

“Gentle Gem” Bracelet

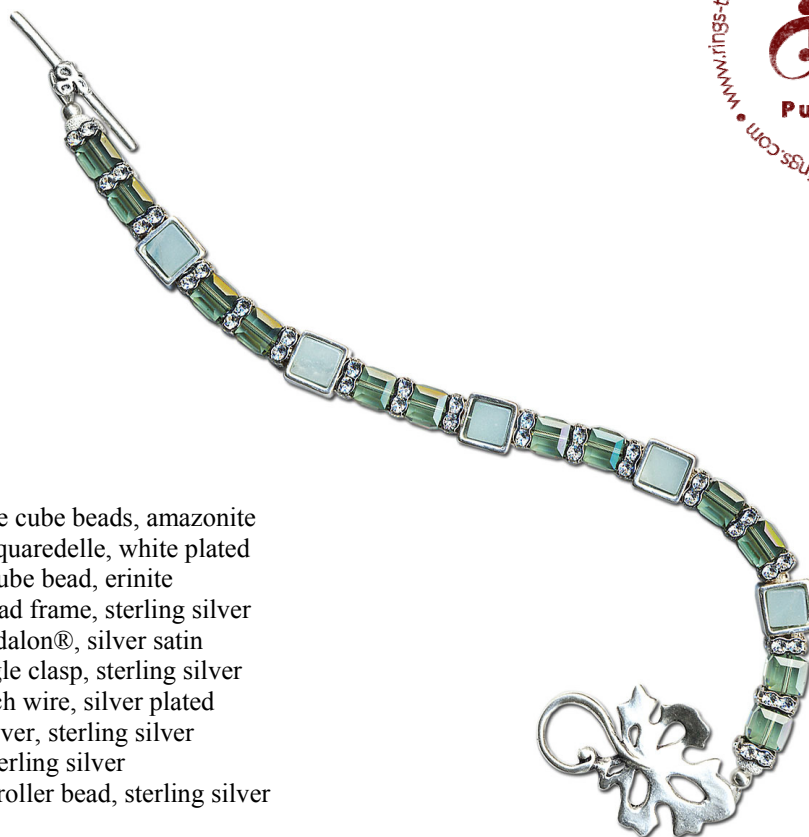
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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Name</u>
5	#21-706-007	6mm gemstone cube beads, amazonite
18	#46-366-1-01	6mm crystal squaredelle, white plated
12	#05-601-06-116	6mm crystal cube bead, erinite
5	#24-970	Bali square bead frame, sterling silver
8”	#61-723-19-77	19-strand Beadalon®, silver satin
1	#39-550-W	Deco leaf toggle clasp, sterling silver
1/2”	#41-071-3	Medium French wire, silver plated
2	#48-583	3mm crimp cover, sterling silver
2	#41-559	Crimp tube, sterling silver
2	#24-944	4mm stardust roller bead, sterling silver



Tools: Cutters, chain-nose pliers, crimping pliers

To make this design:

1. Begin by cutting one piece of Beadalon approximately 8” long and two pieces of French wire approximately 1/4” long each. Make sure that the ends of your French wire are cut smoothly so you do not have difficulty stringing them onto the Beadalon.

TIP: French wire can help you create end loops that are exactly the same size. Cut two pieces in precise equal lengths, string onto cord exactly like a bead, then loop through a crimp bead and crimp closed.

2. Add one crimp tube and one piece of French wire to the end of your Beadalon. Loop the Beadalon through one portion of your toggle clasp and back through the crimp tube. Pull gently until the French wire is flush against the crimp and crimp closed.

3. Using the rounded portion of your crimping pliers, gently close a crimp cover over the crimp bead.

4. Fit one gemstone cube into a square bead frame, making sure to line up the holes. Repeat for the remaining four cubes.

NOTE: Because gemstones are typically a natural material, hole size and bead shape will vary. Not all gemstone cubes will fit into these bead frames, but most will.

5. String beads in the following order: one stardust bead, one squaredelle, one crystal cube, one squaredelle, one crystal cube, and one squaredelle.

6. String your first bead frame with gemstone cube and repeat the pattern in step 5, skipping the stardust bead. Continue this pattern until you have strung 12 crystal cubes, all of your bead frames with gemstone cubes and 17 squaredelle beads. End with a final stardust bead.

7. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to finish your bracelet. **NOTE:** Before crimping your final crimp tube, “loosen” the beads so that the bracelet curves nicely around your wrist. Once you are happy with the drape of your bracelet, crimp closed and finish.

TIP: When stringing with cube beads, allow a little room between beads to create a nicer “drape” of your jewelry.