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Dale Nicholson covers wooden beads with flat back crystals for a unique effect mixing shimmer and matte surfaces.

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Guest:



Dale Nicholson

Crystal and Wood Necklace

Designer: Dale Nicholson

Time required: 1 hour

Wood beads make a great surface for dressing up with crystals, especially flat backs from Create Your Style with Swarovski Elements™. The sparkly elements beautifully complement the natural wood color and best of all; you don't need to use many crystals to make a dramatic impact! Then, just knot up the individual beads with cord and a few nuggets and crystal dangles to make a necklace or bracelet.

What You Need:

Create your Style with Swarovski Elements™:

Flat back crystals in 3mm, 4mm and 5mm (1 pkg each of your color choice)

6mm Crystal bicones, (3 pcs any color)

Other supplies:

Head pins, (3 pcs)

2mm Waxed cord in two colors

Medium turquoise beads (10 pcs)

10mm wood saucer beads (15 pcs)

25mm Oval wood beads (8 pcs)

Tools: Round nose pliers, Flush cutters, Crystal Glue



What To Do:

1. First experiment with what style of crystal flower you want to make. Plan them out on a piece of paper and determine which design works for your bead shape. You can use a larger center (5mm) with smaller gems (3mm) circling them as “petals” – or, you can use the same size gem for both center and surrounding petals – it's up to you! Just plan to have fun with it and get creative.
2. Once happy with your flower design, then glue each crystal flower in place on your wood beads. Set all crystal flowers aside to dry completely.
3. Make three dangles with bicones. String a crystal onto a head pin and trim to ¼”. Bend your wire near the crystal and make a loop with your needle nose pliers. Repeat with the other crystals.
4. Cut a long piece of wax cord in both colors (approx. 50”).
5. Begin by tying a knot with the two strands together about 6” down. Start adding your beads to both single strands and both strands together tying a knot about every two or three inches. Don't forget to add the few crystal dangles where you feel they complement the overall design.
6. After all the beads are strung tie a knot. String five oval beads onto both sides of the cords and tie knots close to each end of the beads to finish.

Project tips, notes, techniques: Lay out your crystal flower designs on a piece of paper first, then transfer to your wood beads. A toothpick is helpful for shifting and adjusting the gems into place. Use the same techniques to make a matching bracelet. Try adding crystals to other wood shapes and sizes!

