

Charisma WireLace Bracelet

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Combine WireLace and Alacarte 'Simplicity' Magnetic Clasp and Swarovski big-hole beads to create a stunning bracelet you can make in a jiffy! Select your own colors or choose a Charisma WireLace Color Blend on back.

Supplies: 7 1/2 inch Bracelet (7 inches + 1/2 inch for clasp= 7 1/2" length)

3mm WireLace: Color 1: 5 ft (60 inches) Navy

3mm WireLace: Color 2: 5 ft (60 inches) Tanzanite

3mm WireLace: Color 3: 5 ft (60 inches) Azure

1 - Alacarte 'Simplicity' Magnetic Acrylic Clasp (Blue)

1 - Swarovski BeCharmed Bead Art. 80403 Medley Square & Round Pave 14mm, Air Blue Opal, Dark Indigo, Light Amethyst

Other Tools and Supplies:

Rigid Board: *Two-ply illustration board or similar, available at most crafts stores.*

Option 1: 7x3 inches (7 inch length must be exact width can vary)

*Option 2: 7 1/2x3 inches (length must be exact width can vary)

- Bamboo skewer with tip blunted or Needlepoint needle #13 or larger.
 - Two-part all purpose clear drying epoxy.
 - Toothpick to mix epoxy
 - Scissors
- Optional: If needed - isopropyl alcohol and cloth to remove excess undried epoxy.*

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Use either Option 1: 7x3" board OR Option 2: create a simple jig that makes it easier to layer and stack the WireLace. To make the jig start with a 7 1/2 x 3 inch board. Cut out a notch on each short side that is 1/4 inch deep half the height of the board. These notches will make half the board 7" with a 1/4" step on both ends (photo A). Use the step to help layer and stack the WireLace. To change the length of the bracelet simply change the length of the board/jig and adjust the WireLace needed.

2 These instructions are based on using the WireLace colors specified for Charisma Color blend 'Blueberry'. Because the WireLace thickness varies by color, if you select a different color blend some adjustments may be necessary. Read page 2 to determine if you would need to wrap WireLace 3 or 4 times before starting Step 3.

3 Cut 60 inches of color 1/Navy WireLace. Leaving a 2-in tail, clip or hold one end on the short edge of the jig near the notch. Wrap the WireLace 4 times around the 7-in part of the board. Layer each wrap on top of the previous one, keeping the WireLace smooth and flat. Tie the ends with a square knot on the end/edge of the board then slide one tail under all the color A strands (photo B).

4 Using color 2/Tanzanite WireLace, repeat step 3, wrapping color 2 over the color 1 strands. Separate the tails. (photo C)

5 Starting on the other end of the jig repeat step 4 with color 3/Azure (photo D).

6 Slide each tail of color 3/Azure under all the strands so the tails go in opposite directions forming a loop around all the strands (photo E). Tie a square knot on top snug to the strands so there is no gap between the knot and the strands (photo F).

7 Using the color 1/Navy tails tie a square knot around all of the strands (photo G) Knot should be snug to the strands leaving no gap.

8 Take color 2/Tanzanite tails and tie a half square knot next to the color 1/Navy knot to keep the color 2 strand from moving (photo H).

9 Slide the WireLace off the jig. Squeeze and roll each end between your fingertips to taper the ends. Slide a BeCharmed bead to the center of the WireLace. Trim the ends flush to the knot (photo I).

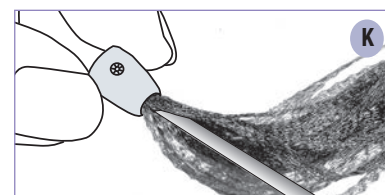
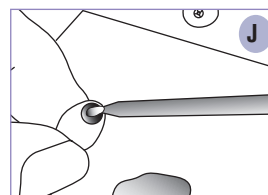
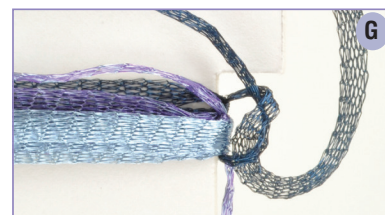
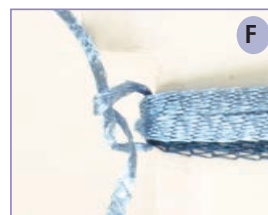
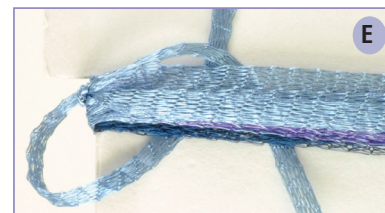
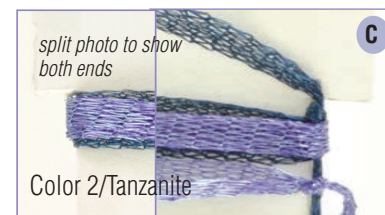
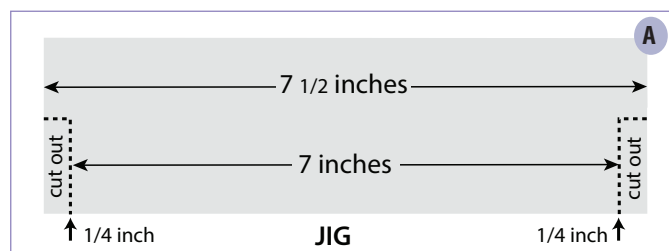
10 Mix a small amount of 2-part epoxy according to manufacturers instructions and fill the clasp about 1/4 full. Let clasp sit with well-side up to allow glue to fall to the bottom while you apply glue inside other clasp end (photo J). Put a dab of epoxy onto knot end of WireLace and insert into clasp.

11 Using a blunt needle or bamboo skewer that's had it's sharp tip cut off (to avoid tearing WireLace), push the WireLace into the clasp to make sure it's fully inserted (photo K). Wipe off any excess glue that seeps out. (If needed use a damp cloth with isopropyl alcohol to wipe off excess glue before it dries.) Repeat on other end and allow to dry.



Blueberry

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Charisma WireLace Collection

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INSTRUCTIONS (continued from other side)

The Charisma Collection design uses WireLace in the 3mm width. While the bead and clasp hole remains fixed - the WireLace thickness varies by color and therefore some adjustments are necessary.

Size openings & allowances:

- Swarovski BeCharmed Bead hole size: 4.5mm
- Alacarte Simplicity Magnetic Acrylic clasp hole size: 4mm
- Hole sizes will fit 18 to 24 strands of 3mm WireLace depending upon color blend selected.
- Charisma Color blends use 3 different WireLace colors, however you can choose to create blends using 2 colors or use just 1 color - its up to you!

How do I determine which color combinations will require 18 to 24 strands to fit the Simplicity Clasp and BeCharmed Beads?

Each WireLace color has been given a value (see Color Thickness Value Chart).

1 = thinnest 2 = medium 3 = thickness

ADD the numbers of each WireLace color to get the combined thickness, (color blends at right show thickness value next to name) if it totals:

- 3, 4, 5 - WRAP 4x per color (24 strands)
- 6 or 7 - WRAP 4x 2 colors, 3x 1 color (22 strands)
- 8 or 9 - WRAP 3x per color (18 strands)

Oceanside Example:

2 Seafoam + 3 Ocean Mist + 1 Pale Gold = 6 TOTAL THICKNESS VALUE
Wrap Seafoam & Ocean Mist 4x, Pale Gold 3x around the board for 22 strands.
Remember each wrap around the board will give you 2 strands.

WireLace® Color Thickness Value Chart

1 = thinnest 2 = medium 3 = thickest

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|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 Black | 2 Aqua | 3 Blush |
| 1 Brass | 2 Azure | 3 Dusty Rose |
| 1 Copper | 2 Chocolate | 3 Ocean Mist |
| 1 Emerald | 2 Cocoa | 3 Rose Gold |
| 1 Grass | 2 Lilac | 3 Silver Blue |
| 1 Marigold | 2 Pink | 3 Titanium |
| 1 Merlot | 2 Purple | |
| 1 Navy | 2 Seafoam | |
| 1 Olive | 2 Tangerine | |
| 1 Pale Gold | 2 Tanzanite | |
| 1 Pale Silver | | |
| 1 Red | | |
| 1 Rust | | |
| 1 Turquoise | | |

Eggplant



What can I make with a Charisma WireLace Color Blend?

(3 colors, 5 yard spools per color = 15 yards total)

WireLace Color value totals 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 will make:

Qty 3 7 1/2" Bracelets (1 bracelet per 5 yard spool), **or**

Qty 1 21 1/2" Necklace

WireLace Color value totals 8 or 9 will make:

Qty 3 9 1/2" Bracelets, **or**

Qty 1 28 1/2" Necklace, **or**

Qty 1 ea 21 1/2" Necklace **and** 7 1/2" Bracelet



Awareness

Pearl White

What length should I cut my template board?

Cut your board 1/2-inch shorter than the final desired length if using the Alacarte Simplicity Magnetic Acrylic clasp.



Oceanside

with New Color
Ocean Mist

Charisma WireLace Collection
COLOR BLENDS
Use these color blends or create your own combination from 30 colors of WireLace.



WireLace colors not used in blends.



Southwest

Alacarte's 'Simplicity' Magnetic Acrylic Clasp with Swarovski Crystal

12 colors • 21 x 9mm • 4mm opening

