

Various Disk and Loop Bracelet Ideas



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Suggested Materials:

- Disk-and-loop bracelet form for gluing, various platings (such as stock # 40-347, 40-349, 40-377)
- Head & eye pins
- Jump rings
- Various beads
- Assorted found objects & other items suitable for gluing

Tools and supplies: cutters, round-nose pliers, flat-nose pliers, adhesive such as E-6000

To make these designs:

1. Use an adhesive to attach various ornamental objects of your choice to the disks on the bracelet.

TIP: Proper surface preparation is critical. Glue holds best if the surfaces to be glued are not smooth and glossy. Use a file to roughen the gluing surface of each disk and the gluing surface of any smooth artisan elements before gluing. Thoroughly clean the gluing surfaces with rubbing alcohol or acetone just prior to gluing.

TIP: Lay out your ornaments in a desirable pattern. (Hint: for added interest, try layering ornamental elements.) Start at one end of the bracelet, place a drop of glue on a disk; add your ornamental element, and hold it firmly in place for a few seconds while the glue sets. Repeat this process with the remaining disks and ornamental elements. Follow the manufacturer's directions for the adhesive you're using.

2. Use jump rings to attach charms and other baubles to the bracelet's loops. (See jump-ring hint on back.)

TIP: To stabilize your bracelet, temporarily tie a string to the bracelet's first and last loop, then tape the strings to a piece of cardboard while pulling your bracelet tight. The prepared disks should be facing up.

Other Design Ideas:

- Disk-and-loop footage chain (#40-099-31) is perfect for creating belts, chokers and anklets.
- Try using portions of the disk-and-loop chain to create a versatile finding or bail for a necklace.

Jump-ring hint:

When you open and close jump rings, twist sideways instead of “ovalling” them. This keeps their shape better, which makes them easier to close all the way.

