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Katie's Beading Lesson

Adjustable Charm Bracelets

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Make your own adjustable charm bracelets using your favorite TierraCast charms, wire and the Artistic Wire 3D Bracelet Jig.

For the basic bracelet:

1. Put one pin/stopper into the jig on the top row.
2. Count 3 holes over and one down and insert a second pin/stopper for a small wrist (4 holes over for a large wrist).
3. Bend the wire to the outside and around the first pin, then take it around the jig and between the pins.
4. Make another loop around the second peg.
5. Remove the bracelet from the Jig.
6. Cut the excess wire off of the loop so that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the loop is remaining. Repeat on the other loop.
7. Wrap the bracelet around a smaller object like a lint roller or acrylic paint bottle. This helps tighten the bracelet to the correct size. Open it back up.
8. Attach the loops around the bracelet wire by using chain-nose pliers to stand both of the loops up at a 90° angle, then bend them outward.
9. If you're adding charms with side-facing loops, go ahead and slide them onto the wire.
10. Fasten each bracelet loop over the wire nearest it and use chain-nose pliers to close the loops.
11. Use jump rings to attach more charms and use head pins with beads to make wrapped loop dangles.

Variations:

You can also use links at the center of wire bangles. Just make a loop on both ends of the wire, then connect the loops to a metal link like the “Namaste” link shown here.

Or, use a ring mandrel to form a charm hanger pendant. Wrap the wire around the mandrel to form a circle shape and bend the ends out at right angles. Slide your charms onto the circle, then coil one wire around the other where they meet. Pass the wire end through a button or a bead, then make another wrapped loop to hang it on a necklace chain.

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