



# Berries and BUBBLY

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String a necklace and bracelet of richly colored Venetian beads

A strand of uniformly sized squares could be overwhelming, but the subtle colors of this Venetian glass gives this necklace a sophisticated glow. For hundreds of years, the craft of bead making has been a proud tradition in Venice; in recent years, the bead makers in Venice and Murano have wound molten glass around a copper wire to form individual beads. After allowing the beads to cool, they submerge them in acid to dissolve the wire, leaving a clean hole. This chunky necklace features beads in Rubino Platino and Champagne Pink hues.

# SupplyList

## both projects

- clasp
- flexible beading wire, .018 or .019
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

## necklace 18 in. (46cm)

- 20mm square Venetian glass beads:
  - 9 raspberry
  - 9 champagne
- 4 3mm round silver beads
- 5g size 10° or 11° seed beads, raspberry
- 36 5mm bead caps
- 2 crimp beads

## bracelet 7 in. (18cm)

- 20mm square Venetian glass beads:
  - 4 raspberry
  - 3 champagne
- 4 3mm round silver beads
- 1g size 10° or 11° seed beads, raspberry
- 14 5mm bead caps
- 2 crimp beads



**1** Cut a piece of flexible beading wire (Basics, p. 7). String a 3mm round bead, a crimp bead, a 3mm, and half of a toggle clasp.



**2** Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics) and trim the excess wire.



**3** String a seed bead, a bead cap, a square bead, and a bead cap. (The open end of each bead cap should face the square.)



**4** Repeat step 3, alternating raspberry- and champagne-colored squares until the necklace is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length. End with a bead cap.



**5** String a seed bead, a 3mm round, a crimp bead, another 3mm, and the remaining half of the clasp.



**6** Lay the necklace in a circular shape to make sure it has enough flexibility, and repeat step 2 to finish.

**bracelet** • Cut a piece of flexible beading wire (Basics). String the bracelet following the necklace instructions, adjusting the bead count for the shorter length.

