

January: Garnet

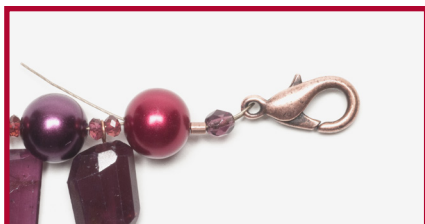
'Tis the season to string garnet! The gemstone is the color of sugarplums and cranberries — deliciously stringable. For this bracelet, I paired ruby-red rondelles with pinky-plum nuggets. The glass pearls bring out the best in each hue, upholding my new adage: "Peace on Earth, good will toward garnet." - *Kelsey Lawler*



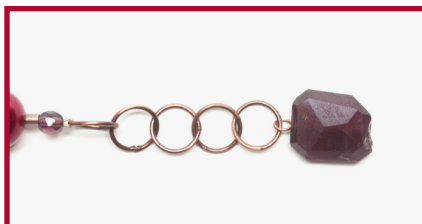
1 bracelet • On a head pin, string a faceted nugget and make a plain loop (How-Tos). Make 11 to 13 bead units. Set aside one bead unit for step 4.



2 Cut a piece of beading wire (How-Tos) and string a pearl, a rondelle, a bead unit, and a rondelle. Repeat until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length, ending with a pearl.



3 On one end, string a crimp bead, a 4 mm bead, and a lobster claw clasp. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (How-Tos) and trim the excess wire.



4 Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Repeat step 3 on the other end, substituting a 1-in. (2.5 cm) chain for the clasp. Open the loop of the bead unit. Attach the end link of chain and close the loop. *

Supplies

bracelet

- ◆ 11-12 14-21 mm faceted nuggets
- ◆ 11-12 10 mm round glass pearls
- ◆ 2 4 mm large-hole beads
- ◆ 20-22 3-4 mm rondelles
- ◆ flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ◆ 11-12 2-in. (5 cm) head pins
- ◆ 2 crimp beads
- ◆ lobster claw clasp
- ◆ 1-in. (2.5 cm) chain for extender, 8-10 mm links
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ crimping pliers (optional)

Check your local bead store for supplies.