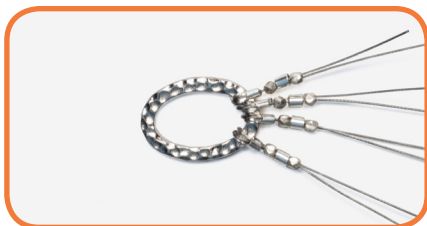


Pearls are a symbol of purity, innocence, and faith. They are said to enhance personal integrity and help clear the mind.

June Pearl

Wearing a bracelet, especially one made with delicate pearls, can be distracting if you're working on a computer keyboard all day. Keep your pearls protected by adding oval links on each side of the clasp — the underside of the bracelet lays flat while the fun shows on top! — *Dana Meredith*



1 bracelet • Cut four 11–13-in. (28–33 cm) pieces of beading wire. On each wire, string a spacer, a crimp bead, a spacer, and a Wire Guardian. Over all four wires, string an oval link. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wires. On each wire, make a folded crimp (Basics) and trim the excess wire.



2 On one wire, string 4½–6 in. (11.4–15 cm) of top-drilled pearls. On the second wire, string round pearls; on the third wire, keshi pearls; on the fourth wire, rice pearls. On each end of each wire, string a spacer, a crimp bead, a spacer, and a Wire Guardian.



3 Braid the strands several times, treating the two middle strands as one. Over all four strands, string an oval link. On each strand, go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead and trim the excess wire.



4 Open a 5 mm jump ring (Basics) and attach an oval link. Close the jump ring. Use a second 5 mm jump ring to attach the first jump ring and the bar half of a toggle clasp. On the other end, use a 7–8 mm jump ring to attach the loop half of the clasp.

What you'll need

bracelet

- ◆ 16-in. (41 cm) strand 9–10 mm pearls, top drilled
- ◆ 16-in. (41 cm) strand 6–7 mm pearls, round
- ◆ 16-in. (41 cm) strand 6–7 mm keshi pearls
- ◆ 16-in. (41 cm) strand 5–6 mm rice pearls
- ◆ 2 18 mm oval links
- ◆ 16 2 mm spacers
- ◆ flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ◆ 7–8 mm jump ring
- ◆ 2 5 mm jump rings
- ◆ 8 crimp tubes
- ◆ 8 Wire Guardians
- ◆ toggle clasp
- ◆ 2 pairs of pliers, including chainnose
- ◆ crimping pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

Check your local bead store for supplies.