

Beaded Watch

Creating this watch is really simple, all you need are a few simple tools, beads and findings. It can be adapted really easily to suit different tastes and styles, and always make a perfect accessory for a fraction of the price of buying one on the market.

You will need:

Watch face,
Chain (enough to wrap around your wrist twice),
2 Coloured beads,
Headpins,
Small jump rings,
T-Bar fastening,
Wire cutters,
Small jewellery pliers.



1. Measure around your wrist. Take this measurement and take away the length of the watch face and the size of the fastening. Add 0.5cm and cut the chain to this size. You will need two lengths. Cut each of the lengths in half and you should have 4 pieces of chain.

2. Using jump rings, fasten one piece of chain to each of the four holes on the watch face.

3. Using more jump rings, attach the two sides of the T-bar fastening to the other sides of the chains.

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4. About 1/3, 1/2 and 1/3 of the way down either side of the chains, fasten the two chains together using more jump rings as shown.



5. To attach a bead to the watch, thread a bead onto the headpin (you may also need to use seed beads to hold the bead in place if the hole is too big for the headpin). Using your pliers, start to bend the wire into a loop. Trim any excess wire, thread the headpin onto a link in the chain and close the gap in the loop.

6. Add one colour of bead to every other link down each length of chain.

7. Add the second colour randomly down the top 1/2 of each length of chain and to the jump rings until you are happy there are enough beads.

8. Make sure all the links are secure and you should have a completed watch similar to the one above.

