Colorful bead clusters dance on a silver chain
Make a lavish bracelet with sparkling beads and silver charms designed by Jane Hardenbergh.

Arrange a rainbow of Czech glass beads and splashes of silver to create the bright, bold bracelet at left. Use crystals with smaller spacers and charms to make the more delicate, monochromatic version above.
**step by step**

**Blue-and-purple bracelet**
The key design trick in this bracelet is arranging the ten colors in a spectrum, starting with color A and ending with color J. Refer to photo a in steps 1–3.

[1] String beads on head pins as follows, and make a plain loop (Basics) above the top bead. Make six of each dangle for colors A and J. Make eight of each dangle for colors B–I:
- crystal
- 2mm bead, crystal, 2mm
- 4mm spacer, crystal, 4mm spacer, 2mm

[2] To make a jointed dangle, cut a 1-in. (2.5cm) piece of wire, and make a plain loop on one end. String a 2mm, 3mm, and a crystal, and make a second loop. Open the bottom loop, attach a charm, and close the loop. Make a total of three charm dangles each for colors A and J. Make four each for colors B–I.

[3] To make a charm dangle, cut a 2-in. (5cm) piece of wire, and make a plain loop on one end. String a 2mm, 3mm, and a crystal, and make a second loop. Open the bottom loop, attach a charm, and close the loop. Make four each for colors B–I.

[4] Open a 6mm jump ring (Basics), and string eight dangles as in photo b. Make a total of three jump ring units each for colors A and J. Make four each for colors B–I.


[6] Attach another A jump ring unit to the other side of the same chain link (photo c). Skip a link, and attach the remaining A jump ring unit to the next link.

[7] Attach a color B jump ring unit to the other side of the last link used in step 6. Skip a link, and attach two B jump ring units. Skip a link, and attach the fourth B jump ring unit. Continue attaching jump ring units to each side of every other link (photo d), ending with color J.

[8] Open a 4mm jump ring, and attach a clasp half to an end chain link between the jump rings (photo e). Repeat on the other end.

**Rainbow bracelet**

[1] String beads on head pins as follows, and make a plain loop (Basics) above the top bead. Make four of each dangle for each color:
- 6mm bead
- 3mm bead, 6mm, 3mm
- 5mm bead, 6mm, 5mm

[2] To make a jointed dangle, cut a 1-in. (2.5cm) piece of wire, and make a plain loop on one end. String a 6mm, and make a loop in the same plane as the first.

On a head pin, string a 3mm, a 5mm, and a 3mm. Make a plain loop. Open the loop, and attach it to a loop on the first component. Make two jointed dangles for each color.

[3] To make a charm dangle, cut a 2-in. (5cm) piece of wire, and make a plain loop on one end. String a 3mm, a 5mm, and a 6mm, and make a second loop. Open the bottom loop, attach a charm, and close the loop. Make two charm dangles for each color.

[4] Repeat step 4 of the blue-and-purple bracelet to make two jump ring units for each color.

[5] Attach two same-color jump ring units to every other link in the chain.


**MATERIALS**

*both projects*

- chainnose pliers
- roundnose pliers
- wire cutters

**blue-and-purple bracelet**

7½ in. (19.1cm)

- 4mm crystals
- 24 each colors A, J
- 32 each colors B–I
- 76 3mm silver beads
- 304 2mm silver beads
- 190 4mm spacers
- 38 silver charms
- toggle clasp with chain
- 9½ ft. (2.9m) 22-gauge wire
- 7 in. (18cm) chain, 6mm links (35 links total)
- 266 1-in. (2.5cm) head pins
- 38 6mm jump rings
- 2 4mm jump rings

**rainbow bracelet**

8 in. (20cm)

- 224 6mm Czech glass beads (16 each of 14 colors)
- 168 5mm silver beads
- 196 3mm silver beads
- 28 small silver heart charms (twopurplepandas.com)
- toggle clasp
- 7 ft. (2.1m) 22-gauge wire
- 7 in. (18cm) chain, 10mm links (27 links total)
- 196 1-in. (2.5cm) head pins
- 28 6mm jump rings
- 2 4mm jump rings