Make: DIT Jewelry

Pink Ombré Necklace

Materials

8 chunky white stone beads, see Sources*
1½-inch gold eye pins
Small pink dyed mother-of-pearl chip beads
16 oblong pink stone beads, see Sources
4 gold crimp beads
2 gold jump rings
2 lengths of pink ribbon, cut to desired length

Tools

Jewelry pliers
Beading needle

Instructions

Thread eye pin through four white stone bead and connect by looping straight end of eye pin on one bead around eye end of next bead with jewelry pliers. Repeat with remaining four beads for other side.

Use a beading needle to string small pink beads on silk bead cord to make four lengths of 8 inches, keeping 4 inches of extra cord on each side.

Use a beading needle and the ends of two lengths of beaded cord from previous step as one to string four oblong pink stone beads on each end of the strung small beads. Repeat with third and fourth beaded lengths.

Thread silk cord from one string of beads through crimp bead, through eye pin on end of the chunky white bead, back through the crimp bead and through the hole of at least one oblong pink bead. Using jewelry pliers, crimp the crimp bead to hold the silk cord, and trim the end of the silk cord. Repeat with second strand of pink beads and the same chunky white bead. Repeat on other side of pink bead strands with the second length of chunky white beads.

Use jewelry pliers to open jump ring and thread through last eye pin opening on end of white bead. Repeat on other side. Fold one length of ribbon in half, and thread folded end through jump ring. Wrap cut ends around jump ring and through loop created by folded end of ribbon. Tighten around jump ring.

Bauble Bracelet

Materials

Gold chain
White mother-of-pearl beads, see Sources*
Round crackled quartz beads, see Sources*
White 10mm pearls, see Sources*
1-inch gold eye pins or headpins
1½-inch gold eye pins or headpins
2-inch gold eye pins or headpins
Gold wire, cut into 3-inch lengths
Crimp beads
Gold jump ring
Gold lobster claw clasp

Tools

Wire cutters

Instructions

Thread 1½-inch eye pin through large glass bead. Using jewelry pliers, loop straight end around chain link and press closed. Thread 1-inch eye pin through pearl. Using jewelry pliers, loop straight end around same chain link and press closed.

Thread 3 mother-of-pearl beads on length of wire. Thread one end of wire through same chain link, then through both ends of wire through a crimp bead. Using jewelry pliers, press crimp bead closed. Trim wire ends close to crimp bead. Thread 1-inch eye pin through pearl. Using jewelry pliers, loop straight end around next chain link and press closed. Leave next chain link empty.

Continue in same pattern (glass bead, pearl and mother of pearl bead loop in first link; single pearl in next link; last link empty) until bracelet is the desired length.

Use wire cutters to cut off excess chain, leaving two empty links at one end and one empty link at the other end. Use pliers to open jump ring and loop around single empty link at end of bracelet and through end of lobster claw clasp. Close jump ring.

Turquoise & Green Stand Necklace

Materials

40 round jade green beads, see Sources*
16 aqua rectangle stone beads, see Sources*
31 small aqua round beads, see Sources*
41 medium aqua round beads, see Sources*
Oblong turquoise beads, see Sources*
Small round turquoise beads, see Sources*
Beadalon 19-strand silver beading wire
Nylon beading thread
Silver crimp beads
Silver spacer bar with 5 eyes, see Sources*
Silver hook and eye closure

Tools

Jewelry pliers Beading needle

Instructions

Using a beading needle and beading wire, string green beads to 16 inches in length. Cut wire, leaving 2 inches of extra wire on each end. Use a beading needle and beading wire to string 1 oblong aqua bead and 1 small aqua round bead, continuing in pattern until strand reaches 16 inches in length. Cut wire, leaving 2 inches of extra wire on each end.

Use a beading needle and beading wire to string medium aqua round beads until strand reaches 16 inches in length. Cut wire, leaving 2 inches of extra wire on each end. Use a beading needle and nylon beading thread to string three 16-inch strands of oblong turquoise beads, leaving 2 inches of extra thread on each end. Use a beading needle and nylon beading thread to string three 16-inch strands of small round turquoise beads, leaving 2 inches of extra thread on each end.

Attach green beads to spacer bar by threading wire through crimp bead, through eye of spacer bar, back through crimp bead and through at least one green bead. Using pliers, crimp bead and trim excess wire. Attach turquoise beads in same fashion, securing all three strings of oblong turquoise beads to same eye and all three strings of small round turquoise beads to same eye. Attach remaining two strands of aqua beads in same fashion, each in its own spacer eye. Attach other ends of beads to second spacer bar, keeping strands in the same order.

Use a beading needle and beading wire to string two lengths of 8 medium aqua round beads. Attach to single-eye ends of spacer bars using crimp beads and trim wire.

Attach two parts of hook and eye closure to loose ends of aqua beads with crimp beads and trim wire.

*Sources: bead gallery OVAL STONE BEADS in white, bead gallery ROSE QUARTZ NUGGET BEADS, bead gallery ROUND BEADS CRACKLED QUARTZ, bead gallery ROUND BEADS JADE GREEN, bead gallery RECTANGLE STONE BEADS IN AQUA, bead gallery SMALL AQUA ROUND BEADS, bead gallery MEDIUM AQUA ROUND BEADS, bead landing premium metals mixed SPACER BAR CONNECTORS all from Michael's stores or michaels.com; MOTHER-OF-PEARL SHELL WHITE mini to small nugget bead, TURQUOISE 6×4MM OVAL bead, TURQUOISE 4MM ROUND BEAD all from firemountaingems.com.