

# beads baubles and jewels

## 1310-1 Inspired by Symbolism

Books on mythology and symbolism can be treasure troves of inspiration for jewelry designers. Incorporating common symbols into your jewelry is easy to do and makes that piece even more significant to the wearer.



Some of Katie's favorite interchangeable beads

Gemstone beads with sterling silver grommet cores are available in a variety of shapes and stones. Fire Mountain Gems & Beads. (800) 355-2137, [www.firemountaingems.com](http://www.firemountaingems.com).

Paula Radke's dichroic glass beads are made by hand, so each one is unique. (805) 772-5734, [www.paularadke.com](http://www.paularadke.com).

A Bead at a Time glass, metal and birthstone beads with an online bracelet builder so you can see how the beads will look together before you buy, [www.janlynn.com](http://www.janlynn.com).

Rhinestones feature genuine SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS (563) 650-2727, [www.coolartwear.com](http://www.coolartwear.com).

Choose beads in birthstone colors  
or collect them to commemorate  
special occasions!



Make Your Own 8" Interchangeable Bead Bracelet

### Materials & Tools

7 interchangeable, large-hole beads  
20g mixed seed beads  
EZ-Lobster™ clasp  
WildFire® beading thread  
Spin-N-Bead™ and curved Big Eye Needle  
Beadalon bead stringing glue  
Beading scissors

### Instructions

1. Cut a 1-yard length of WildFire and thread it onto the needle.
2. Pour seed beads into the Spin-N-Bead and follow the manufacturer's instructions to load beads onto the thread, leaving four inches of thread exposed at the end.
3. Tie the thread in an overhand or square knot and place a drop of glue on the knot. Let it dry, then cut off the extra.
4. Twist and fold the beaded thread in half and then in half again. Pass all 4 beaded strands through the large-hole beads.
5. Attach the clasp to one end of the bracelet.

Beadalon stringing materials and tools, [www.beadalon.com](http://www.beadalon.com).



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