

Viva Mexico by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 7 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

- 8 - 6mm Fuchsia Fire Polished Round Glass Beads (FP0554)
- 9 - 6mm Hyacinth Fire Polished Round Glass Beads (FP0416)
- 6 - 6mm Cyclamen Opal Swarovski Elements Round Beads (06RD0298)
- 10 - 6mm Indicolite Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (06BI1171)
- 8 - 5mm Light Siam AB Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (05BI1112)
- 10 - 5mm Citrine Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (05BI1213)
- 7 - 4mm Cyclamen Opal Swarovski Elements Bicone Beads (04BI1446)
- 9 - 4mm Sun AB Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1401)
- 4 - 18x5mm Antique Silver Plated Pewter Bone Link by TierraCast® (SP6318)
- 1 - 18.5x12mm Antique Silver Plated Pewter Sugar Skull Charm by TierraCast® (SP6311)
- 1 - 23.5x16mm Antique Silver Plated Pewter Guitaro Charm by TierraCast® (SP6309)
- 1 - 22.5x15.5mm Antique Silver Plated Pewter Catrina Charm by TierraCast® (SP6310)
- 6 inches - 3.2mm Sterling Silver Cable Chain (CN5306)
- 67 - 24 gauge Sterling Silver 2 inch Head Pins (SS4004)
- 12 - 4mm Sterling Silver 20.5 Gauge Open Jump Rings (SS3916)
- 1 - 7mm Sterling Silver 20.5 Gauge Open Jump Ring (SS3928)
- 1 - 13x7mm Sterling Silver Oval Lobster Claw Clasp (SS4077)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
Cutting Chain Efficiently
Wire Wrapping

For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit FusionBeads.com and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.

Instructions to complete “Viva Mexico” bracelet:

Step 1

Cut the chain into five 7-link lengths (see Cutting Chain Efficiently Technique).

Step 2

Open eight 4mm jump rings (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use the jump rings to connect the five lengths of chain to the four bone links, beginning with a chain length, followed by a bone link, and continuing to alternate chain and link until all are connected. Close each jump ring after each connection is completed.

Step 3

Imagine that the five lengths of chain are numbered from 1 through 5 from left to right. Open one 4mm jump ring. Use the jump ring to attach the guitaro skeleton charm to the middle (fourth) link on chain 2. Close the jump ring.

Step 4

In the same manner as in the previous step, open two more 4mm jump rings and use each to attach these charms to the specified chain links. Close each jump ring after the attachment is completed:

Sugar skull charm to the middle (fourth) link of chain 3

Catrina charm to the middle (fourth) link of chain 4

Tip

In the following steps, beads are wire wrapped to chain links randomly. Mix all the crystal beads and fire polished beads together, and choose beads randomly from the mix.

Step 5

Place any one bead onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap (see Wire Wrapping Technique) this unit to the first chain link.

Step 6

In the same manner as in the previous step, wire wrap any one bead to the same link used in Step 5.

Step 7

In the same manner as in the previous steps, continue wire wrapping beads to each chain link, two beads per link.

Exception: On the chain links already attached to charms, wire wrap one bead only.

Step 8

Open the 7mm jump ring, and attach it to one end of the bracelet. Close the jump ring.

Step 9

Open one 4mm jump ring, and use it to attach the lobster claw to the other end of the bracelet. Close the jump ring.

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