

Asian Garden

MARLENE BLESSING



What you need:

- 58 plum 7mm pearl rounds
- 12 matte dark moss marbled 10mm vintage Lucite rounds
- 17 copper-plated 8x10mm corrugated vintage Lucite barrels
- 1 dark silver-and-white floral pattern 25mm teardrop shell pendant
- 1 brown-and-cream bamboo pattern 46mm round shell pendant
- 2 antiqued copper 7x10mm drums
- 1 shibuichi 24mm patterned toggle clasp
- 1" of antiqued copper 2x3mm fine chain
- 7" of antiqued bronze 8x6mm oval cable chain
- 3 gunmetal 6mm jump rings
- 1 sterling silver 8mm jump ring
- 4 sterling silver 2mm crimp tubes
- 1 gunmetal 24-gauge 2" head pin
- 31½" of .019 flexible beading wire
- Round-nose pliers
- Flat-nose pliers
- Chain-nose pliers
- Crimping pliers
- Wire cutters

Finished size: 18" shortest strand (3" pendant assemblage)

1 Cut 19½" of beading wire and attach one end to the circle half of the clasp using 1 crimp tube. *String 2 pearls, 2 Lucite barrels, 2 pearls, and 1 Lucite round; repeat sequence once. String 2 pearls, 1 barrel, 2 pearls, 1 Lucite round*, and 14 pearls.

2 String from * to * in reverse order. Attach the free end of the strand to the bar half of the clasp using 1 crimp tube.

3 Attach 3½" of cable chain to the circle half of the clasp using one 6mm jump ring. Attach one end of the remaining 12" of beading wire to the free end of the chain using 1 crimp tube. **String 1 pearl, 1 barrel, 1 copper drum, 1 barrel, 2 pearls, 1 Lucite round, 2 pearls, 1 barrel, 2 pearls, 1 round, 2 pearls, 1 round**. String 1 pearl. Repeat from ** to ** in reverse order. Attach the end of the beading wire to the end link of the remaining 3½" of cable chain using 1 crimp tube. Attach the free end of the cable chain to the bar half of the clasp using one 6mm jump ring.

4 Loop the fine copper chain around the circle half of the clasp; close the chain using one 6mm jump ring. Cut the head off the head pin and make a simple loop. Attach the loop to the jump ring on the fine chain. String 1 pearl and 1 barrel onto the head pin. Make a simple loop on the free end of the head pin and attach it to the 8mm jump ring. Open the jump ring and attach the round shell pendant, then the smaller teardrop shell pendant; close the jump ring.

Resources: Check your local bead store or contact: Pearls: Lisa Kan Designs, www.lisakan.com. Lucite rounds: The Beadin' Path, www.beadinpath.com. Lucite barrels: Chelsea's Beads, www.chelseasbeads.com. Shell pendants: Lillypilly Designs, www.lillypillydesigns.com. Copper drums: Patricia Healey. Clasp: Saki Silver, www.sakisilver.com. Chain: AD Adornments, www.adadornments.com. Gunmetal Snapeez jump rings: Via Murano, www.viamurano.com. ●