

“El Día de los Muertos” Bracelet

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Suggested Materials:

| <u>Qty.</u> | <u>Stock #</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 6 | 28-866-07 | Christensen furnace glass beads, rainbow |
| 3 | 28-866-01 | Christensen furnace glass beads, jewel tones |
| 5 | 49-947-29-AS | 10mm TierraCast™ rose skull beads, antiqued silver plate |
| 2 | 43-137-AS | 10mm TierraCast scalloped large-hole bead caps, antiqued silver plate |
| 3 | 49-947-52-AS | 8mm TierraCast Bali-style large-hole spacer beads, antiqued silver plate |
| 3 | 49-947-25-AS | 8x8mm TierraCast pamada spacer beads, antiqued silver plate |
| 3 | 49-947-25-AC | 8x8mm TierraCast pamada spacer beads, antiqued copper plate |
| 1 | 56-032-1 | 1" TierraCast bead bar, white |
| 2 | 56-031-7 | ¾" TierraCast bead bars, antiqued copper plate |
| 2 | 43-136-AC | 8mm TierraCast Bali-style large-hole bead caps, antiqued copper plate |
| 5 | 37-422-7 | 2" standard head pins, antiqued copper plate |
| 10 | 37-123-1 | 3x4mm oval jump rings, white |
| 2 | 37-050-66 | 8mm heavy round jump rings, copper |
| 1 | 39-850-01 | Round Bali-style toggle clasp, antiqued copper |
| 2' | 47-408-SP | 20-gauge wire, copper |

Tools: cutters, round-nose pliers, flat-nose pliers

To make this design:

1. Cut seven 3" pieces of wire, add rainbow furnace glass beads, and metal beads, as pictured; make wrapped loops at each end, connecting them in a series as you wrap the loops. (See looping techniques on the back.)
2. Add furnace glass, spacers and bead caps to the bead bars as pictured, to the bead bars.
3. Add skulls to head pins and make wrapped loops.

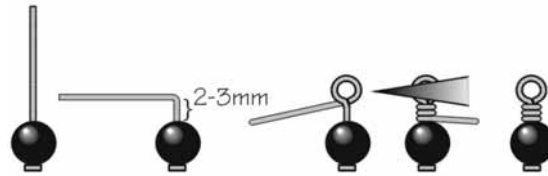
4. Use jump rings to attach these dangles and the toggle clasp to the length of bracelet created in step 1.

TIP: Jump rings were used in this design for flexibility — the dangles can be rearranged as often as you like. For added security, you can instead add the skull dangles and bead bars to your wrapped loops before you close them.

To make nice wire-wrapped beaded head and eye pins:

(For best results, use both chain-nose and round-nose pliers.)

1. Use chain-nose pliers to grasp the wire just above the top of the bead.
2. Use your fingers to bend the wire sharply over the top of the pliers, at a 90° angle. You should have 2-3mm of straight wire between the bead and the bend (less for fine-gauge wire, more for heavy wire or more wraps).
3. Use round-nose pliers to grasp a spot just above the bend, and use your fingers to smoothly bend the wire all the way around the tip of the pliers. (For different sizes of loops, bend the wire around thinner or thicker portions of the pliers' tip.)
4. Now use pliers to grasp the wire firmly across the loop. Use your fingers or chain-nose pliers to carefully wrap the wire around the stem. For best control, experts recommend you break this step into a series of half wraps.
5. Trim excess with flush cutters.



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.

