



"Caught the Bug Project"

Cubes and Crystals Necklace, Bracelet and Earring Set

Tools

These projects require one pair each of:
round-nose pliers
chain-nose pliers
cutters.

Necklace Materials

75cm (30in) Tigertail
2 x Crimps
1 x Lobster Clasp
Extension Chain
2x2.5mm Crystal Donuts
4mm Hematite Cubes
Wire Guards (optional)
Crimp Covers (optional)

Bracelet Materials

2 x 40cm (16in) Tigertail
or (1x 40cm (16in) for single)
4 x Crimps
1 x Lobster Clasp
Extension Chain
2x2.5mm Crystal Donuts
4mm Hematite Cubes
Wire Guards (optional)
Crimp Covers (optional)
Jump rings (optional)



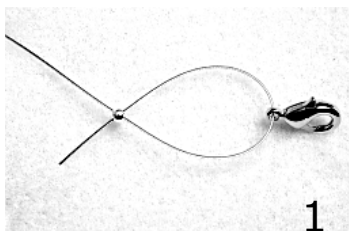
Necklace

1. **Method One:** Thread one of the crimps and the lobster clasp on one end of the wire. Thread the wire back through the crimp and pull the wire up to the clasp leaving a short tail of about 4cm (1 1/2in). (Photo 1)

2. Using chain-nose pliers squash the crimp firmly to secure the clasp in place then tug on the crimp to ensure it is secure, if it slides squash it again. (Photo 2)

1. **Alternate Method Two:** If you would like to use a wire guard and crimp cover, thread the wire through one crimp, one crystal and one side of the guard. Take the thread around the wire guard and down the other side, thread on the lobster clasp and bring it inside the guard then bring the wire back through the crystal and the crimp. Pull up the wire to the end of the guard leaving a short tail of about 4cm (1 1/2in). (Photo 3)

2. Using chain-nose pliers squash the crimp firmly to secure the clasp in place then tug on the crimp to ensure it is secure, if it slides squash it again. Place the cover centrally over the crimp with the opening facing up. Position the jaws of the chain-nose pliers equally either side of the cover and gently squeeze the pliers to bring the two sides together and close the cover around the crimp (Photos 4 and 5)



NB: The design is simply made by alternating two crystals between each cube however before you begin threading the beads determine your finished length. If you require a longer finished length begin and end the design by alternating crystals with silver beads, you also have an extension chain which will increase the length by another 5cm (2in).

3. Lay out the beads in your chosen design then starting from one end of the necklace layout, thread the beads on the wire.

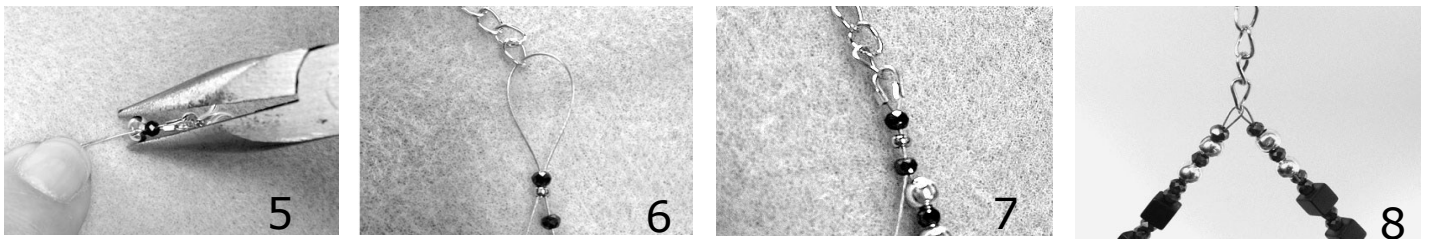
4. **Method One:** Finally thread the remaining crimp and the last link of the extension chain. Go back through the crimp and the next bead, pull the wire up ensuring there are no gaps in the wire then squash the crimp as before. Use the wire cutters to trim the jewellery wire close to the exit bead. (See Photo 6)

4. **Alternate Method Two:** Finally thread the remaining crimp, a crystal and a wire guard. Go around the wire guard and through the other side then thread on the last link of the extension chain. Bring the wire back through the crystal and the crimp and the next bead, pull the wire up ensuring there are no gaps in the wire then squash the crimp as

Bracelet

If you would like to make a single strand bracelet follow the instructions for the necklace.

To make a double strand bracelet follow the instructions for the necklace and make one side of the bracelet then make the second side in the same way attaching the ends into the same clasp. You may find it easier not to use a wire guard at the lobster end unless you add a jump ring between the clasp and the guards. (See Photo 8)



Safety

When using cutters to snip headpins **always** hold the end of the pin so it does not fly off into someone's eye!

Earrings

Materials

Pair ear wires

2 x Head-pins

Assorted Cubes and Crystals

1. Thread your selected beads onto a head pin then make a plain loop above the beads. (see directions below)

2. Slightly open the loop, thread on the ear wire and close the loop. (see directions below)

3. Make another matching earring in the same way.

(Cont)

Making a Plain Loop on a Bead

1. Position the tip of your thumb nail above the beads on the head pin to hold them in place and protect them, then using your other thumb bend the head-pin wire over your finger nail to make a right angle. (See photo 1)
2. Measure along the wire about 1 cm (3/8in) from the bend then trim it using the cutters. Remember to hold the end of the pin (see safety note and photo 2)
3. Holding the round-nose pliers in your dominant hand and with your palm face upward, grasp the end of the wire then turn your hand over and towards the bead rolling the wire into a half circle. Grasp the wire again with your hand palm upwards and continue rolling the wire over until you have a circle over the bead. (See photo 3)

Opening and Closing a Plain Loop

1. Using chain-nose pliers, hold the loop on the same side as the opening. (See photo 4)
Open the loop by bringing the pliers in an upward motion towards you. Do not try to unwind the roll of the loop as this will weaken the wire. To close the loop, reverse the previous action.

