

cover project

Baubles

Wire-wrapped dangles and chain bracelet.

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Vintage Lucite matte beads in aquatic colors really stand out against copper findings! Wire-wrap a variety of dangles and create a repeating pattern along the chain for a lush style with a balanced look.



See matching Baubles earrings at stepbystepbeads.com

WHAT YOU NEED

- Vintage Lucite beads in the following colors:
 - 4 opaque dark blue matte 15mm rounds
 - 3 translucent aqua matte 9x18mm saucers
 - 2 opaque purple matte 6x12mm saucers
 - 3 translucent light purple matte 10mm rounds
 - 7 translucent cerulean blue matte 8mm rounds
 - 12 translucent purple matte 7mm rounds
 - 35-40 copper matte size 6° seed beads
 - 14-18 periwinkle matte size 6° seed beads
- 4 shiny purple 15mm flat plastic discs
- 5 1/2" (16 links) of medium-weight copper chain
- 21 copper 2" head pins
- 21-25 purple niobium 5mm jump rings
- Copper clasp
- Round-nose pliers
- Chain-nose pliers
- Wire cutters

Finished length: About 6 3/4"

Make the dangles

1 Stack the following sets of beads on head pins, finishing each dangle with a wire-wrapped loop. See the Wire-Wrapped Loop sidebar on page 19. Make a total of 21 wire-wrapped loop dangles:

4 large blue dangles: 1 copper seed bead, 1 dark blue round, 1 shiny purple disc, and 1 copper seed bead.

2 purple and aqua saucers dangles: 1 copper seed bead, 1 purple saucer, 1 aqua saucer, and 1 copper seed bead.

1 aqua saucer and purple round: 1 copper seed bead, 1 aqua saucer, 1 copper seed bead, 1 small purple round, and 1 copper seed bead.

3 medium purple rounds dangles: 1 copper seed bead, 1 medium purple round, and 1 copper seed bead.

4 small purple rounds dangles: 1 periwinkle seed bead, 1 small purple round, and 1 periwinkle seed bead.

7 small purple and cerulean rounds dangles: 1 copper seed bead, 1 cerulean round, 1 copper seed bead, 1 small purple round, and 1 copper seed bead.

Attach the large dangles

2 Attach dangles to the chain with purple jump rings: Open 1 purple jump ring. Capture the wire loop of 1 large blue dangle and the second link of the chain. Close the purple jump ring. Repeat using a purple jump ring to connect the remaining dangles to the chain in the following sequence:

Attach 1 purple and aqua saucer dangle to the fourth link.

Attach 1 large blue dangle to the sixth link.

Attach 1 small aqua saucer and purple round dangle to the eighth link.

Attach 1 large blue dangle to the tenth link.

Attach 1 purple and aqua saucer dangle to the twelfth link.

Attach the last large blue dangle to the fourteenth link.

Attach the small dangles

3 Use 1 purple jump ring on each dangle to attach 1 cerulean and purple dangle on the links between the large dangles.

4 Use 1 purple jump ring on each dangle to attach the remaining purple dangles to the same links as the dangles in Step 3. Alternate large and small purple dangles on every other link.



Finish

5 Carefully open one end link of the chain just wide enough to capture one clasp loop. You may need to snip the link. Close the link. Repeat to attach the clasp at the other end. **Note:** You may also use 2 purple jump rings to capture the last link and the loop of your clasp instead of opening the chain link.

RESOURCES: Check your local bead shop for all beads and findings or contact: Vintage Lucite beads and copper chain: The Beadin' Path, www.beadinpath.com. Copper S-clasp and toggle: Patricia Healey copper, healeyp@ix.netcom.com.



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