



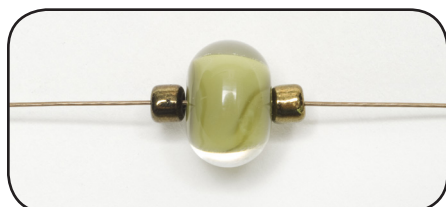
# Wood and glass beads

This simple bracelet gets a pop of color from a handmade chartreuse bead. The materials are easy to find — try a craft store for wood saucer beads — and the combination is both earthy and modern.

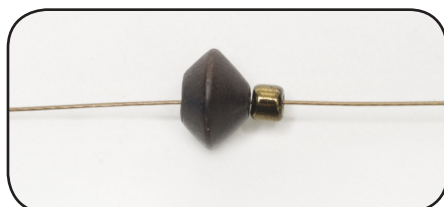
— Susan Kennedy



Inexpensive wood beads complement an off-center focal bead.



**1** Cut a piece of beading wire (Basics, p. 77). Center an 8° seed bead, a glass bead, and an 8°.



**2** On each end, string a wood bead and an 8°, repeating until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length. If desired, string a different number of beads on each end for asymmetry.



**3** On each end, string an 8°, a crimp bead, and half of a clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Go back through the last few beads strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics) and trim the excess wire. ●

## Earring options

Play up the brightness in the focal bead with vermeil findings. Or, for a muted theme, pair antiqued brass chain with wood beads.



## Supply List

- 11–14 mm glass bead
- 15–20 8–10 mm wood saucer beads
- 17–22 8° seed beads
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

Lampworked glass bead from Sue Kennedy, [etsy.com/shop/suebeads](https://www.etsy.com/shop/suebeads). Wood beads from Jo-Ann Fabric, [joann.com](https://www.joann.com). Check your local bead store for supplies.

### Tip

If you use bronze-colored seed beads, use an antiqued brass clasp to match.