



You can wear the slide in the front or the back of the necklace.

How can I finish cord without a clasp?

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A large-hole bead can be a clever substitute for a clasp on a suede lariat. This version features long cords in two colors and a bail wrapped with twisted wire. Crystals dress up this otherwise organic piece.



This adjustable slide is a quick option



1 On a 2½-in. (6.4cm) head pin, string a pendant. (If the pendant's hole is large, string a spacer first.) Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 118).



2 Cut a ¾-in. (1.9cm) piece of chain. Attach the pendant's loop to the chain and complete the wraps.



3 On a 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pin, string a crystal. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Repeat with the remaining crystals. Set the round-crystal units aside for step 9.



4 Attach two bicone-crystal units to each link and complete the wraps.



5 Cut a 10-in. (25cm) piece of twisted wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Attach the dangle and complete the wraps.



6 Decide how long you want your lariat to be. (My lariats are 44 in./1.1m.) Cut two pieces of suede cord to that length. Cut a 4-in. (10cm) piece of 20-gauge wire. Make a wrapped loop. Center the loop over both cords. Fold the cords in half and wrap the wire around both cords. Trim the excess wire.

SupplyList

- gemstone pendant, approximately 30mm
- 4 8mm round crystals, in two colors
- 10–14 6mm bicone crystals, in two colors
- large-hole metal bead
- 4mm spacer (optional)
- 2 40–48-in. (1–1.2m) pieces 3mm suede cord

- 4 in. (10cm) 20-gauge half-hard wire
- 10 in. (25cm) 18- or 20-gauge twisted wire
- ¾ in. (1.9cm) chain, 3–4mm links
- 2½-in. (6.4cm) head pin or decorative head pin
- 14–18 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins or decorative head pins
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- thumbtack



7 Wrap the twisted wire around the 20-gauge wire wraps. Trim the excess wire and tuck the wire tail.

SUPPLY NOTE

Choose a metal bead with a hole large enough to accommodate four 3mm suede cords.



8 String each pair of cords through a large-hole bead in opposite directions. Check the fit, and trim the cords if necessary.



9 Using a thumbtack, pierce a hole approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3mm) from each end of each cord. String a round-crystal unit through each pierced hole, and complete the wraps. ❖

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