

Chain

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This bracelet begs the question, how'd she do that? The answer is deceptively simple: thread chain onto elastic and let it collapse onto itself. This creates an unexpectedly fun and fashionable bracelet that you'll be able to make in less than half an hour. Experiment with different sizes and styles of chain, add charms or dangles, or intersperse different kinds of beads to vary the results. The only struggle you'll have is whether to reveal your technique or keep it to yourself.



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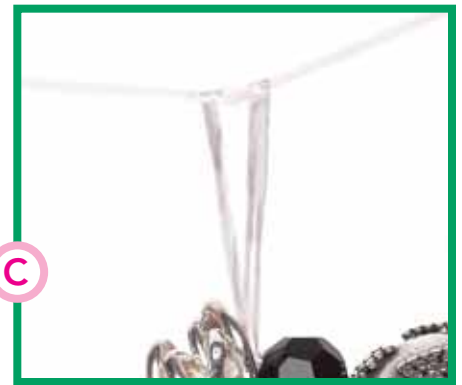
An unexpected technique converts chain into a stretchy bracelet



black and silver bracelet • 1. Measure your wrist, add 5 in. (.13m), and double this measurement. Cut a piece of elastic to that length. Center a twisted wire beading needle on the elastic and tape the ends together.



3. String a crystal, a silver bead, and a crystal. String each remaining chain segment followed by the bead sequence. Remove the tape.



4. Tie the two ends together with a surgeon's knot, by wrapping one end over the other and going through once, then wrapping one end over the other and going through twice. Glue the knot and slide it into the chain to hide it.

2. Cut four 5-in. segments of chain. String one chain segment by threading the elastic through each link. Slide the chain down the elastic as you work.

SupplyList

both bracelets

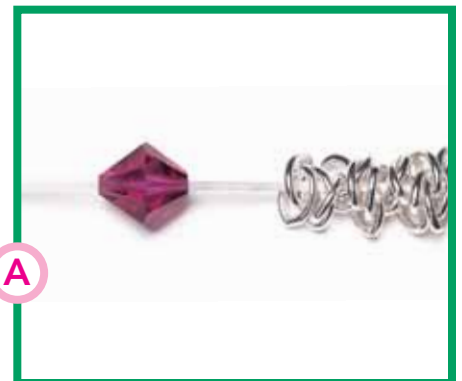
- Gossamer Floss or ribbon elastic
- twisted wire beading needle
- G-S Hypo Cement
- scissors

black and silver bracelet

- 20 in. (.51m) 5mm heavy cable chain
- 8 6mm round crystals
- 4 10-15mm silver beads

pink bracelet

- 3 ft. (.91m) heavy cable chain, 5mm
- 3 10mm crystals or beads



pink bracelet • Cut three 1-ft. (.30m) segments of chain. Follow the instructions for the black and silver bracelet, substituting a pink crystal for the crystals and silver beads. ❖