



# August: Peridot

Two things to love about peridot: It is an inexpensive and accessible gemstone, and, even though it's light in color, the shade is vibrant enough to hold its own with other hues. So have fun mixing colors in this easy bracelet-and-earrings set. Sometimes the holes in peridot gemstones are small, as was the case with a few of these beads. So, I substituted green crystals in the earrings. – *Cathy Jakicic*

## Supplies

### bracelet

- ◆ 10–12 mm accent bead
- ◆ 16-in. (41 cm) strand 8–10 mm peridot nuggets
- ◆ 16–20 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 1 g 8° seed beads
- ◆ flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ◆ 2-in. (5 cm) head pin
- ◆ 6 mm jump ring
- ◆ 6 crimp beads
- ◆ toggle clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ crimping pliers (optional)

### earrings

- ◆ 2 6 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 4 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 8 8° seed beads
- ◆ 2 2-in. (5 cm) decorative head pins
- ◆ pair of earring wires
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

Peridot nuggets from Eclectica. Accent bead from TierraCast, tierracast.com for retail locations. Check your local bead store for supplies.



**1 bracelet** • Cut three pieces of beading wire (How-Tos). On one wire, string a 4 mm bicone crystal, two nuggets, one or two 8° seed beads, and two nuggets. Repeat the pattern until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length. End with a bicone. Repeat on the second wire. On the third wire, string the pattern reversing the placement of bicones and 8°s.



**2** On each end, attach each strand to half of a toggle clasp (How-Tos). Attach the reversed strand in the center.



**3** On a head pin, string a bicone, an accent bead, and a bicone. Make a wrapped loop (How-Tos).



**4** Open a jump ring (How-Tos) and attach the dangle slightly off center on one strand. Close the jump ring.



**1** **earrings** • On a decorative head pin, string: 8° seed bead, 4 mm bicone crystal, 8°, 6 mm bicone, 8°, 4 mm bicone, 8°. Make a plain loop (How-Tos)



**2** Open the loop of an earring wire (How-Tos). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first.



### Tips

- Once per strand, I strung two seed beads instead of one to subtly shake up the pattern. If you do this, make sure you string the double-bead segment at a different point on each strand.
- The 6 mm Crystallized Swarovski Elements I used in the earrings are actually the olivine color, not peridot. Cantaloupe also makes a nice faux peridot.