



## October: Blue opal



**1** Cut a piece of beading wire (How-Tos). (My necklace is 15 in./38cm.) Center a briolette on the wire. (If you're using briolettes in graduated sizes, string the largest briolette.)



**2** On each end, string five 13° seed beads and a briolette. Repeat until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length.



**3** Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of 26-gauge wire. String a briolette and make a set of wraps above it as in a top-drilled bead (How-Tos). Make the first half of a wrapped loop (How-tos) above the wraps.

Cut a 2-in. (5cm) piece of chain. Attach the dangle to one end and complete the wraps.



**4** On one end, string a spacer, a crimp bead, a spacer, and a clasp. Repeat on the other end, substituting the chain extender for the clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads from each end if necessary. Go back through the beads just strung, tighten the wire, and crimp the crimp beads (How-Tos). Trim the excess wire.



A strand of briolettes requires little embellishment to look striking.

String a few tiny bronze Charlottes to space the briolettes and to accent their brown tones. Or, try silver-colored seed beads for a more modern look.

— Naomi Fujimoto

### SUPPLY NOTE

Size 13°  
Charlottes are usually sold in hanks of 12-in. (30cm) strands. You'll need only one strand for this necklace.

## SupplyList

- 40–50 5–7mm briolettes (Chelsea's Beads, [chelseasbeads.com](http://chelseasbeads.com))
- hank 13° seed beads (Charlottes)
- 4 2mm round spacers
- flexible beading wire, .012 or .013
- 3 in. (7.6cm) 26-gauge half-hard wire
- 2 in. (5cm) chain, 3–4mm links
- 2 crimp beads
- lobster claw clasp
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- crimping pliers (optional)