



High Tide

Making an Enhancer to Decorate a Necklace

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There's no faster or more satisfying restyle of existing jewelry than making an embellishment and attaching it to a favorite necklace or bracelet. It happens like magic with a spring ring clasp, some beads and a bit of chain; the term for it is "enhancer".

The spring ring clasp allows you to clip it on, take it off or move it somewhere else.
How simple is that?

Level: Intermediate

Please read through the project completely before beginning. We hope you enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 18 gemstone briolettes 6-10mm, including Grossular Garnet, London Blue Topaz, Green Amethyst, Blue Topaz, Rose Quartz, Chalcedony, Amethyst
- 5-6 Freshwater Pearls 4-7.5mm
- A few small gemstone beads in assorted shapes, preferably flat
- 1 Sea Goddess Coin Pendant in 18kt Vermeil or Sterling Silver
- 8-10 Dot head pins in Vermeil or Sterling Silver
- 4 feet dead soft 26-28 gauge round wire in Gold-filled or Sterling
- 30 jump rings 4mm round 18kt Vermeil or Sterling
- 1-1/2" 3x4mm chain in Gold-filled, Vermeil or Sterling
- Chain or strand of beads for necklace base
- 1 6mm spring ring clasp in Gold-filled or Sterling
- 1 5mm jump ring in Vermeil or Sterling Silver

Studio Supplies:

- Wire Cutters
- Chain-nose Pliers
- Bent Chain-nose Pliers
- Fine Round-nose Pliers
- Design Board or Velvet Pad
- Tape Measure



Lets Get Started!



Step One: Wire-wrap the brio's.

Some gemstone briolettes require 28 gauge wire because the holes are so small. Check that your wire fits through the briolette before cutting a 2" piece. It is preferable to use 26 gauge, as heavier wire is stronger. Wire-wrap each briolette and set aside.

Step Two: Ditto your Beads

Using a dot head pin for each of your non-briolette beads, wire-wrap your pearls and gemstones. If you are a seasoned wire-wraper, experiment wrapping the wire further onto the top of the bead to create a cap. Set aside.



Step Three: The Main Event

Attach the Sea Goddess Pendant to the chain using the 5mm jump ring.



Step Four: Go Crazy!

Begin attaching your briolettes and beads from the pendant up towards chain end. Each dangle is added using a 3mm jump ring. Since the pendant may swing around, create an interesting back side so the enhancer looks good from every angle.





Step Five: Don't Fret!

As you work your way up, keep an eye on the spacing as you don't want "clumping." However, since everything is attached with jump rings, you can move some later to balance the design.



Step Six: The Finish Line

Attach your clasp to the opposite end of chain using a 3mm jump ring. Make sure the ring is closed securely.

Add your last couple of beads to fill out any empty spots. Just add your enhancer to a necklace or chain and you're done!