

“Black Onyx” Bracelet

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Sterling Parts:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	#39-590	Sterling two-strand clasp (not shown)
1	#50-467	Rollo chain, bracelet, sterling
4	#41-553	Sterling crimp tubes
18"	#61-905	Beadalon® cord
1"	#41-071-3	Med French bullion
4	#48-583	Sterling crimp covers
16-20	#24-731-710	Bali silver corner-less cubes
32-44	#21-894-004	Faceted round beads, black onyx
5	#21-002-004-01	Rectangle gemstone beads, double-drilled, black onyx

Alternate parts:

16-20	#26-473-1	Cornerless cubes, white
4	#41-256-02-3	Silver plated size 2 crimp tube
1	#39-184-AP	Two-strand twisted toggle clasp, antique pewter (shown)
8-10"	#40-099-07-3	Footage chain

Tools: Crimping pliers, small side-cutters

To make this design:

1. Cut four equal pieces of French wire approx. 1/4" long.

TIP: French wire gives you a professional finished look, but also helps you to create loop-ends that are precisely the same size. Make sure you cut your wire the same length and your loops will always match perfectly.

2. Once you have your French wire cut, take one piece of Beadalon roughly 8.5" to 9.5" long, add a crimp tube, then slip your French wire onto one end of cord (don't get confused and pull on your wire; French wire strings onto Beadalon EXACTLY like any other bead). Do not crimp yet. Give yourself roughly 1/2" to 1" of cord to attach to your toggle clasp.

3. Put this through one loop of either toggle end. Pull the short end of the cord back through your crimp tube, until the French wire stops flush against the crimp. (You should now be holding a toggle end with a nicely covered loop). Then crimp your tube and round it out. Attach crimp covers if you do not like the look of crimp ends. Repeat steps 2 and 3 on a second Beadalon strand of equal length.

4. Now that you have one finished end, you can start to string your beads in the desired pattern. This bracelet uses chain links throughout the length of the bracelet to join both strands of Beadalon. To create this look, simply cut the chain into 12 "chunks." Each chunk is three links of chain. Then string each end-link onto both cords, so one link floats in the middle of the bracelet, with no cord through it. Alternate the pattern with gemstone rounds, spacer beads, and double-drilled gemstones like the pattern shown. Repeat step 3 to finish the end of your first strand.

TIP: The pattern shown creates a bracelet approx. 7" long. To adjust length to 8", add six more gemstone rounds, two additional chain links, and two final corner-less cubes to each end.

5. Repeat steps 2-4 for the second strand.

6. For a nice variation, try the pattern shown below, in our "Banks of the Seine" bracelet.

