

URBAN BRACELET KIT

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URBAN bracelet is for the minimalist seeking a modern, sophisticated look with the right amount of edge. The simple, sleek design speaks volumes about your good taste – and no one needs to know how easy it is to make. In less than 30 minutes you'll have it complete (resist wearing it for 24 hours while the glue cures). Your friends are sure to think you've scored an inside connection to the trend setting fashion runways of Milan.

FINISHED SIZE: up to 9 inches

SUPPLIES

9 inches WireLuxe, Mercury
Alacarte LUXE Magnetic Clasp, Rhodium
Aluminum Rectangle tag
Swarovski A.4200 48x13mm Navette Crystal, Jet (280)

TOOLS & GLUE:

2-part all purpose-clear drying epoxy.
Toothpick or similar to mix and apply epoxy.
Ruler
Scissors and/or Jewelry wire cutters
Chain nose pliers

1. Measure the WireLuxe piece to find the center.
2. In the striated center of the WireLuxe create two small gaps by pushing back the wires with your fingertip or the tip of your pliers. Make the gaps 1/2" to the right of the center and 1/2" to the left of the center (1" maximum between gaps). Take care to not break the wires.
3. Hold the crystal between the gaps with the domed side against the WireLuxe. Push the tip of the crystal into a gap far enough to maneuver the WireLuxe over the opposite tip and through the other gap. Adjust to center the crystal. If the striations of the WireLuxe over the ridge of the crystal become clumped, simply take your finger (or pin/needle as desired) and separate or even out the spacing.
4. Insert each WireLuxe end through the aluminum tag holes and slide up to the flat side of the crystal. Move or adjust any WireLuxe that keeps the tag from resting flush against the crystal. There should be no air between the crystal and the tag when looking at it from the side.
5. How to determine the fit before trimming off excess WireLuxe. Center the crystal/tag on the top of your wrist and wrap the WireLuxe ends around your wrist. Note where both WireLuxe ends meet in the center of the underside of your wrist and fold back/squeeze with fingers or pliers both ends at that center point. Check that each side is the same length by measuring from the edge of the tag to the fold in the WireLuxe. If needed, unfold and refold the WireLuxe so that both sides are the same length.
6. With your chain nose pliers squeeze the folded over edge of the WireLuxe flat (the WireLuxe will be two layers thick). Insert the folded edge into the clasp openings and try on the bracelet. The WireLuxe fits snug in the clasp opening - if it doesn't fit, squeeze the folded edge of the WireLuxe with your pliers until you get it flat enough to fit. The clasp will add about 1/2" to the length providing slack. To adjust length remove WireLuxe from clasp, unfold edge, add or remove the length and refold, press flat. Remove WireLuxe from clasp.
7. Trim off excess WireLuxe (about 1/4" from the fold) so that none of the ends will stick out of the clasp when glued in.
8. Mix two part epoxy and spread glue over the entire clasp cavity plus along the folded edge of the WireLuxe - do not fill clasp full. BEFORE inserting the WireLuxe ends into the clasp, check to make sure the clasp magnets face each other. Insert WireLuxe into the clasp and wipe off any excess glue that seeps out. (Also check the tiny hole for glue seepage inside the clasp edge by the magnet). Let dry.
9. To secure the crystal to the tag, slide tag away from crystal. Mix epoxy and apply a thin layer across only the flat crystal facet that rests on the tag. Slide tag back up so that crystal is flush and centered on the tag. Apply gentle pressure on the domed side of the crystal. Let fully dry.

TIP: If you make more than one bracelet, note the final cut length and you can pre-cut the WireLuxe from one edge, leaving a larger remnant which may be useful for other projects.

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