

"Over the Top" Bracelet

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
4	28-685-196	24mm ceramic peace sign beads, assorted colors
8	28-684-196	12mm ceramic peace sign beads, assorted colors
8	27-820-000	10mm round plastic miracle beads, assorted colors
5	27-012-242	12mm resin coin beads, garnet
2	27-021-322	10mm round resin beads, yellow
2	27-021-512	10mm round resin beads, capri
2	27-021-192	10mm round resin beads, hyacinth
7	27-002-000	10mm drum-shaped resin beads, assorted colors
38	37-422-7	2" standard head pins, antiqued copper plate
76	22-311-CU	Heishi trade beads, copper
76	20-225-85	Size 8 Toho® Japanese glass seed beads, purple iris
76	20-228-224	Size 11 Toho Japanese glass seed beads, bronze
40	37-145-7	6mm round jump rings, antiqued copper plate
1	39-159	Scalloped cast toggle clasp, antiqued copper
7"	40-099-27-7	14mm flat-ring chain with figure-8 connectors, antiqued copper
7/4"	40-099-21-6	4.8mm flattened drawn cable footage chain, antiqued brass

Tools: side cutters, round-nose pliers, chain-nose pliers, alphabet rubber stamps, permanent inkpad such as StazOn™

To make this design:

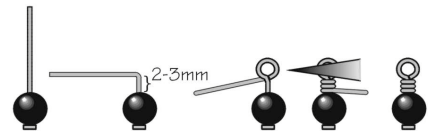
1. Cut one 7" piece of flat-ring chain and one 7¼" piece of cable chain.
2. Weave the cable chain through the rings of the flat-ring chain.
3. Use jump rings to connect the ends of the woven chains together and attach the toggle clasp.
4. Use alphabet rubber stamps and permanent ink to stamp a word or phrase on the resin coin beads.

TIP: Before stamping the resin beads, clean the surface of the beads with soap and water and let dry.

5. Add the seed beads, copper heishi and other resin, ceramic, or miracle beads to head pins, as pictured, and make wrapped loops.
6. Use jump rings to attach these bead danglers to the ring chain in a random and pleasing manner.

TIP: This colorful bracelet is a great way to use a variety of beads from your bead stash. Create more bead danglers to make this bracelet fuller and truly “Over the Top.”

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.

