



Change your design's temperature

You can emphasize (or neutralize) a warm or cool palette by accenting beads with certain metals. It's all in the details! Coordinating copper accents with warm stones keeps the palette toasty. Gunmetal findings, on the other hand, make cool beads even cooler. Switch them and both necklaces take on a more neutral palette but a dynamic color contrast.



Cool

Black spacer beads, beading wire, chain, and clasp create a cool backdrop for labradorite and matte amazonite beads. Black diamond crystals add sparkle between the stone beads.

Super-simple how-tos:

String beads as shown on .024 beading wire. Cut two 3–5-in. (7.6–10 cm) pieces of chain. Use crimp beads (Basics, p. 86) to attach the ends of the beading wire to the chain sections. Then, open each end link or use jump rings (Basics) to attach half of the clasp.



Warm

Pick up the warm colors of golden obsidian and natural smokey quartz beads with copper spacers, beading wire, chain, and clasp. Crystal golden shadow rondelles add shimmer and cohesion to the design.

Resources: Gemstones from Dakota Stones, dakotastones.com; findings from TierraCast, tierracast.com, and Beadalon, beadalon.com; chain from Garlan Chain, garlanchain.com. These sites are wholesale only; check your local bead store or use the store finder on each of the sites. Crystals from Bello Modo, bellomodo.com.

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