

A Walk in the Forest

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materials

77 copper size 15° seed beads
9 olivine 4mm crystal bicones
2 smoked topaz 6mm crystal bicones
14 light topaz 6mm crystal bicones
6 champagne 6mm crystal pearls
9 champagne 8mm crystal pearls
8 dark green 8mm crystal pearls
9 green-and-orange jasper 5–10mm chips
4 forest jasper 10mm coins
1 forest jasper 15mm coin
1 forest jasper 10×15mm rectangle
1 goldstone 10mm nugget
5 green garnet 10mm nuggets
1 green garnet 25mm slice
1 green garnet 35×25mm nugget
1 sterling silver 15mm toggle clasp
4 sterling silver 2mm crimp tubes
17 silver-plated 22-gauge 2" head pins
20" of silver .018 beading wire

tools

Chain- or flat-nose pliers
Round-nose pliers
Wire cutters
Bead stop
Crimping pliers

FINISHED SIZE: 18³/₄"

1: Use 1 head pin to string 10 seed beads and form a wrapped loop. Repeat twice for a total of 3 seed-bead dangles.

2: Use 1 head pin to string 3 jasper chips and form a wrapped loop. Repeat twice for a total of 3 jasper-chip dangles.

3: Use 1 head pin to string 1 light topaz bicone and form a wrapped loop. Repeat ten times using 1 champagne 6mm pearl, 1 champagne 8mm pearl, 1 dark green 8mm pearl, the forest jasper 15mm coin, the forest jasper rectangle, the goldstone nugget, the green garnet slice, 1 green garnet 10mm nugget, and 2 light topaz bicones.

4: String all of the dangles created in Steps 1–3 to the center of the beading wire. Place a bead stop on one end of the wire. Use the other end of the wire to string 1 smoked topaz bicone, the green garnet 35×25mm nugget, and 1 smoked topaz bicone.

5: Set aside 2 light topaz bicones. Combine the remaining crystal bicones, pearls, and stones to create "bead soup." Use the free end of the wire to string 1 seed bead and 1 bead-soup bead twenty-two times. String 1 crimp tube, 1 light topaz bicone, 1 crimp tube, and one half of the clasp. Pass back through the crimp tube, the last bicone, and the crimp tube; crimp the tubes.

6: Remove the bead stop and use the beading wire to string 1 bead-soup bead and 1 seed bead twenty-five times. String the remaining bead-soup bead, 1 crimp tube, 1 light topaz bicone, 1 crimp tube, and the other half of the clasp. Pass back through the crimp tube, the last bicone, and the crimp tube; crimp the tubes. ◉

Create an earthy focal piece using semiprecious stone and crystal dangles.



Resources: Check your local bead shop or contact: Swarovski crystal bicones and pearls and toggle clasp: Artbeads.com, (866) 715-2323. Seed beads and semiprecious stones: Off the Beading Path, (703) 492-2323, www.offthebeadingpath.biz.