

Brave YELLOW-BELLY

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Soft green Lucite and coppery polymer clay rounds are linked together with simple loops in this necklace that was inspired by the antique bird-print pendant.



MATERIALS

30 aquamarine 5x3mm rondelles
10 striped brown 6mm vintage Lucite rounds
8 marbled light green 12mm vintage Lucite rounds
4 brown/ecru/turquoise/copper 18mm polymer clay rounds
1 polymer clay 35mm pendant with bird
1 brass 25mm water-lily toggle ring
1 brass 6x30mm engraved oval toggle bar
1 brass 24-gauge 1½" head pin
31" of gunmetal 22-gauge craft wire

TOOLS

Wire cutters
Flat-nose pliers
Round-nose pliers

Finished size: 16½" plus pendant

1: Use the head pin to string the toggle bar, top side first; form a double simple loop (wrap the wire twice around the round-nose pliers before trimming).

2: Use 2" of wire to form a simple loop that attaches to the ring half of the clasp. String 7 aquamarine and form a simple loop.

3: Use 2" of wire to form a simple loop that attaches to the previous loop. String 1 aquamarine, 1 green Lucite, and 1 aquamarine; form a simple loop. Repeat entire step.

4: Use 2½" of wire to form a simple loop that attaches to the previous loop. String 1 brown Lucite, 1 polymer round, and 1 brown Lucite; form a simple loop.

5: Use 2" of wire to form a simple loop that attaches to the previous loop. String 1 aquamarine, 1 green Lucite, and 1 aquamarine; form a simple loop. Repeat Step 4.

6: Use 5" of wire to form a simple loop that attaches to the previous loop. String 1 aquamarine, 1 green Lucite, 1 aquamarine, and 1 brown Lucite.

7: String the pendant, bending the wire into a V shape as you maneuver it through the pendant's holes. String 1 brown Lucite, 1 aquamarine, 1 green Lucite, and 1 aquamarine; form a simple loop.

8: Repeat Steps 5-2, in that order, reversing the stringing sequence and attaching the last simple loops to the previous loop and the bar half of the clasp. ■

RESOURCES: Check your local bead shop or see page 92 for more information. Polymer rounds and pendant: Heather Wynn. Lucite rounds: Art & Soul Beads. Head pin and clasp: Vintaj Natural Brass Co. (wholesale only). Artistic Wire craft wire: Fusion beads.com. Aquamarine rondelles: Desert Gems.