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Materials:

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| 28 5mm Swarovski Bicone Crystal Beads
(4 each in 7 colors) | 1 Foot (Fine) Soft Flex Beading Wire |
| 27 8/0 Toho Demi Round Seed Beads | 1 Lobster Clasp |
| 1 6mm Swarovski Bicone Crystal Bead | 1 Inch Extender Chain |
| 3 Crimps | 2 Small Oval Jump Rings |
| 3 4mm Crimp Covers | Bead Stopper |
| 3 Wire Guards | Wire Cutters |
| | Chain Nose Pliers |



Step 1: Lay out a color sequence to your liking with the 5mm bicone crystals.



Step 2: On one foot of beading wire string your color sequence adding one Demi 8/0 seed beads in between each bicone. Check to see if the center of the bracelet shows the colors in a way you like. Adjust by bringing beads from the left side to the right, or vice versa.



Step 3: Check to make sure beads don't meet when around wrist. Take off amount needed. Clasp will take up space.



Step 4: If wire guards are open wide as the one on left, pinch it in. Fingers usually works best. Pliers can crush wire guards if pressed too hard.



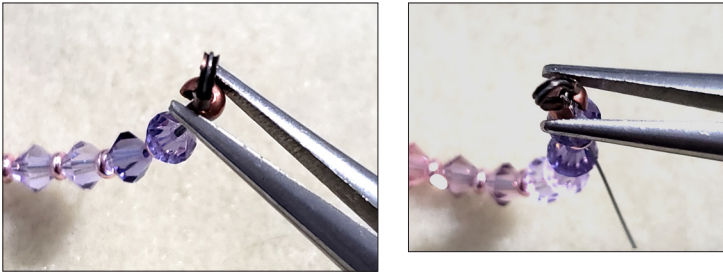
Step 5: a) On one end string one crimp tube and go through one side of a wire guard. b) Bring beading wire through the other side of wire guard, back in the crimp, and a few beads. c) Pull beading wire snug but not too tight.



Step 6: Use a crimper to crimp the crimp tube. (Say that 10 times fast if you dare!)



Step 7: a) Add a crimp cover over the crimped tube. Gently press part of the crimp cover with chain nose pliers.
b) Continue to adjust the chain nose pliers, while pressing gently, until the crimp cover is closed.



Step 8: Repeat steps 5-7 for other end of the bracelet. Before crimping the crimp tube, check that the bracelet can curve around. Make sure not to pull too tightly, leave wiggle room for the crimp cover to cover the crimp. Once crimps are crimped and covered, trim beading wire with wire cutters. Set aside longest leftover piece.



Step 9: Using two chain nose pliers, attach the lobster claw to the wire guard loop with an oval jump.



Step 10: Repeat to attach the extender chain to the other side of bracelet.



Step 11: Use the leftover piece of beading wire through the wire guard. Loop into the last link of chain. Even up the wire ends.



Step 12: String the 6mm bicone crystal and one crimp onto the two ends. Leave a little wiggle room for the crimp cover to cover the crimp. Crimp the crimp.



Step 13: Cover the crimped crimp with a crimp cover (*this is really turning into a tongue twister*). Use chain nose pliers to gently press the crimp cover into a roundish shape. Trim wire next to the crimp cover.

