Interlocking loops add interest and dimension to a crystal bracelet. by Anna Nehs

step by step

[1] Cut four 1-yd. (.9m) pieces of beading wire. String a regular crimp bead over all four strands, 2 in. (5cm) from the ends. Crimp the crimp bead (photo a).

[2] String a cone, a large crimp bead, and half the clasp over the tail end of the wires, covering the regular crimp. Go back through the large crimp bead, tighten the loop, and crimp the crimp bead (photo b) with the mighty crimping pliers. Trim the tails as close to the crimp bead as possible.

[3] String a color A crystal over all four wires and slide it into the cone (photo c).

[4] Divide the wires into two pairs. Working with one pair of wires, string the following on each wire: a color A cylinder bead, an A crystal, an A cylinder, an A crystal, and an A cylinder. Cross these wires through another A crystal to complete the first ring (photo d).

[5] Repeat step 4 using the same pair of wires and As (photo e) until you have a total of 12 rings. Temporarily secure the tails and set aside.

[6] Using the second pair of wires, string the following on each wire: a color B cylinder, a B crystal, and a B cylinder. Cross the wires through a B crystal. Pass the wire closest to the first color A ring through that ring (photo f).

[7] Bring that same wire back through the next color A ring to start the next B ring. On each wire, string the following: a B cylinder, a B crystal, a B cylinder, a B crystal, and a B cylinder. Cross the wires through a B crystal. Pass the wire closest to the next color A ring through that ring (photo g).

[8] Repeat step 7 ten more times. String a B cylinder, a B...
crystal, and a B cylinder on each wire.

[9] Pick up the other pair of wires, and gather the four strands. String an A crystal and a regular crimp bead over them. Crimp the crimp bead (photo h).

[10] String a cone, a large crimp bead, and the other clasp half over all four strands. Take the ends back through the large crimp bead (photo i). Crimp the crimp bead as before and trim the tails close to the crimp.