

"All Buttoned Up" Bracelet

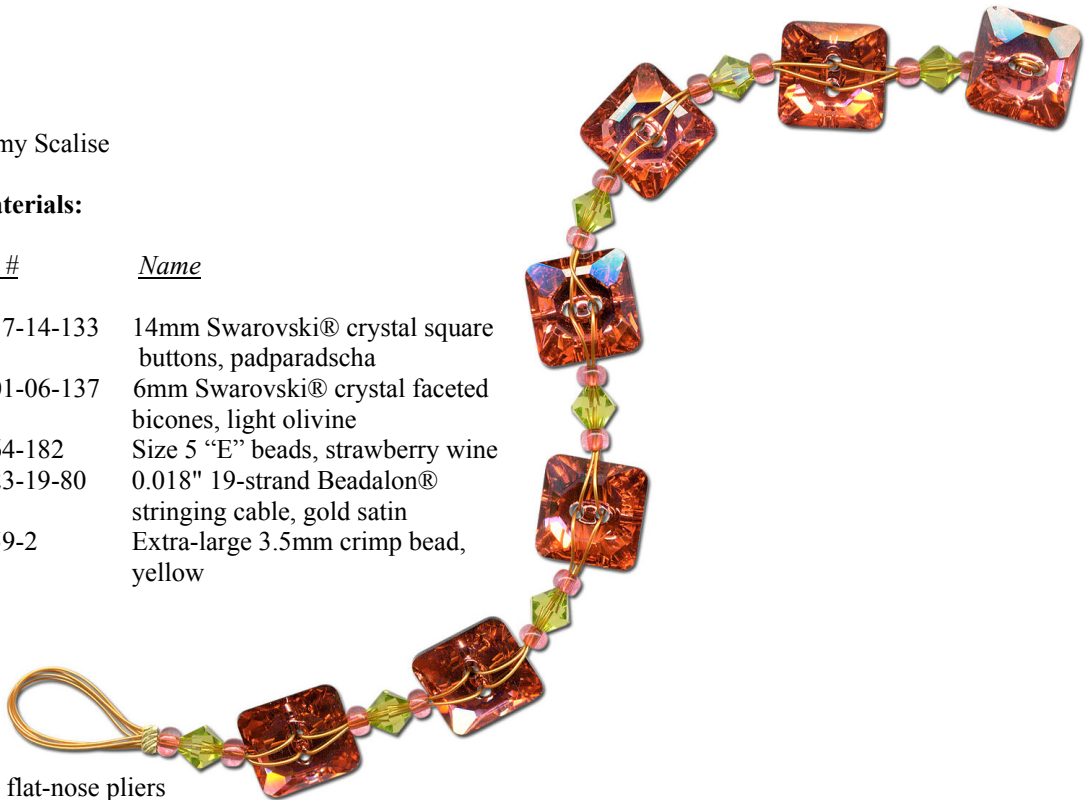
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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
7	03-017-14-133	14mm Swarovski® crystal square buttons, padparadscha
7	05-301-06-137	6mm Swarovski® crystal faceted bicones, light olivine
14	23-264-182	Size 5 "E" beads, strawberry wine
40"	61-723-19-80	0.018" 19-strand Beadalon® stringing cable, gold satin
1	41-259-2	Extra-large 3.5mm crimp bead, yellow



Tools: cutters, flat-nose pliers

To make this design:

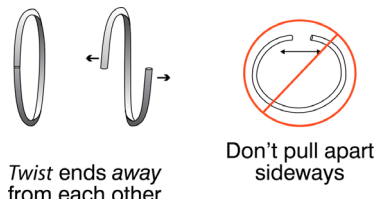
1. Cut two 20" pieces of Beadalon.
2. String both strands of cord through both holes of a crystal button.
3. Center the button on the cords. This button acts as the closure for the bracelet.
4. String the E beads and bicones, as pictured onto all 4 strands.
5. Add one button crystal by threading 2 pieces of cord down through the top of the button, and two pieces of cord up through the under side of the button.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until you reach the desired length. The finished length of this bracelet is 7½". For a different size, adjust the amount of beads, buttons and stringing cable.
7. Add a crimp bead through all 4 strands, and make a loop large enough to hold the button on the other end.
8. String cable back through the crimp. Crimp and trim excess cable.

TIP: Remember to use a large crimp bead or crimp tube to accommodate the four pieces of cord that form the loop.

Techniques for Stringing with Beading Cable

1. Cut wire cable 4" longer than desired necklace or bracelet length. String a crimp bead onto one end of the cable and loop back through crimp bead. Try to tuck excess cable inside your end beads, otherwise trim neatly with flush cutters. Flatten crimp bead with standard round- or flat-nose pliers. Use jump ring to attach one end of your clasp to cable.

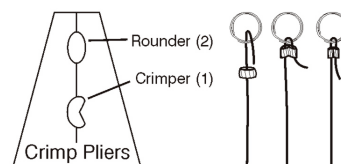
TIP: When opening and closing jump rings, twist sideways instead of "ovalling" them. This keeps their shape better, which makes them easier to close all the way. (As shown on the left.) To prevent marks on the ring use non-serrated flat-nose pliers.



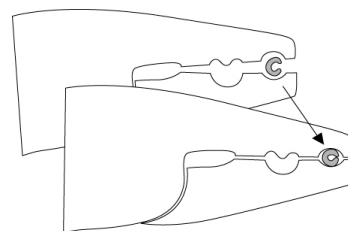
2. String desired pattern.
3. Add final crimp bead; loop cable back through your crimp like in step 1. Tuck excess cable inside end beads, otherwise trim neatly with flush cutters. Flatten crimp bead and attach other end of the clasp with a jump ring.
4. Some designs may require stringing the beads before finishing the cable ends. We recommend using Bead Stoppers™ (#69-144-06 and -16) to secure unfinished ends. When you have finished follow steps 1 and 3.

Variations:

- a. **Crimping pliers:** To make a nice rounded crimp bead, use the innermost section (1) of the pliers to crimp. Face crimp outward (as shown in example below) and use the outer section (2) of the pliers to round the bead.



- b. **Crimp covers:** Cover flattened crimps with a crimp cover. Make sure there is enough space around your crimp bead. Use section 2 (see picture above) of the crimping pliers to gently secure the cover over the bead.



- c. **Bullion:** Cut two pieces in precise equal lengths (approx. 1/2-3/4"), add one crimp tube and one piece of bullion to the end of wire cable. Loop the cable through one portion of clasp and back through the crimp tube. Pull gently until the bullion is flush against the crimp and crimp closed.



- d. **Wire protectors:** Guard wire cable from excessive wear with wire protectors. These are used the same way as bullion.

