1. **necklace** • Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of 24-gauge wire. Make a wrapped loop at one end. String: 11 seed bead, 4mm spacer, accent bead, spacer, bicone crystal, 11°. Make a wrapped loop perpendicular to the first loop.

2. String an oval cubic zirconium (CZ) and an 11° on a head pin. Make the first half of a wrapped loop above the bead. String a coin-shaped CZ and an 11° on a head pin. Make the first half of a wrapped loop above the bead. Make a total of two coin-shaped CZ dangles.

3. Attach a coin-shaped CZ dangle, the oval CZ dangle, and the remaining coin-shaped CZ dangle to the bottom loop of the dangle from step 1. Complete the wraps.

Determine the finished length of your necklace. (My necklaces are 16 in./41cm.) Add 6 in. (15cm) and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. String: 11°, bicone, dangle, 11°, bicone, 11°. Center the beads.

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**Supply List**

**Necklace**
- 8-in. (20cm) strand 6 x 8mm oval cubic zirconia (CZs)
- 8-in. (20cm) strand 6mm coin-shaped Czs
- 7–8mm accent bead
- 31–35 4mm bicone crystals
- 2g 11° seed beads
- 2 4mm flat spacers
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- 3 in. (7.6cm) 24-gauge half-hard wire
- 3 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins
- S-hook clasp with 2 soldered jump rings
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- crimping pliers (optional)

**Bracelet**
- 4–6 6 x 8mm oval cubic zirconia (CZs)
- 5–7 6mm coin-shaped Czs
- 1g 11° seed beads
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- lobster claw clasp and soldered jump ring
- chainnose or crimping pliers

**Earrings**
- 2 6mm accent beads
- 4 4mm bicone crystals
- 4 4mm flat spacers
- 2 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

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Faceted cubic zirconia and crystals combine in a brilliant necklace, bracelet, and earrings

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Created in a laboratory, cubic zirconia (CZs) are an affordable substitute for diamonds. Available in virtually any color (including burgundy, rust, olive, and topaz), CZs brighten up the season’s sometimes somber clothing palettes. So dress up your wardrobe with a girl’s next best friend; these luxe jewels are perfect with satin or velvet, or with a sweater in need of a delicate accessory.
On each end, string: oval CZ, 11°, bicone, 11°, coin-shaped CZ, 11°, bicone, 11°. Repeat this pattern until the necklace is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length. End with an 11°.

Attatch the S-hook clasp to one of the jump rings. Close half of the clasp with chainnose pliers.

EDITOR'S TIP
For a more colorful look, use crystals or seed beads in colors that contrast with the cubic zirconia. Or, string silver seed beads to play up the pendant’s accent bead.

1 **bracelet** • 1 Determine the finished length of your bracelet, add 5 in. (13cm), and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. String: 11° seed bead, bicone crystal, 11°, coin-shaped cubic zirconium (CZ), 11°, bicone, 11°, oval CZ. Repeat this pattern until the bracelet is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length. End with an 11°.

On one end, string a crimp bead, an 11°, and the clasp. Go back through the last three beads and tighten the wire. Repeat on the other end, substituting a soldered jump ring for the clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads (Basics, p. 108) and trim the excess wire.

On each end, string a crimp bead, an 11°, and a soldered jump ring. Go back through the last three beads and tighten the wires. Check the fit, and add or remove beads from each end if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads (Basics) and trim the excess wire.

On one end, string: bicone crystal, 4mm spacer, accent bead, spacer, bicone. Make a plain loop above the crystal.

Open the loop on an earring wire and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. ✤

1 **earrings** • On a head pin, string: bicone crystal, 4mm spacer, accent bead, spacer, bicone. Make a plain loop above the crystal.