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Katie Hacker discusses the origin of various metal beads.

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Mixed metal is a big trend in jewelry making and today we'll show you some creative ways to make and use metallic beads in your jewelry designs. Metal beads go well with all of the beads in your stash!



Some of Katie's favorite bracelets incorporate metal beads as focal beads or important highlights.

Bracelets shown above:

- A red Tibetan bracelet with metal accents.
- An all-silver bracelet made from Balinese metal beads. Each bead is painstakingly made by hand.
- A bead soup bracelet with a metal focal bead from Green Girl Studios (as seen in Bead Unique).
- A men's leather bracelet with large-hole beads and an elephant EuroBead talisman from TierraCast.



Use metal beads to add impact to simple designs. In this necklace, large Balinese beads provide a place for the eye to rest while taking in the unusual green glass Hebron beads. This design is strung onto beading wire and black rubber tubing from Beadalon.



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