

Halloween Charm Bracelet by Jodie Garrington

Jodie made this super chunky charm bracelet by creating her own chain from chunky links for maximum dramatic impact. The pictured project is in vibrant orange and black to remind us of the pumpkin patch as this was Jodie's inspiration for a Halloween feel, with a few carefully chosen charms added in.



Charm style bracelets can be super elegant, with minimal charms and a symmetrical feel, or, like this one, full of random beads that work together for a fun feel. This is a great style to make your own by using up those odd bits and pieces in your bead boxes.

Whatever your style, follow the instructions for making the basic chain, and make the bracelet your own with your bead selection. If you have not made this type of project before, see the [Loops and Linking](#) download on the [Techniques Page](#) for step-by-step instructions on making wrapped loops and using jumprings correctly.

Recipe - for the chain base

(all in silver plate)

11 x MB670 15x10mm solid oval link

5 x MB668 14mm solid hoop link

12 x FN065 7mm jump ring

1 x MB489 toggle fastener

5 x 5mm jumprings

The pictured chain has a finished length of 22cm/8.5 inches - quite long for most people but remember, the more charms you put on it, the bulkier it becomes, so don't make it too tight. 17.5cm/7 inches will be long enough for most people with room for a good selection of charms.

The basic chain is made simply by joining the oval links together with the 7mm jumprings and attaching the toggle fastener at the ends, again using 7mm jumprings. The five round hoop links are then attached at even intervals along the chain with the 5mm jumprings to give the basic framework onto which the decorations will be added.

To make a bracelet 22cm in length, use all eleven oval links, each link less reduces the overall length by approx 1.5cm, so for a total length of 17.5cm you will need 8 oval links (MB670). Each link also supports 3 or 4 charms so as you reduce your number of links, remember to reduce the number of charms too

For the decoration - Jodie used:

45 x FN064 5mm jumpring

33 x FN016 headpin

4 x MB664 metal star bead

2 x MB227 star and moon bicone

One each of the following charms:-

MB621 dancing senior pendant, MB622

sugar skull pendant, MB494 skull charm,

MB463 sitting cat charm, and three

MB174 black glass centre charms.

and an assortment of glass beads including the following: 3 x GL2903, 1 x GL26723, 1 x GL2644, 2 x GL1783, 2 x GL1788, 1 x GL2688, 10 x FG418, 8 x FG616, 3 x GL596, 3 x GL1322, 3 x GL2469 plus a few black size 8 seed beads (RC746)

To add the decoration

The important thing when making a charm bracelet is to plan your decoration - and this is most important when you are aiming either for symmetry or, as in this case, the chain is very heavily decorated.

Put all of the pendant/charm pieces to one side for a moment.

The remaining metal and glass beads need to be divided up into 33 sets, each of which will become a charm. Some beads, like the cat faces, have simply been threaded onto a headpin with a seed bead at either side to keep them in place. Other beads have been brought into combinations of two or three beads that work well together.

Make your 33 beaded charms by threading the beads onto headpins and finishing with a wrapped loop for a really neat finish. If you have not made a wrapped loop before see the [Loops and Linking](#) download on the [Techniques Page](#) of the website.

Once all your beaded charms are complete, lay your chain in front of you and place both the beaded charms you have just made, and the metal pendant/charm pieces set aside earlier, along the length of the bracelet until you are happy with the overall composition. Now simply attached all of the charms to the bracelet using the 5mm jumprings and admire your new creation!