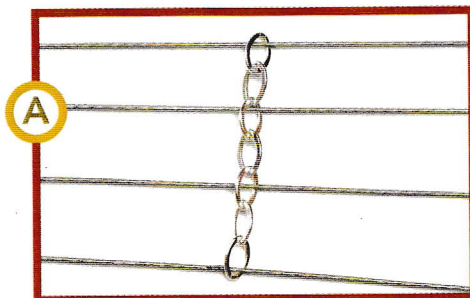


# Bold bricks



Build this strong, casual bracelet by stringing a series of variegated rectangle beads. A simple chain spacer stabilizes the bracelet without detracting from the design, and a tapered finish provides a comfortable fit. – *Steven James*

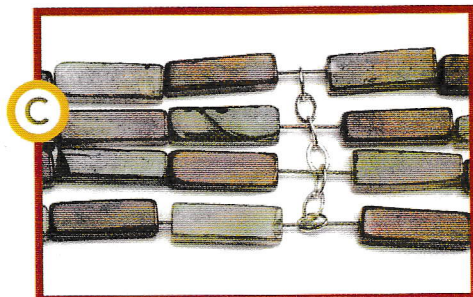


1. Determine the finished length of your bracelet. Add 5 in. (13cm) and cut four pieces of beading wire to that length.

2. Cut a seven-link section of chain. String the wires through every other chain link, beginning and ending with an outside link. Center the chain on the wire.



3. On one side, string rectangles on each wire, alternating colors, until the bracelet is half the desired length (allow 1½ in./3.8cm for finishing).



4. On the other side, string rectangles as in step 2 until you are 1½ in. from the desired length.



5. On each end of each wire, string two spacers, a crimp bead, a spacer, and a loop on half the clasp (pair two wires per loop). Go back through the beads just strung. Tighten the wires and check the fit. Leave some space between beads so the bracelet is flexible. Add or remove rectangles from each side, if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads (Basic Techniques, p. 108) and trim the excess wire. ❖

## SupplyList

- 2-3 16-in. (41cm) strands 4 x 13mm gemstone rectangles
- 24 3mm round large-hole spacers
- 1½-in. (3.8cm) 4mm cable chain
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2-strand box clasp
- 8 crimp beads
- chainnose or crimping pliers
- diagonal wire cutters