

WATUSI LOVE BRACELET



Learn these jewelry making techniques:

How to crimp multiple wires and add a crimp cover

How to work with multiple strands of wire

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SUPPLIES:

- Beadalon® Findings Variety Pack
- Beadalon® 19 Strand Bead Stringing Wire, Silver, 0.018"
- Beadalon® Crimp Covers
- Beadalon® Crimp Tubes Assorted Sizes
- Beadalon® Pinch Bail Pendants
- Toggle Clasp
- 2 packs of Bead Gallery® Red Jade Round Beads, 10mm
- Swarovski[™] Create Your Style[™] Heart Pendant
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TOOLS:

- 2x Beadalon® Sparkle Chain Nose Pliers
- Beadalon® Nipper Tool
- Beadalon® Standard Crimper Tool
- Bead Stopper

STEP 1 -

Measure out approximately 18" of Beadalon Wire. Cut another piece of the wire 22" in length and set aside. String the 18" piece of Beadalon 49 Strand wire through the loop on the clasp. Pull the wire so that the clasp is in the center of the wire and bring the ends together.

STEP 2

String on one #3 crimp tube over both of the wires. Slide the crimp tube close to the clasp, but not as close as you would when you are ready to crimp; leave some space.

STEP 3

Slide one end of the 22" piece of wire into the crimp tube.

STEP 4

Carefully slide the crimp about 6mm (¼ inch) from the clasp, making sure the longer wire doesn't slip out of the crimp tube, and crimp all three wires in place.

STFP 5

Very carefully cut the third strand end off as close to the crimp as possible, make certain not to cut the other wires.

STEP 6

Add a crimp cover over the crimp tube.

STEP 7

String one bead onto all three wires.

STFP 8

Make sure that the long strand of wire is to the side of this first base bead and string 16 more beads onto the two short strands of beading wire. Use a bead stopper to hold these beads in place.

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STEP 9

String a bead onto the long wire.

STEP 10

Separate the two base strands in-between the second and third beads. String the long strand in between these two wires, and pull the wire through. Use your finger to guide the bead into place so it is sitting on the bottom of the base bead.

STEP 11

Pull the wire through so the beads sit one on top of the other. Slide the next bead from the short wires up to hold the wire and beads in place.

STEP 12

Your long wire will now be pointing up. Add another bead to this long wire.

STEP 13

Separate the two base strands in between the third and fourth beads and string the long strand in between these two wires. The pattern will sit best if you keep these wires from twisting or crossing inside the beads. Notice that the long strand is switching back and forth through the double strand in an S, or "Watusi", pattern.

STEP 14

Pull the wire down. Position the bead so it sits on top of the third bead. Reposition your bead stopper to hold the beads in place again.

TIP: If the beads move out of alignment, simply loosen the bead stopper and wiggle them back into place.

STEP 15

Continue following steps 9-14 until your bracelet is the desired length. Add or subtract beads as needed.

STEP 16

When you add your last bead, instead of stringing the long wire through the two wires, string it through the last bead. Pull tight and position on top of the bead as before.

STEP 17

Cut the long wire flush with the remaining two wires, and insert the three wires into a crimp bead. Push the crimp bead snugly against the last bead. String one of the wires into the loop on the other half of the clasp. Double check that your beads are all aligned and spaced properly by using the chain nose pliers to tighten the wires as necessary.

STEP 18

Insert the wire from the last step back through the crimp bead and the last bead to secure the clasp. Double check again that your beads are sitting properly and there is no unwanted spacing between the beads. Crimp the crimp tube in place.

STEP 19

Use extreme care to cut the wire that was doubled back into the crimp to hold the clasp. Cut one of the two remaining wires at the crimp bead, on the clasp side of the crimp bead. Make certain that you are cutting one of the two remaining wires and not the doubled back wire. Cut the other remaining wire, making sure not to cut the looped wire that is holding the clasp.

STEP 20

Add a crimp cover over the crimp tube.

STEP 21

Optional – add a charm next to the clasp with a jump ring or turn a pendant into a charm using a pinch bail.

