Glue-it-Yourself Designer Clasps

Magnetic Attractions

Graceful design combines with effortless connection in three magnetic clasp styles. Join a single strand of pearls or multi-strands of seedbeads directly into the clasp for a fluid elegant transition.

Achieve the look of fine pavé set jewelry with 90 tiny crystals you glue-in to the Crystal Barrel clasp. Mix colors or design a pattern to create your own unique treasure.

Select from our assortment of Swarovski® crystal. Buy only what you need or keep several crystal colors and clasps on hand so you can design when you're inspired.

Each magnetic clasp offers a distinctive style in several nickel-free plated finishes.

WARNING: Persons wearing a pacemaker or pregnant should consult their physician before wearing magnetic jewelry. Magnets may contain nickel.

Ideas to inspire...



create a classic combination with 12mm pearls



multiple-strands of seedbeads meet a stylish end



sparkle, style and function unite together



a grand finalé for your most prized beads





Scallop Barrel

Size: 15x12mm

finishes:

• gold

rhodium

pewter

cupped

outside

old copper

Nickel-free plated









Two sizes: Small: 13x13mm Large: 15x15mm Nickel-free plated finishes:

- gold
- rhodium







loose magnet. dimple-side glues down



magnet glued into clasp, smooth sides of magnets connect together

Tools needed:

- · emery board or jewelers file
- · chainnose or pointed pliers
- Crystal Barrel: jewelers tweezers (see helpful hints)

glue area

How to glue crystals:

- Mix glue per instructions. Apply small drop of glue in recessed areas. Only do as many as you can set before glue gets tacky.
- Turn when crystals are set and repeat.

Helpful hints:

- **1.** Use museum putty to hold clasp in place. 2. Instead of tweezers, use a toothpick with a
- tiny bit of museum putty or natural bee's wax rolled on the tip. It will stick to the crystal so you can position it and releases easily.
- 3. If you get glue on the crystals or clasp, dampen (squeeze out all excess) a Q-tip in isopropyl alcohol to remove glue residue. This only works if the glue has not set.

How to finish & glue magnets

Crystal Barrel

Size: 16x15mm

gold

• rhodium

Nickel-free plated finishes:

60 pp10 round 1028

Time approx: 1 hour

pp15 round 1028 Skill Level: Moderate to Hard

Crystals needed (foil, pointback): QTY. SIZE SHAPE SWAROVSKI® STYLE #

Skip gluing steps 1 & 2 if using seedbead strands 1. Apply 2-part epoxy to cupped side recessed • 2-part all purpose 5-minute epoxy, clear drying area. Pull wire/string through hole. Tighten and crimp at the base of the hole. Use a chainnose pliers or similar to crimp close to magnet.

- **2.** Let glue dry to ensure bead is fixed in the clasp.
- 3. Clip excess string from crimp
- **4. IMPORTANT**: BEFORE gluing in magnets TEST to make sure magnets will sit properly into clasp and if needed, trim crimp/string. Dimple side of magnet glues facing down. Smooth sides of magnets connect together.
- 5. Lightly rough up sides and bottom of magnet with emery board or jewelers file.
- 6. Apply a liberal amount of glue on bottom, sides and knot/crimp area.
- **7**. Drop in magnet and press firmly in place. Check to make sure magnet is correct depth and not tilted. Continue to apply pressure until glue
- 8. Wipe off excess glue (see helpful hints #3).
- 9. Do not connect magnets before fully dry as it could loosen the bond when you separate them.

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