



Woven Gemstone Bracelet

This bracelet features two shapes of semi precious gemstones and is an easy form of free hand bead weaving that can be done by almost anyone.

Materials:

- ~2 yards of silk (pick a color that compliments your gemstone choices).
- ~1 8" strand of a barrel shaped semi precious stone or glass bead
- ~1 8 to 16" strand of semi precious or glass rondelles
- ~2 twisted wire needles, size thin
- ~4 small basket bead tips
- ~2, two strand end bars
- ~Clasp of your choice
- ~4 six mm jump rings
- ~G-S Hypo cement glue

Tools Needed:

- ~An awl for knotting the ends
- ~Flat nose pliers for attaching the clasp to the bead tips
- ~Your hands!



Instructions:

- 1.) Take the two yards of silk and cut it in half, making two pieces equaling one yard each. Thread each piece of silk into a needle until the strand is doubled and tie a double knot at each end .
- 2.) Thread a bead tip onto each string and drag it all the way down to the knot you just made at the end of each thread. Once the bead tips are placed, string two of the rondelle beads onto each thread. Both threads are still separated at this point.
- 3.) Now we will be joining the project. Take one of the barrel shaped beads and thread it onto one of the threads. Now take the other thread and thread it through the bead in the opposite direction than you did the first one. The threads will be crossing through the bead. Drag the barrel bead done to the rondelles and pull tight.
- 4.) String two more rondelles onto each thread. Repeat the process of crossing the threads through the barrel shaped bead, pulling it tight each time.
- 5.) Repeat stringing two rondelle beads and cross stringing the barrel beads until you have reached the desired length (keep in mind that the end bars and clasp will add length).
- 6.) Once you have reached the correct length, string the bead tips onto the other side and place an end knot into each using an awl. Glue all the end knots and let dry for 10 minutes.
- 7.) Attach the end bars onto the beads tips using your flat nose pliers. Then attach your clasp to the end bars.
- 8.) Finally, give the bracelet a few tugs to stretch the silk so that all the beads do not lay too tightly. WEAR!