

Jean's Semi Precious Set

Ingredients to make two necklaces, one bracelet and two pairs of earrings

Pot of RC336 size 10 Purple AB seed beads (A)
Pot of RC057 size 1 silver bugles (B)
String of SPST891 medium blue goldstone pebbles (C)
3 x MB061 8mm silver sparkle beads (D)
4 x MB060 6mm silver sparkle beads (E)
3 x GL2710 8x6mm fire polished faceted clear AB rondelle (F)
2 x GL1344 18mm frost tanzanite beads (G)
4 x PP086 flat silver washer beads (H)
2m BT410 0.019 medium soft flex
6 x FN016 silver headpins
2 x FN014 silver eyepins
Pair of FN006 small silver fishhook earwires
4 x FN244 3mm silver crimp covers
1 x MB108 silver S hook fastener
4 x FN068 6x4mm silver jump rings
2 x FN024 medium silver lobster clasps
2 x MB276 silver almond 3 ring end bars

Five projects all made with simple straight threading techniques and there were loads of seed beads from the two pots left over at the end so why not use more seed beads within the designs and make one or both of the necklaces multi-strand rather than single strand.



To Make the Single Strand Earrings

Onto a headpin thread 5B, 1C, 5B. Trim and loop. Attach an earwire. Repeat to make the other earring.



Beaders' Tip

Semi Precious pebbles can vary along the length of the string. If you are making earrings sort through the stone beads before you start the other designs to find a matching pair (or pairs) of beads to put aside for the earrings

To Make the Necklace pictured right.

Cut 60cm Soft Flex. Finish one end with a loop and French crimp to link to the ring on one end of the S clasp.

Thread on 1A followed by a 4cm length of alternating 1B, 2A. Finish with 1B, 1A. Thread 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1E, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1H, 1G, 1H. From here you repeat a similar sequence to the centre front - 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1E, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1D.

This 1D just added is your centre front bead. Repeat the sequence in reverse. Finish with a loop and French crimp to link to the jump ring on the other side of the S clasp.

To Make the Necklace pictured below

Cut 60cm soft flex. Finish one end with a loop and French crimp.

Thread on 2cm alternate B and A beads, 1C, 2cm B and A beads, 1C, 2cm B and A beads, 1F, 2cm alternate B and A beads, 1C, 2cm B and A beads, 1C, 2cm alternate B and A beads, 1C, 2cm B and A beads, 1C, 2cm B and A beads, 1F.

This is the centre front of the necklace. Repeat the same sequence in reverse and finish the end of the soft flex with another French crimp and loop.

Cover the crimps on each end with crimp covers and attach a lobster fastener with two oval jump rings to complete.

To Make the Double Strand Earrings

Onto a headpin thread 1B, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1B, 3A. Trim and loop.

Thread a second pin the same but end with 7A instead of 3A. Trim and loop. Open the loop at the end of an eyepin and thread on the two pins just made. Close the loop. Thread on 1D. Trim and loop.

Thread onto an earwire.

Repeat to make the other earring.



If you have not used Soft Flex before take a look at the Working with Beading Wires on the Techniques page of the Spellbound web site for more detailed information on working with this thread and finishing it off

To Make the Three Strand Bracelet

Cut 30cm Soft flex. Attach to one of the end loops on one of the end bars by making a loop and securing with a French crimp. Thread on 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 1C. Repeat this sequence until you have threaded on five full pattern repeats. Thread on 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B to complete the sequence. Attach the soft flex to the corresponding loop on the other end bar using a French crimp to secure.

Repeat this sequence for another strand of Soft Flex to suspend between the other two end loops on the bars.

The central sequence is a little different so that the larger beads do not sit next to each other but alternate down the strand. Cut 30cm soft flex and attach to the remaining loop on one end bar with a French crimp. Thread on 1B, 3A, 1B, 1C, ** 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 3A, 1B, 1C *. Repeat the sequence from ** to * four more times. Now thread on 1B, 3A, 1B to complete the strand and secure to the other end bar with a French crimp to complete.

Finally use two of the oval jump rings to attach the lobster fastener to the end bars to complete the bracelet.