

"Modern Marilyn" Bracelet

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Suggested Materials:

| <u>Qty.</u> | <u>Stock #</u> | <u>Name</u> |
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| 1 | 04-139-20-150 | 20mm Swarovski® crystal cosmic ring, crystal/golden shadow |
| 1 | 05-041-12-150 | 12mm Swarovski crystal puffed rondelle bead, crystal/golden shadow |
| 50 | 05-000-03-150 | 3mm Swarovski faceted round crystal beads, crystal/golden shadow |
| 2 | 29-555-10-011 | 10mm round shell pearl beads, white |
| 4 | 43-147-07-3 | 10mm five-petal etched flower bead caps, silver plate |
| 1 | 37-722-3 | 2" standard eye pin, silver plate |
| 2 | 37-113-3 | 4mm round jump rings, silver plate |
| 3 | 37-145-3 | 6mm round jump rings, silver plate |
| 4 | 41-256-51-3 | 2mm (Size 1) smooth crimp beads, silver plate |
| 4 | 48-583 | 3mm crimp covers, sterling silver |
| 4 | 41-050-3 | Wire Guardians™ wire protectors, silver plate |
| 2 | 37-591 | 2.5" filigree-end head pins, sterling silver |
| 8½" | 61-720-49-87 | 0.018" 49-strand Beadalon® stringing cable, bright silver |
| 5½" | 40-099-29-3 | 2.8mm flattened cable chain, silver plate |
| 4½" | 40-099-02-3 | 2.3mm long-and-short figaro chain, silver plate |
| 4½" | 40-099-15-3 | 3.9mm rollo chain, silver plate |
| 4½" | 40-099-03-3 | 5mm hammered long-and-short curb chain, silver plate |

Tools: flush cutters, round-nose pliers, crimping pliers

To make this design:

1. Cut four 4½" pieces of chain, one from each style of chain. Set these pieces aside.
2. Cut a 5½" piece of stringing cable and secure one end with a crimp bead, wire protector and crimp cover. (See the techniques for stringing on beading cable on the attached page.)
3. Add thirty-eight 3mm round crystals and finish with a crimp, wire protector and crimp cover set aside.
4. Use 6mm jump rings to connect the crystal segment and the 4 pieces of chain together, as pictured. (See the jump-ring hint on the attached page.)
5. Cut a 3" piece of stringing cable and finish one end with a crimp bead, wire protector and crimp cover.
6. Add the flower bead caps, shell pearls and crystal rondelle in the pattern shown, and finish with crimp, wire protector and crimp cover and set aside.

Creating the loop of the toggle clasp:

7. Cut one 1" piece of 2.8mm flattened cable chain.
8. Loop this piece of chain around the 20mm crystal cosmic ring and attach both ends to a 6mm jump ring. This will be the loop of the toggle on the bracelet.

Creating the toggle bar:

9. Add four 3mm round crystals to a 2" eye pin, and bend the eye pin 90 degrees.
 10. Make a 180-degree bend about 1/8" from the 90-degree bend, and add a 6mm jump ring.
 11. Cut two links of the cable chain, and connect to the jump ring.
 12. Make another 90-degree bend, add 4 more 3mm crystals and make a simple loop.
 13. Add two 3mm crystals to each of the filigree head pins and make simple loops, cutting the excess wire.
 14. Use the 4mm jump rings to attach these two short dangles to the loops on each end of the eye pin piece created in steps 10-12. This becomes the T-bar portion of the toggle for the bracelet.
15. Attach the toggle pieces, pearl and chain components together as pictured.

To make nice loops on head or eye pins:

1. String selected beads on the head or eye pin.
2. Keep about 8mm (1/3") of wire. Cut off any extra.
3. Use round-nose pliers to grasp the wire just above the bead, at the arrow, and bend sharply away from you.
4. Now use small round-nose pliers to grasp the tip of the wire, and bend it smoothly around the pliers down close to the beads.



NOTE: The finished length of this bracelet is approximately 8".

Design alternative: For a different look, use just one style of chain.

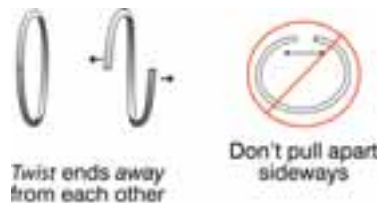
What are Shell Pearls?

Shell pearls are a genuine shell bead (usually mother of pearl) with a pearlized coating. Shell pearls are unique in that their shape and color can be controlled, and they are available in almost any hue imaginable. The beads closely imitate the precise roundness and shine of oriental pearls, at a fraction of the cost. For more information on shell pearls and over 275 natural, manmade and enhanced gemstones see our Gemstone Index at:
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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.

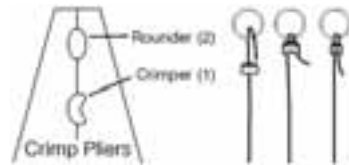
TIP: When opening and closing jump rings, twist sideways instead of "ovalling" them. This keeps their shape better, which makes them easier to close all the way. (As shown on the left.) To prevent marks on the ring use non-serrated flat-nose pliers.



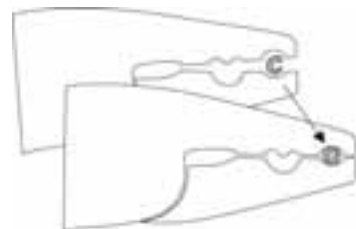
2. String desired pattern.
3. Add final crimp bead; loop cable back through your crimp like in step 1. Tuck excess cable inside end beads, otherwise trim neatly with flush cutters. Flatten crimp bead and attach other end of the clasp with a jump ring.
4. Some designs may require stringing the beads before 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.

