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Approximate finished length: 7.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

7 beads - 6mm Ultramarine Halo Fire Polished Round Glass Beads (FP3709)
1 - 45x10mm Copper Rectangle Stamping Component (DA1121)
1 - 15x9mm Copper Plated Brass Lobster Claw Clasp (BM0381)
8 inches - 1mm Natural Antique Round Leather Cord (SM6149)
1 - 24 Gauge Round Bare Copper Artistic Wire (AW2115)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

3mm Ballroom Boogie Upper Case Letter Stamp Set by ImpressArt (TL3045)
1 lb Brass Metal Stamping Hammer (TL2965)
4 Inch Steel Bench Block (TL2974)
Nylon Jaw Bracelet Bending Pliers (TL0613)
Two-Hole Metal Punch (TL0612)
3 Piece Needle File Set (TL1003)
Pro Polish Pads (TL0617)
Round nose pliers
Chain nose pliers
Wire cutters
Permanent marker

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

Metal Stamping
Messy Wire Wrapped Link
Antiquing Silver
Lark's Head Knot

Instructions to complete “Create” bracelet:

Step 1

Tape the stamping component onto the bench block. Using the Ballroom Boogie letter stamp set, stamp the word “create” and a decorative border (or as desired) onto the component (see Metal Stamping Technique). Align each stamp using the reflection in the metal and the tape. Hold the stamp straight up and down. Hit the top of the stamp with one good hard blow.

Step 2

Blacken the stampings with a permanent marker (see Antiquing Silver Technique). When the ink is dry, polish with a Pro Polish Pad.

Step 3

Using the 2.3mm side of the metal hole punch pliers, punch a hole in each end of the component.

Step 4

Use the needle file to enlarge the holes to accommodate the leather cord folded in half.

Step 5

Use the nylon jaw bracelet bending pliers to shape the component with a slight curve.

Step 6

Flush-cut the end of a 3-inch length of wire. Grab the end of the wire with chain nose pliers and make a small bend to create a hook shape. Then, gently squeeze the sides of the bend together until the wires are directly next to each other.

Step 7

Repeat Steps 6 twice, making a total of three head pins.

Step 8

String one 6mm ultramarine halo fire polished glass bead onto one head pin, making one unit. Make a freeform wire wrapped loop (see Messy Wire Wrapped Link Technique) on the end of the head pin.

Step 9

Repeat the previous step with each of the two remaining head pins.

Step 10

Fold an 8-inch length of leather cord in half. Use a lark’s head knot (see Lark’s Head Knot Technique) to attach the cord to the enlarged hole in the stamped component.

Step 11

String one bead unit onto one side of the cord and two bead units onto the second side of the cord.

Step 12

Fold about a half-inch of the ends of the cords. Allowing the folded ends to remain exposed, forming loops, wrap wire in a freeform manner around the cords to keep the together. Trim excess wire.

Step 13

Using a 3-inch length of wire, make a messy wire wrapped link with one 6mm ultramarine halo fire polished glass bead. Connect one side of this wire wrapped link to the loops made in the leather cord in the previous step. Complete the second side of the link without connecting it to anything.

Step 14

In the same manner as in previous step, make and connect three more messy wire wrapped links, connecting each to the previous link. Attach the last link to the loop on the lobster claw clasp.

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