

# December: Turquoise

A silver-banded turquoise bead is the focus of this simple bracelet. Fabric beads complement the handmade quality of the birthstone, so choose a set in a shade to highlight or contrast the blue-green tones. – *Kristal Wick*



## Supplies

- ◆ 22 mm oval turquoise bead, with silver band
- ◆ 4 15 mm fabric beads
- ◆ 4 10 mm metal saucer beads
- ◆ 4–6 8 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 14–16 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ◆ 2 crimp beads
- ◆ S-hook clasp and 2 soldered jump rings
- ◆ chainnose or crimping pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

Turquoise bead from Pema Arts, [tibetanbeads.com](http://tibetanbeads.com). Batik Beauties fabric beads from Kristal Wick, [kristalwick.com](http://kristalwick.com).



**1** Cut a piece of beading wire (How-Tos). Center a turquoise bead on the wire.



**2** On each end, string: 4 mm bicone crystal, saucer bead, 4 mm, fabric bead, 4 mm, 8 mm bicone crystal, 4 mm.



**3** On each end, string: fabric bead, 4 mm, saucer, 4 mm, 8 mm, 4 mm. String alternating 8 mm and 4 mm bicones until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length.



**4** On each end, string a crimp bead and a soldered jump ring. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (How-Tos) and trim the excess wire. Attach an S-hook to one end.