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.

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.

Supply List

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
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- **4** 3mm round silver beads
- **5g** size 10º or 11º 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 10º or 11º seed beads, raspberry
- **14** 5mm bead caps
- **2** crimp beads