Dyed agate is a beautiful thing, and here’s why. First: it comes in a rainbow of colors. Second: it’s affordable. Third: it’s often found in large slabs or nuggets — so it might take you more time to pick a palette than to string a get-noticed necklace.

1. Cut a piece of beading wire. String a rondelle, a metal bead, a rondelle, and a nugget. Repeat until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length, ending with a metal bead and a rondelle.

2. On one end, string a crimp bead and a hook clasp. On the other end, string a crimp bead and a soldered jump ring. 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 beads and trim the excess wire.

“The agate stones are definitely what inspired this piece — they’re edgy, dramatic, and different.”

Design alternative
Center a dichroic glass pendant for focal flair.
Gift it

Agate geodes come in shades of purple, pink, green, and more, so a bright and bold present comes together in a flash — and that’s a gift to your sanity as well.

Supplies

**necklace 19 in. (48 cm)**
- 8–12 24–30 mm nuggets
- 9–13 16 mm metal accent beads
- 18–26 5 mm rondelles
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- hook clasp and soldered jump ring
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

**bracelet**
- 5–6 16 mm metal accent beads
- 6–7 6 mm bicone crystals
- 10–12 5 mm rondelles
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- hook clasp and soldered jump ring
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

**earrings**
- 2 16 mm metal accent beads
- 6 6 mm bicone crystals, in three colors
- 4 5 mm rondelles
- 2 2-in. (5 cm) eye pins
- 6 1 1/2-in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

1 **bracelet** • Cut a piece of beading wire. String: rondelle, bicone crystal, rondelle, metal bead, rondelle, bicone, rondelle. Center the beads.

2 On each side, string a metal bead, a rondelle, a bicone, and a rondelle. Repeat until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length. Finish as in step 2 of the necklace.

1 **earrings** • For each earring:
On a head pin, string a bicone crystal. Make a wrapped loop. Make three bicone units.

2 On an eye pin, string a rondelle, a metal bead, and a rondelle. Make a plain loop.

3 Open a loop of an eye pin unit. Attach the three bicone units and close the loop.

4 Open the remaining loop and attach the loop of an earring wire. Close the loop.