

South of the Border by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 7.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

50 (1 strand) - 6x2mm Stabilized Chinese Turquoise Heishi Beads (SE0930)
9 (1 strand) - 6mm Carnelian Faceted Round Gemstone Beads (SE2633)
18 - 4mm Antique Silver Plated Twist Heishis (SP0112)
1 - 3/4" Aluminum Circle Stamping Blank With Hole (TL3360)
1 - 6.5x13.5mm Sterling Silver Balloon Clasp (SS4109)
1 - 7mm Sterling Silver Closed Jump Ring (SS3936)
1 - 4.8mm Sterling Silver Jump Ring (SS3947)
2 - 2x2mm Sterling Silver Crimp Beads (SS4047)
2 - 3.4mm Sterling Silver Crimp Bead Covers (SS2103)
1 foot - Clear Soft Flex Beading Wire .014 Diameter (SM0310)
Antiquing solution (Liver of Sulfur or Sharpie marker)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

Wire cutters
Chain nose pliers
Crimping pliers (TL0500)
2.5mm Basic Sans Serif Upper Case Letter Stamp Set by ImpressArt (TL3018)
3" bench block
16 oz. household hammer
Pro Polish Pads

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

Crimping
Crimp Bead Covers
Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
Metal Stamping
Antiquing Silver

For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit FusionBeads.com and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.

Instructions to complete “South of the Border” bracelet:

Step 1

Place one crimp bead and one 7mm closed jump ring onto a 1-foot length of beading wire. Pass the wire back through the crimp bead, and crimp the crimp bead (see Crimping Technique).

Step 2

Cover the crimp bead with a crimp cover (see Crimp Bead Covers Technique), and trim excess wire with wire cutters.

Step 3

String these beads in the following sequence onto the beading wire:

**5 - turquoise heishi beads

1 - antique silver plated twist heishi

1 – carnelian faceted round bead

1 - silver plated heishi

Repeat from the ** nine times, omitting the silver plated heishi, carnelian faceted round, and silver plated heishi from the ninth repeat

1 - crimp bead

The loop on the sterling silver balloon clasp

Step 4

Pass the wire back through the crimp bead, crimp the crimp bead, cover with a crimp cover, and trim excess wire with wire cutters.

Step 5

Tape into place one circle stamping blank onto a bench block. Using a household hammer and the 2.4mm letter and number stamp set, stamp the word “inspire” (or any other word of your choice) into the charm (see Metal Stamping Technique).

Step 6

Using an oxidizing solution like liver of sulfur with a Q-Tip, or a Sharpie permanent marker, color the stamped letters on the blank (see Antiquing Silver Technique).

Step 7

Use a Pro Polish Pad to remove the excess oxidization or Sharpie around the stamped letters by gently rubbing the pad around the letters.

Step 8

Using chain nose pliers, open one 4.8mm jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use the jump ring to connect the stamped blank to the loop on the sterling balloon clasp attached in Step 3. Close the jump ring.

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