

Simply Modern Jewelry by Danielle Fox

This book is very close to my heart. As you may have guessed, I wrote it! In it, I strive to teach people that making stylish, boutique-style jewelry themselves is not only possible, but quite easy, too. To that end, all twenty-eight of the book's projects have thorough, step-by-step instructions and photographs along with helpful design and technique tips. Here, I share with you the book's cover project—enjoy! You can find *Simply Modern Jewelry* (Interweave, \$21.95) at your favorite bead shop or bookstore, or order it at (800) 272-2193 or interweavebooks.com.



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MATERIALS

- 5 black 4x2mm cubic zirconia (CZ) faceted rondelles
- 6 peach 10–13x12–18mm moonstone nuggets
- 1 onyx 18x24mm Russian handpainted oval
- 1 sterling silver 20mm bee box clasp
- 1 sterling silver 14x10mm bee charm
- 1 sterling silver 3mm round
- 1 sterling silver 6mm jump ring
- 2 sterling silver 2mm crimp tubes
- 2 sterling silver 3mm crimp covers
- 10" (25.5 cm) of silver-plated .018 beading wire

TOOLS

- Wire cutters
- Crimping pliers

FINISHED SIZE

7" (18 cm)

TECHNIQUES

Stringing; crimping

SIMPLICITY SCALE



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Russian handpainted beads are little pieces of art—literally. Each one is signed by the artist.

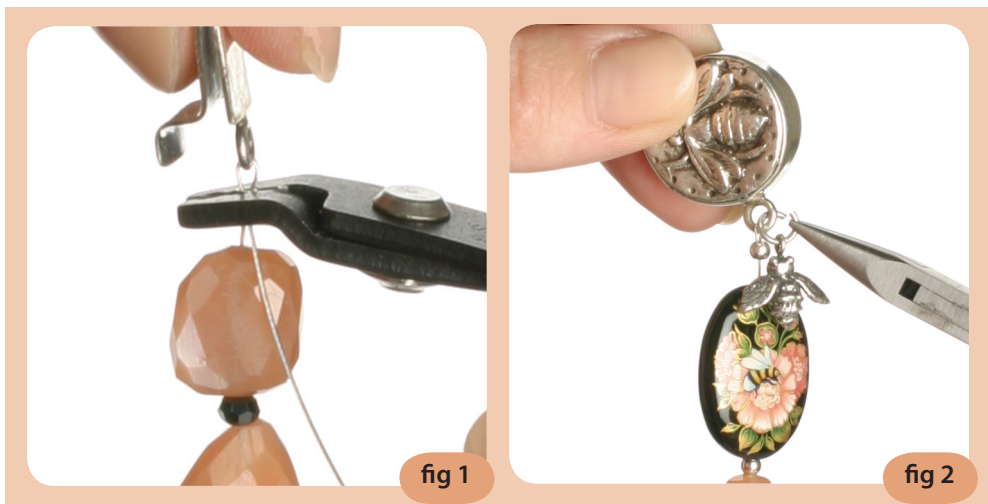
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This honey of a bracelet is unusual in the placement of the handpainted onyx focal bead. It's more customary to place the focal bead in the center of the bracelet, instead of buddied up to the clasp. Here's why my arrangement works: Had I centered the focal bead, it would have been overshadowed by the bulk of the box clasp. However, when it's placed next to the clasp, the two work together as one consolidated focal area.

- 1:** Use the wire to string 1 crimp tube and the loop of one half of the clasp. Pass back through the tube and crimp; trim excess wire.
- 2:** String the onyx bead and silver round. String {1 moonstone and 1 CZ} five times. String 1 moonstone, 1 crimp tube, and the loop of the other half of the clasp. Pass back through the tube and crimp (**figure 1**); trim excess wire.
- 3:** Cover the crimp tubes with crimp covers.
- 4:** Use the jump ring to attach the bee charm to one loop of the clasp (**figure 2**).



Contact your local bead shop or see page 92 for more information: Moonstone: Artgems. Onyx bead: Lumina Inspirations. Bee clasp: Green Girl Studios. Bee charm: Candice Wakumoto. Sterling silver round: Saki Silver. CZs, crimp tubes, and covers: FusionBeads.com. Beading wire: Beadalon (wholesale only). Jump ring: Via Murano.