

China Blue Bracelet and Earrings

These beautiful beads are made of glass but have the appearance of a fine china with the luminous white background and delicate decoration in shades of blue and turquoise. There are two other shapes in the range - see the Spotlight page for a necklace suggestion using the matching disc beads - and all three shapes are also available in soft pinks and in a striking combination of soft grey and deep red.



Jodie's China Blue Earrings

Ingredients

- 6 x FN016 silver headpins
- 2 x FN014 silver eyepins
- 6 x FG4 4mm turquoise AB facets
- 6 x FG4 4mm blue facets
- 2 x GL3181 20x10mm white and blue beads
- Pair of FN001 silver fishhook earwires

If you have not made earrings before you will find the 'Loops and Linking' download on the Techniques page helpful so that you can learn about loops and, with a little practice, make perfect results every time

To Make

First trim your headpins to length. Trim one to 35mm, one to 30mm and one to 25mm.

Onto the longest pin thread 1A, 1B, 1A and loop at the end.

Onto the mid length pin thread 1B and loop at the end.

Onto the shortest pin thread 1A, 1B and loop at the end. Open and eyepin and thread on the three pins just completed. Close the loop and thread 1C. Trim and loop.

Attach an earwire.

Repeat to make the other earring.

If you have not used box lace ends before take a look at the 'Threading with Thong' download on the Techniques page of the web site for guidance on how best to use them



Erika's China Blue Bracelet

Ingredients

- 50cm TG007 turquoise 1mm cotton thong (A)
- 50cm TG009 mid blue 1mm cotton thong (B)
- 50cm BT357 Turquoise synthetic knotting thread (C)
- 6 x GL3181 20x10mm white and blue beads (D)
- 42 x RC575 size 6 SL turquoise seed beads (E)
- Pair of FN150 large silver box lace ends
- 2 x FN081 silver jump rings
- MB468 toggle clasp set

To make

The finished bracelet is 8 inches/21 cm long. The threads are cut much longer so that they are easier to manipulate during the making.

To make this bracelet all three threads are used together throughout.

Thread A forms a decorative strand on the outside of the beads. Thread B is the cord that goes through the D beads and thread C is the cord that goes through the E beads.

Tie a single overhand knot through all threads approx 5cm from one end.

Thread the B cord through a D bead. Onto the C cord thread 7E. Bring the B cord around the outer edge of the D bead just threaded.

Bring all three threads together where the B cord emerges through the D bead. Tie them all together in a single overhand knot.

Repeat this sequence using up all of the other beads. Finish with an overhand knot after the 6th D bead has been added. Use the large box lace ends to secure the ends of the threads. Attach to the toggle fastener using jump rings.