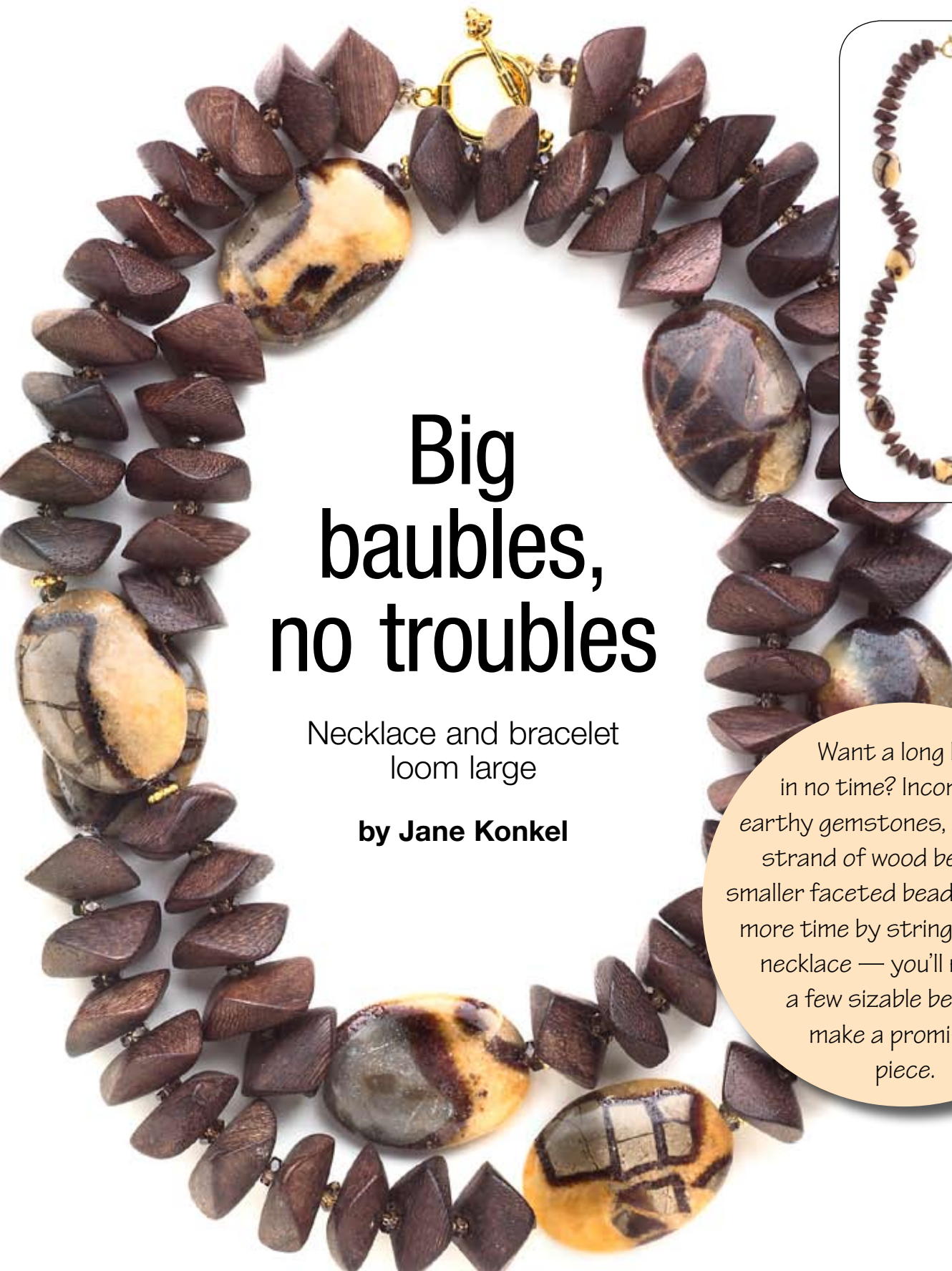


Big baubles, no troubles

Necklace and bracelet
loom large

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Want a long look in no time? Incorporate earthy gemstones, a generous strand of wood beads, and smaller faceted beads. Save even more time by stringing a short necklace — you'll need only a few sizable beads to make a prominent piece.





1 necklace • Cut a piece of beading wire (Basics, p. 76). (My necklace is 44 in./1.1m.) String: spacer, rondelle, oval gemstone bead, rondelle, spacer. Center the beads on the wire.



3 On each end, string: spacer, rondelle, oval, rondelle, spacer. String an alternating pattern of ten wood beads and nine rondelles. Repeat the patterns in steps 1, 2, and 3 until the necklace is within 2 in. (5cm) of the finished length.



2 On each end, string an alternating pattern of five wood beads and four rondelles.



4 On each end, string: spacer, rondelle, crimp bead, rondelle, half of the clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads 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 bracelet • Cut a piece of beading wire (Basics, p. 76). String an oval gemstone bead, a rondelle, and a spacer.



2 String a wood bead and a rondelle. Repeat until the bracelet is within 2 in. (5cm) of the finished length. End with a wood bead.



3 On the wood-bead end, finish as in step 4 of the necklace. On the remaining end, string: rondelle, spacer, crimp bead, rondelle, 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 beads (Basics) and trim the excess wire. ⌚

Supply List

necklace

- 16-in. (41cm) strand oval gemstone beads, approximately 30 x 40mm
- 2 16-in. (41cm) strands 15–20mm wood beads (Rings & Things, 800-366-2156, rings-things.com)
- 16-in. (41cm) strand 5mm faceted rondelles
- 16–20 6mm flat spacers
- flexible beading wire, .018 or .019
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

bracelet

- oval gemstone bead, approximately 30 x 40mm
- 9–13 15–20mm wood beads (Rings & Things, 800-366-2156, rings-things.com)
- 13–17 5mm faceted rondelles
- 3 6mm flat spacers
- flexible beading wire, .018 or .019
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

EDITOR'S TIP

The clasp enables you to double your necklace around your neck. If you intend to wear your necklace long, skip the clasp. On one end, string a crimp bead. String the other end in the opposite direction through the crimp bead, plus a few more beads. Tighten the wire and crimp the crimp bead.

