



Crystal Cluster Bracelet



What You Will Need

Elastic cord
10 x 8mm Chinese crystals
6 x 4mm Chinese crystals
Ball end headpins
6mm flower spacers
(The quantity of each bead will depend on the size of the bracelet required)

In addition you will require cutter pliers and a pair of round nose pliers.



Fig 1.



Fig 2.



Fig 3.



Fig 4.

1. Thread a 6 x 4mm Chinese crystal onto a ball end headpin and create a simple loop. To form a simple loop make a 45° bend in the wire close to the end of the bead (Fig 1). Leave a stem of approximately 8mm and cut the remaining wire off using wire cutters. Use round nose pliers to grasp the very end of the wire and roll the wire round the pliers towards the top of the beads (Fig 2). The size of the loop will depend on which part of the pliers you use (nearer the tip will create a smaller loop). To tighten the loop, use your round nose pliers to very gently squeeze the loop shut. Be careful not to squeeze too hard – the end of the loop should just be touching the main wire.
2. Repeat this process with all of the 6 x 4mm Chinese crystals (Fig 3).
3. Start threading your beads onto your elastic. Thread a metal flower spacer bead on, then a 10 x 8mm Chinese crystal, another metal flower spacer, followed by three of the smaller Chinese crystals on simple loops (Fig 4).
4. Continue this pattern until the length of the bracelet is suitable before tying the elastic using 4 overhand knots. For additional security it is worth using a small amount of jewellery glue or clear nail varnish over the knot.